

West Of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC029370

Details

Known as	WSSO Trust
Status	Active
Legal form	Educational endowment
Registered	1999-08-28
Register	View on the OSCR register

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: WSSO Trust provides professional training and performance opportunities for young musicians through provision of 4 ensembles. a string orchestra, training band, concert band and symphony orchestra which undertake single day events, 4-7 day residential courses and concert events

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The provision of support towards the maintenance of the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra and the advancement of education in the field of music by means of public musical performances by young persons and the provision of training and education in music to such persons.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£341,274	£241,884	-	2
2024-07-31	£311,047	£246,934	-	67
2023-07-31	£192,566	£240,891	-	74
2022-07-31	£151,406	£154,134	-	69
2021-07-31	£107,480	£72,531	-	26

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Accounts

West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust
CHARITY NO. SC029370
Annual Accounts
for the year ending 31 July 2025



WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS
ORCHESTRA TRUST

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Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2025

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025 set out on pages fourteen to seventeen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

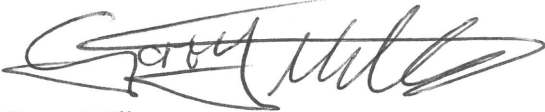
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 26/3/26

**WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TRUST
REPORT ON SEASON 2025**

Membership Summary

- A total of 326 applications were received
- 311 young musicians were offered a place
- 272 took up the offer

Membership remained close to season 2024, showing a consistent level of demand for places within all 4 WSSO ensembles

Auditions for senior ensembles took place in Glasgow during November while all training ensemble applicants who satisfied the required criteria of age and approximate playing level, based on teacher reports, were offered a place. Membership was distributed across the ensembles as follows:

Ensemble	Membership '24	Membership '25	Fluctuation
Concert Band	62	60	-2
Symphony Orchestra	86	88	+2
Training Band	63	63	0
String Orchestra	59	61	+2
Total	270	272	+2



WSSCB, New Auditorium, June 2025

2025 Calendar of Events & Activities

The calendar for season 2025 shows the extensive and well-established range of music-making activities which took place, including taster days, residential courses, and large-scale concert events.

STRING ORCHESTRA Directed by David O'Connell		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	30 March	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, NDHS, Greenock*
Sunday	11 May	Sectional Rehearsals	10am – 4pm, NDHS, Greenock*
Sun – Wed	7-10 September	Residential Course	Ardentinny Outdoor Education Centre
Sunday	14 September	Morning Rehearsal	Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	14 September	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
TRAINING BAND Directed by Michelle McCabe		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	30 March	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Paisley Grammar School
Sunday	11 May	Sectional Rehearsals	10am – 4pm, Paisley Grammar School
Mon – Thu	8-11 September	Residential Course	Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross
Sunday	14 September	Morning Rehearsal	Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	14 September	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, City Halls, Glasgow
CONCERT BAND Directed by Chris Mitchell		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	27 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, NDHS, Greenock*
Sat-Fri	7-13 June	Residential Course	Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross
Friday	13 June	Afternoon Rehearsal	2-5pm, GRCH New Auditorium**
Friday	13 June	Evening Concert	7-9pm, GRCH New Auditorium**
Saturday	23 August	Rehearsal	10am – 4.00pm, City Halls
Sunday	24 August	Rehearsal	12.30pm – 2pm, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	24 August	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, City Halls, Glasgow
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Directed by James Lowe		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	27 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Paisley Grammar School
Sun - Sat	8-14 June	Residential Course	University Hall, St Andrews
Sunday	15 June	Afternoon Rehearsal	2-5pm, Ayr Town Hall
Sunday	15 June	Evening Concert	7-9pm, Ayr Town Hall
Saturday	23 August	Rehearsal	10am – 4.00pm, Paisley Grammar School
Sunday	24 August	Rehearsal	10am – 12noon, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	24 August	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, City Halls, Glasgow



Images: Concert Band Taster Day, April '25 / Training Band Sectional Rehearsal Day, May '25

2025 Season Highlights

This season, our senior ensembles delivered an exceptional level of music-making, with tutoring staff hailing their performances as among the very best in the Trust's history. Both the Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra took on challenging repertoire and performed with remarkable style, maturity, and refinement. All three concerts were a resounding success, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and audience members.

'I just want to thank you and all the WSSO team for providing such an all-round excellent experience for my daughter once again this year. My daughter returned from the residential energised and excited by the inspiring people she met, the new skills she had developed and of course the fun she had. The season's concert finale was an excellent reminder of what young people are capable of when you combine their passion for music with plenty of hard work and a really dedicated team. Thank you so much for making this happen.'

Kate Ludkin and Niall Finnie

Inspired by the remarkable talent on display during auditions, we launched our first-ever online concerto competition. The event, held via submitted recordings instead of a live competition at City Halls, showcased the incredible skill of our young musicians. This year's winner, Johnny Gray from East Ayrshire (a student at the Douglas Academy of Music), performed Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor as a featured soloist with the symphony orchestra.



Johnny Gray with WSSSO, City Halls, Aug '25

Thanks to funding from Witherby Trust, all 272 ensemble members were presented with a WSSO Trust commemorative hoodie celebrating 30 years of music-making.



String Orchestra members with West hoodies, May '25

Ensemble Programmes

Senior ensemble artistic directors, Chris Mitchell and James Lowe carefully considered reports from audition panel members to ensure selected programmes reflected the playing strengths within each section. Training ensemble artistic directors, Michelle McCabe and David O'Connell, referred to teacher reports and assessed the playing level during the initial Taster Day before confirming programmes which ensured a fun, challenging and rewarding experience for members.

String Orchestra	Directed by David O'Connell
W.A. Mozart (arr Hoffman)	Allegro con brio from Symphony no 25
Tchaikovsky	Elegy For Strings
Edward Elgar	Serenade for strings
Merten Lauridsen	O Magnum Mysterium
Astor Piazzolla	Libertango
Philip Wilby	St Cecilia Rag
Training Band	Directed by Michelle McCabe
Richard L Saucedo	Eagles Awake
Scott Watson	Extraordinary Machines of Clockwork and Steam
Satoshi Yagisawa	Bloom, The Gift of Spring
Jacob de Haan	Border Zone
Erika Svanoe	The Town Band
Epic Gaming Themes	Arr. Paul Murtha
Concert Band	Directed by Chris Mitchell
James David	Urban Light
Frank Ticheli	Vesuvius
Katahj Copley	Halcyon Hearts
Nahiro Iwai	Children of Sanchez
Julie Giroux	Vigil's Keep
Richard Rodgers (arr. by Akira Miyagawa)	My Favourite Things
Randall Standridge	Symphony Number 1- A Ghost Story
(Encore) Etienne Crausaz	Balkan Dance
Symphony Orchestra	Directed by James Lowe
Gioacchino Rossini	Overture - La scala di seta (The Silken Ladder)
Saint-Saëns	Cello Concerto No.1 in A minor (Soloist Johnny Gray)
Claude Debussy	Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune
Bernstein	Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Staffing



Training Band Staff at Lendrick Muir, Sep '25

During the season, 70 staff members provided dedicated support for WSSO activities. Each ensemble was led by a course and artistic director, supported by house tutors, section tutors, pastoral house staff, a stage crew and librarian. All worked closely to ensure ensemble members were able to enjoy a high-quality experience in a nurturing and positive environment.

The long service of several staff members was recognised, including course directors, Jane Ferguson and Fergus Kerr who have led their respective ensemble team for over 20 years.

In response to a request from Trustees, the table below shows 22 local authority staff, released from normal teaching duties, to assist with the delivery of Trust activities during the season.

Partner Local Authority Staff Commitment to WSSO Activities

Organisation	Local Authority Staff & Commitment	Total Commitment (Days)
East Renfrewshire Council	Donald Finlayson (12 Days) Chris Edwards (2 Days) Fergus Kerr (5 Days) Chris Mitchell (5 Days) Rachel Finlayson (1.5 Days)	25.5
East Dunbartonshire Council	Jane Ferguson (8 Days) Susan Dance (2 Days) Rebecca Whitener (4.5 Days)	14.5
Inverclyde Council	Derek Hart (6 Days) Amanda Currie (3 Days) Kirstin Wilkes (3 Days) Kayleigh Sharp (2 Days)	14
Renfrewshire Council	John Paul O'Hagan (5 Days) Kayleigh Sharp (3 Days) Gregor Beattie (5 Days)	13
South Ayrshire Council	David O'Connell (8 days) Nicola Connell (1 Day)	9
Glasgow City Council	Kath Nagl (4 Days) Andrew McKreel (3 Days)	7
North Ayrshire Council	Rachel Finlayson (2.5 Days) Fiona Ramsay (4 Days)	6.5
South Lanarkshire Council	Andrew McKreel (2 Days)	2
	Total	91.5

Artistic & Course Directors 2025

The core staff team of course and artistic directors remained largely unchanged during the season. Fergus Kerr kindly stepped in as Course Director for the String Orchestra residential course at Ardentinnny to cover for Shelagh McKail, who was unable to attend due to playing commitments.



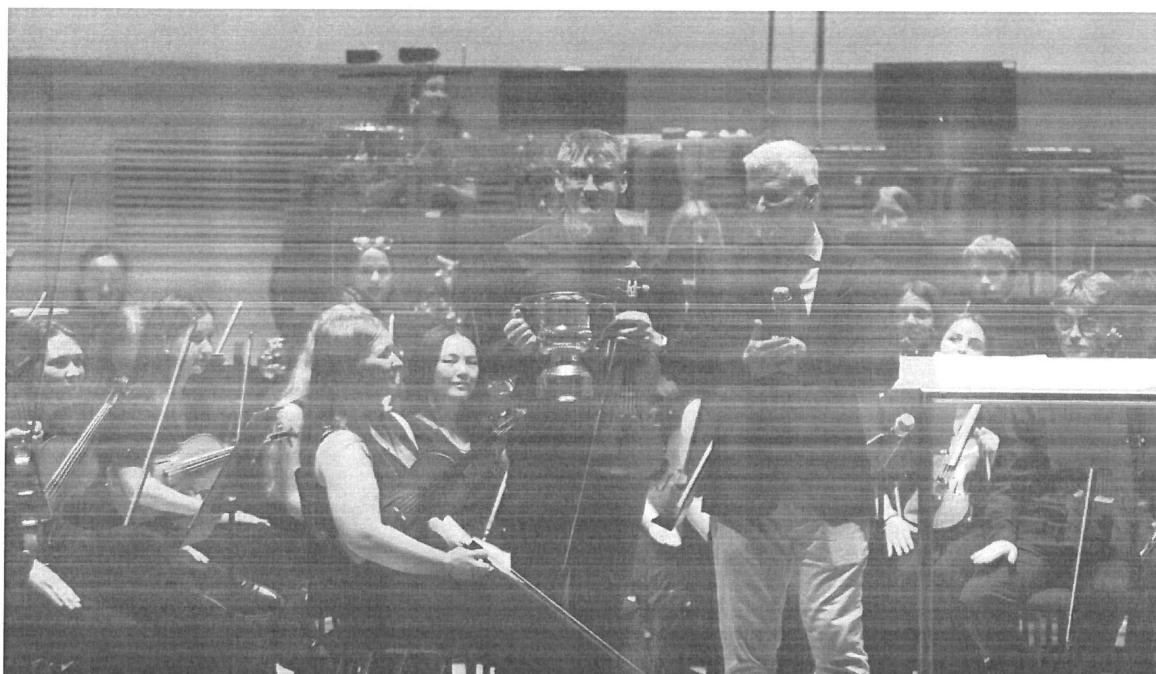
WSSO Artistic Director, James Lowe at Ayr Town Hall, June '25

Core Staff '25

Name	Ensemble	Role
David O'Connell	String Orchestra	Artistic Director
Fergus Kerr	String Orchestra	Course Director
Michelle McCabe	Training Band	Artistic Director
Donald Finlayson	Training Band	Course Director
Chris Mitchell	Concert Band	Artistic Director
Fergus Kerr	Concert Band	Course Director
James Lowe	Symphony Orchestra	Artistic Director
Jane Ferguson	Symphony Orchestra	Course Director

Outstanding Ensemble Members – Season 2025

Award	Winner	Local Authority
Orchestra Concerto Soloist	Johnny Gray	Douglas Academy Music School
Orchestra Leader	Zoe Drysdale	Douglas Academy Music School
Outstanding Member of the Training Band	Hugh Francis Rush	Inverclyde
Outstanding Member of the String Orchestra	Kaimerry Tianfield	East Renfrewshire
WSSCB Michael Stoakes Trophy Winner	Heilidh McIntyre	Inverclyde
WSSSO Michael Stoakes Trophy Winner	Charles Lloyd	South Ayrshire



WSSSO Trophy Winner, Charles Lloyd, City Halls, Aug '25

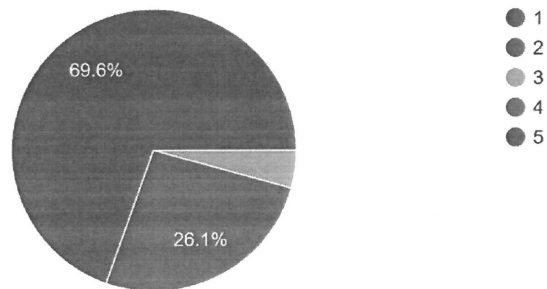
Feedback

As part of our review of the season, senior ensemble members were invited to complete a questionnaire to help provide greater understanding of the impact WSSO activities have on the young people taking part each year and identify strengths and any areas where the Trust could do better.

This has proved to be an insightful tool which provides firm evidence of the impact which Trust activities have on young people which was key in securing £15,000 in funding for new instruments during the season.

On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) how would you rate the Conductor?

23 responses



A summary of responses is as follows:

Residential Course

- 100% rated section tutors as very good or excellent
- 100% found everyone to be helpful and friendly
- 100% Enjoyed meeting new people who feel the same way about music
- 100% made new friends
- 100% enjoyed working as part of a team
- 100% enjoyed the social activities
- 96% of members rated the conductor as very good or excellent
- 91% rated the concert programme as very good or excellent
- 87% rated the accommodation as very good or excellent
- 82% rated the social activities as very good or excellent

Food was the least popular aspect of member responses with 56% rating it very good or excellent, 30% as good and 13% not good.

Most popular aspect of the residential course

- Making friends (42%)
- Rehearsals (38%)
- The concerts (23%)

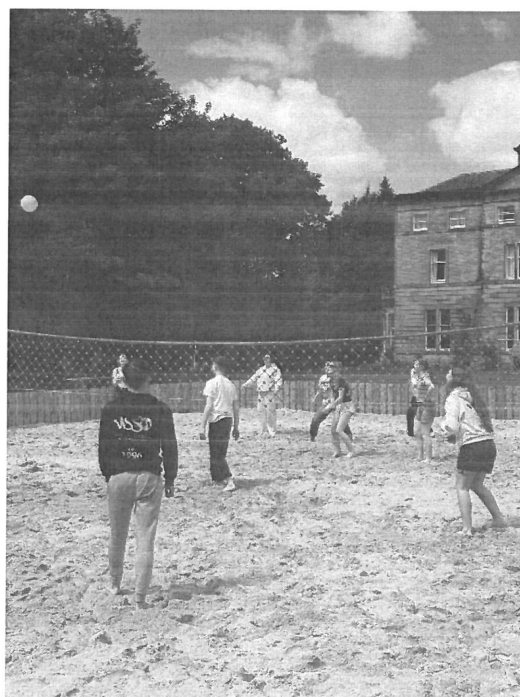
Impact

- 100% enjoyed the challenge of playing more difficult music
- 100% felt they were able to play the music well by the end of the course
- 100% learned from watching and listening to other section members
- 100% feel it's important to meet and play with musicians from other local authorities
- 96% felt they are better players because of the experience with WSSO
- 95% feel more confident about themselves after taking part with WSSO
- 91% felt inspired by the tutors
- 91% felt they would practice more because of being a member

Sample of Member Comments

- *Thanks again for yet another amazing West experience and can't wait for next year!*
- *Best residential course I've been on, to date. Overall extremely well organised, a really positive environment, and an amazing group of tutors that were so helpful!*

- *It was an absolutely magical experience and i will be coming back, I did the training band the previous year and that was great but the concert band was even better because of how demanding the music was. Thanks to West my tonal quality and general understanding of music is drastically better and I've got memories that will last me a lifetime. Thank you!*



Concert Band members taking part in social activities at Lendrick Muir, June '25

Financial Report on Season 2025

The WSSO Trust accounts enclosed, reflect the period from 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025. The Budget Tracker, introduced in January, is designed to give a greater understanding of the calendar year financial picture and has been updated throughout the season to record actual income and expenditure, providing an overview of financial progress compared to forecasts.

2025 Financial Projections vs Actual Results

Overall income for the 2025 calendar year exceeded projections by £64,917, driven primarily by early member contribution payments for the 2026 season.

Income Stream	Projected (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
Member Contributions	104,000	105,510	+1,510
Local Authority Contributions	65,016	67,200	+2,184
Gift Aid	23,000	24,135	+1,135
Concert Income	15,500	16,659	+1,159
Foyle Foundation	15,000	15,000	—
Donations - Witherby Annual	8,000	6,275	(1,725)
Donation - Witherby Hoodies	5,000	5,000	—
SYJO Funds Transfer	108,700	107,946	(754)
Interest on Savings (to Dec '25)	7,000	8,488	+1,488
Donations (Individual)	600	400	(200)
Subtotal	351,816	356,613	+4,797
Member Contributions (Dec '25 for 2026)	0	56,120	+56,120
Total Income	351,816	412,733	+60,917

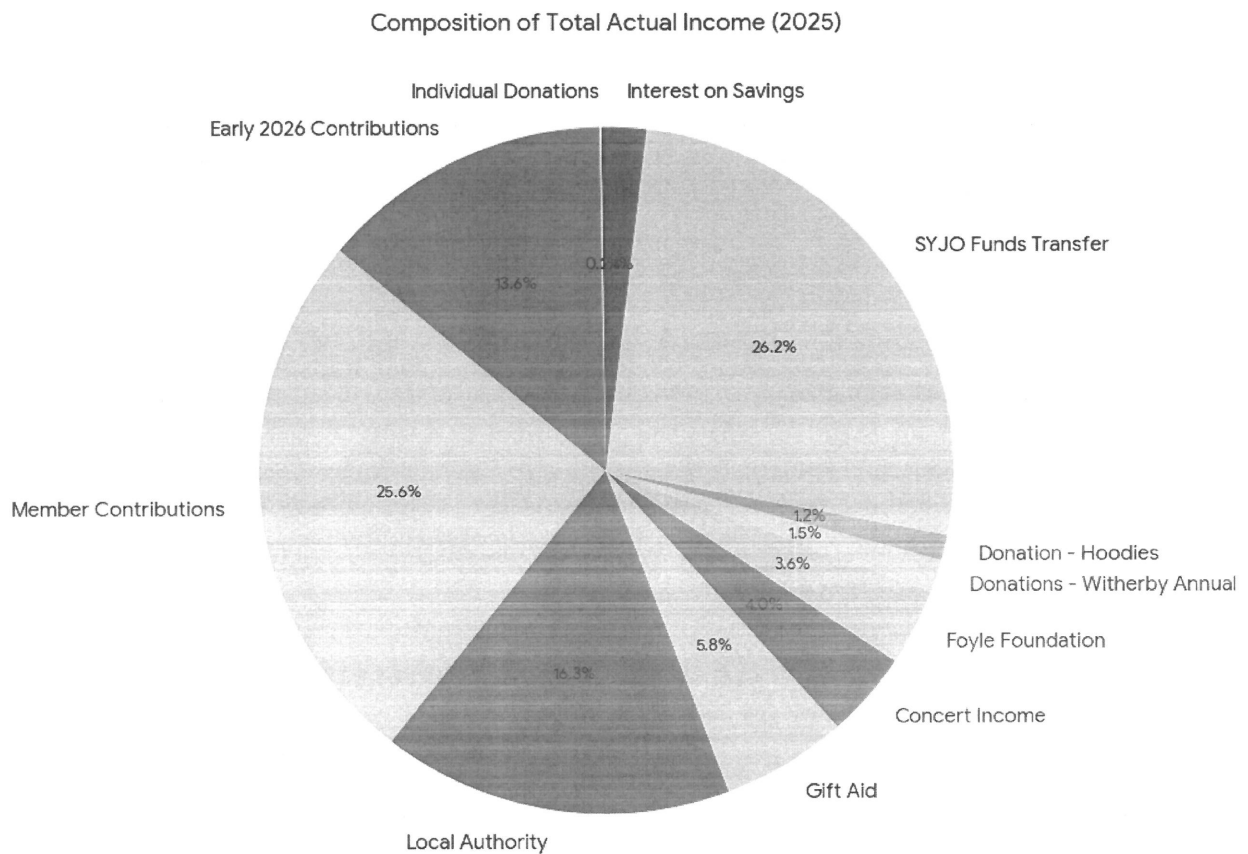
Key Financial Insights

Endowment Interest & Management

Following consultation with the University Finance Office, an initial interest rate of 4.35% has been applied to the SYJO and WSSO endowment funds. Interest will be credited annually, eliminating the need for manual transfers to external savings accounts. Moving forward, this rate is subject to annual review and will adjust to reflect shifting market conditions.

December 2025 Contribution Analysis

The original 2025 projections did not account for "early bird" member contributions received in December for the 2026 season. Internal analysis of the University Online Shop between December 1st and 31st identified £56,120 in prepayments. When combined with the higher-than-expected interest yields, these items bolstered the calendar year-end position by over £64,000 compared to the initial budget.



Expenditure 2025

Expenditure Analysis: 2025 Budget vs. Actuals

Total operational expenditure for the 2025 calendar year was £264,034, representing a slight variance from the projected budget. While most operational costs remained under or on target, staffing costs were impacted by updated university holiday pay policies.

Holiday Pay Regulation

The 2025 actual results include a new expenditure line of £12,134 for holiday pay. Following current UK employment law and University Finance Office policy, all "Undertaken Duties" claims now attract a mandatory 20% holiday pay uplift. These regulations ensure that ad-hoc and seasonal workers receive statutory paid leave rights. This requirement was not fully accounted for in the initial 2025 projections, leading to the variance in the staffing budget.

Expenditure Table

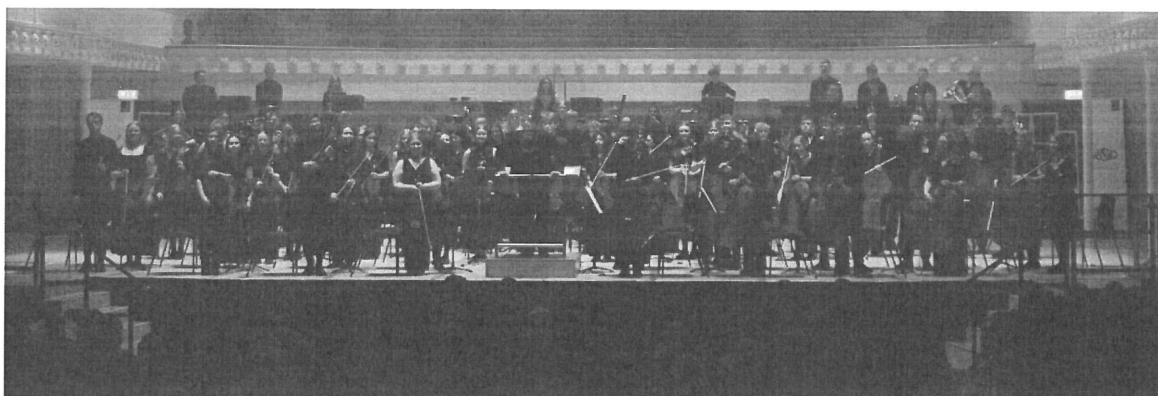
Item	Projected (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
Course & Operations			
Residential Course Accommodation	101,936	100,545	+1,391
Venue Hire (Rehearsals & Concerts)	13,000	11,493	+1,507
Musical Instruments (Purchase, Hire & Maintenance.)	15,000	15,000	—
Transport (Vans & Coaches)	13,714	13,258	+456
Anniversary Hoodies	5,000	5,000	—
Sheet Music (Scores and Parts)	1,316	1,316	—
Staffing & Professional Fees			
Ensemble Tutors & Pastoral Staff	40,300	45,409	(5,109)
General Manager	38,000	36,883	+1,117
Office & Librarian Staff	11,480	13,203	(1,723)
Holiday Pay (Undertaken Duties)	0	12,134	(12,134)
Logistics & Stage Management	2,612	2,060	+552
Accountancy Services	800	1,020	(220)
Administration & Travel			
Travel Expenses	2,600	2,379	+221
Hotel Accommodation	900	1,231	(331)
Ceilidh Band	1,200	1,300	(100)
Office Supplies	1,390	1,128	+262
Insurance	1,200	1,126	+74
Digital Services (Web/Media)	532	289	+243
Total Expenditure	250,980	264,034	(13,054)

Tutoring and Hourly Claims

Staffing levels for the year were split between the senior and training ensembles:

- Senior Ensemble Staff: 1,371 hours claimed.
- Training Ensemble Staff: 828 hours claimed.

The University's standard tutoring rate rose slightly from £20.37 to £20.65 per hour during the reporting period.



2025 Financial Summary: Net Position

WSSO Trust concluded the 2025 calendar year with a surplus position of £148,699. When the SYJO Transfer funds and early 2026 member contributions are excluded, the operational deficit for the calendar year is £15,367, due primarily to the implementation of Holiday Pay in respect of tutoring staff.

This highlights the need to continue the work undertaken by the General Manager to raise income and identify further savings to achieve operational balance.

Budgetary Evolution

As 2025 marked the inaugural year of the Calendar Year budget forecast, the General Manager views this as a baseline period. Lessons learned from this transition will ensure that future financial projections are increasingly aligned with actual outcomes.

Annual Accounts

The annual accounts to July 2025, reflect our three-year roadmap on transitioning to an operational surplus. Further savings have been implemented since the year end, which, when combined with the relocation of the June orchestra residential to Stirling University in June 2026, are expected to deliver the efficiencies necessary to move the accounts into the black by July 2026.

July Year End Accounts: 3 Year Deficit (Once GCC & SYJO Trust fund transferrals are excluded)

Financial Year End (July 31 st)	Deficit	Variance on Previous Year
2025	£6,159	+ £29,729
2024	£35,888	+ £12,437
2023	£48,325	- £45,598

Summary and Acknowledgements

The past year has been defined by exceptional musicianship, showcased through three highly successful concert events. The positive feedback received via member questionnaires and messages from families, alongside our improving financial trajectory, is a testament to the dedication and expertise of the WSSO staff.

Their collective commitment to maintaining professional standards and ensuring a premier experience for every young musician—complemented by the General Manager’s focus on income generation and cost efficiencies—has been vital to our progress.

The Trust continues to rely heavily on 12 partner local authorities, the University of Strathclyde, and the many individuals and organisations who give their time and resources. This unique partnership ensures that young people from across the West of Scotland can collaborate in a safe, nurturing environment, allowing them to realise their musical potential and grow in confidence. We are immensely grateful for this ongoing support and extend our sincere thanks to all involved.



Allan Hewitt
Chairman

WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TRUST
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Statement of Financial Activities : For the Year to 31 July 2025

	Income Funds:		Endowed	Total	Total
	General	Restricted	Fund	31.07.25	31.07.24
	Purposes				
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations	51,353.40			51,353.40	30,769.69
Donation - University of Strathclyde	10,033.20			10,033.20	10,329.75
Fund Raising	0.00			0.00	0.00
Local Authority Grants	66,888.00			66,888.00	68,865.00
Member Contributions & Ticket Sales	103,012.83			103,012.83	97,110.00
Receipt of Bequeathed Funds	0.00			0.00	100,000.00
Receipt of funds from closure of SYJO	105,549.73			105,549.73	0.00
Investment income:	0			0.00	0.00
Deposit Income 2	4,437.79			4,437.79	3,972.92
Total incoming resources	341,274.95	0.00	0.00	341,274.95	311,047.36
Expenditure					
Direct charitable expenditure					
Equipment & Repairs	0.00			0.00	0.00
Fees - Directors, etc. 3	77,027.54			77,027.54	72,276.84
Musical Supplies	16,086.20			16,086.20	2,459.53
Courses and Concerts Expenses	2,198.64			2,198.64	384.10
Transport	14,892.31			14,892.31	14,894.22
Expenses	0.00			0.00	0.00
Accommodation	79,922.48			79,922.48	104,208.90
Miscellaneous	0.00			0.00	3,379.13
Depreciation	0.00			0.00	216.31
	190,127.17	0.00	0.00	190,127.17	197,819.03
Promotional Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management & Administration					
Insurances	1,126.69			1,126.69	1,126.69
Printing & Stationery	1,797.52			1,797.52	884.37
Legal Costs	0.00			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00			0.00	0.00
Fees paid to Independent Examiner	1,404.00			1,404.00	902.00
General Manager Costs	37,396.13			37,396.13	35,873.05
Contribution to Support Services	10,033.20			10,033.20	10,329.75
	51,757.54	0.00	0.00	51,757.54	49,115.86
Total Expenditure	241,884.71	0.00	0.00	241,884.71	246,934.89
Net Incoming Resources	99,390.24	0.00	0.00	99,390.24	64,112.47
Total funds brought forward	144,457.05	0.00	0.00	144,457.05	80,344.58
Total funds carried forward	£ 243,847.29	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 243,847.29	£ 144,457.05

Statement of Net Expenditure for the Year to 31 July 2025

	£	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gross income as above:			
General purposes fund	341,274.95		
Restricted funds	0.00		
		341,274.95	311,047.36
Total expenditure as above:			
General purposes fund	241,884.71		
Restricted funds	0.00		
		241,884.71	246,934.89
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		£ 99,390.24	£ 64,112.47

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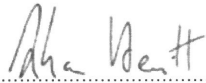
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2025

			2025	2024
	Notes		£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Musical Instruments	4	69,014.00		
Containers, Laptop & Mobile Phone	4	<u>0.00</u>	69,014.00	69,014.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Held by University	144,951.67			
Debtors & prepayments	<u>31,081.62</u>	176,033.29		177,143.91
CURRENT LIABILITIES: payable within one year				
Creditors and Accruals	<u>(1,200.00)</u>	<u>(1,200.00)</u>		(101,700.86)
Net Current Liabilities			<u>174,833.29</u>	<u>75,443.05</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			243,847.29	144,457.05
Net Assets			£ <u>243,847.29</u>	£ <u>144,457.05</u>
FUNDS				
Income funds:				
General Purpose Fund			£ <u>243,847.29</u>	£ <u>144,457.05</u>

Approved by the Trustees on:

13th March 2026

Signed on behalf of Trustees:
Dr. Allan Hewitt
Chairman


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West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

1 Accounting Policies

General

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Depreciation Policy

Due to the nature of the assets being musical instruments and the fact that they generally hold their value, no depreciation has been allowed for in the year. Containers are depreciated 20% straight line basis over the useful economic life. Computer equipment is depreciated 33% straight line basis over the useful economic life.

2 Deposit income included above is for the period 01/04/24 to 31/03/25

3 Fees

Fees above comprise

	Basic £	National Insurance £	Superannuation £	Total £
Artistic Directors	4,858.00	-	-	4,858.00
Part-time Tutors / Course Directors	72,169.54	-	-	72,169.54
	<u>77,027.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,027.54</u>

4 Fixed Assets for use by the Trust.

The musical instruments are shown at the estimated market value at the date of recognition of the Trust (28 August 1999)

	Musical Instruments	Containers	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1st August 2024	69,014.00	11,655.78	1,677.95	82,347.73
Purchases				0.00
At 31st July 2025	<u>69,014.00</u>	<u>11,655.78</u>	<u>1,677.95</u>	<u>82,347.73</u>
Depreciation				
At 1st August 2024	0.00	11,655.78	1,677.95	13,333.73
Charge for year	0.00		0.00	0.00
At 31st July 2025	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,655.78</u>	<u>1,677.95</u>	<u>13,333.73</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31st July 2024	69,014.00	0.00	0.00	69,014.00
At 31st July 2025	69,014.00	0.00	0.00	69,014.00

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	General Purpose Fund £	Endowed Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	69,014.00	0.00	69,014.00
Current Assets	176,033.29	0.00	176,033.29
Current Liabilities	(1,200.00)	0.00	(1,200.00)
Long Term Liabilities	0.00		0.00
Closing Fund Balances	<u>243,847.29</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>243,847.29</u>

West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 Cont.d

6 Funds and Fund Transfers

Strathclyde Region Fund

This fund, which is held in trust by Glasgow City Council, under a separate Trust, was set up originally by Strathclyde Regional Council, with the purpose of helping to fund the continuing activities of the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra. In accordance with the stated terms of the deed, the revenue from the fund is transferred annually to the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust's General Purpose Fund.

7 Trustee's Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the Trust, was paid or payable for the year, to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the trustees in respect of the year.

8 Fees paid to Independent Examiner

Fees paid to Independent Examiner comprise:

Fees for Independent Examination	1,404.00
Fees for other services	-
	<u>1,404.00</u>

West Of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust

Scotland - Charity number SC029370

Accounts

West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust
CHARITY NO. SC029370

Annual Accounts

for the year ending 31 July 2024

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024 set out on pages eleven to fourteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

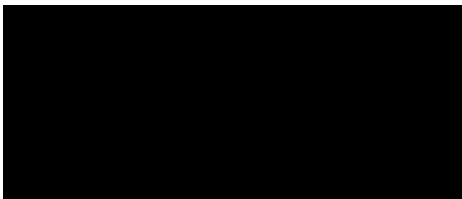
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chartered Accountant
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ML1 1XA

Date: 09/04/2025

**WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TRUST
REPORT ON SEASON 2024**

Membership

A total of 321 applications were received with 272 taking up the offer of a place, a slight drop on 2023 but within expected year to year fluctuations and maintaining healthy membership levels across all 4 ensembles.

Auditions for symphony orchestra and concert band took place in Glasgow during November while the tradition of offering places to training ensemble members on the basis of a teacher report continued to avoid the need for auditions for younger pupils. Membership was distributed across the four ensembles as follows:

Ensemble	Membership '24	Membership '23	Membership '22
Concert Band	60	60	46
Symphony Orchestra	88	92	72
Training Band	63	74	63
String Orchestra	61	66	52
Total	272	292	233

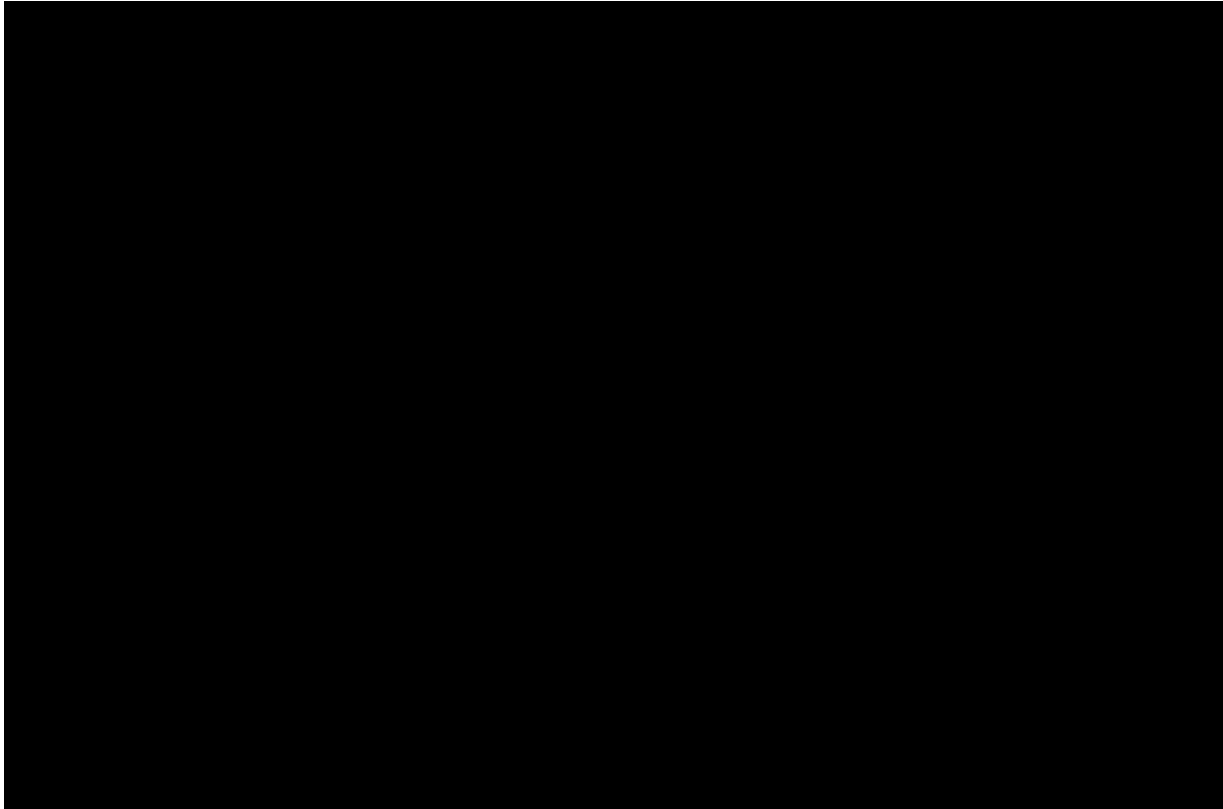


WSSO Members, St Andrews, June '24

2024 Calendar of Events & Activities

STRING ORCHESTRA Directed by David O'Connell		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	28 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Notre Dame HS, Greenock
Sunday	12 May	Sectional Rehearsals	10am – 4pm, Notre Dame HS, Greenock
Sunday	16 June	SCO Workshop	11am – 3.30pm, University of Strathclyde, Royal College Building, Assembly Hall.
Sun – Wed	1-4 September	Residential 4 Day Course	Ardentinny Outdoor Education Centre
Sunday	15 September	Morning Rehearsal	Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	15 September	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
TRAINING BAND Directed by Michelle McCabe		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	28 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Paisley Grammar School
Sunday	12 May	Sectional Rehearsals	10am – 4pm, Paisley Grammar School
Mon – Thu	2-5 September	Residential 4 Day Course	Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross
Sunday	15 September	Morning Rehearsal	Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Sunday	15 September	Afternoon Concert	3.00pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
CONCERT BAND Directed by Chris Mitchell		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	21 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Notre Dame HS, Greenock
Sat-Fri	1-7 June	Residential Course	Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross
Friday	7 June	Afternoon Rehearsal	2-5pm, GRCH New Auditorium
Friday	7 June	Evening Concert	7-9pm, GRCH New Auditorium
Sunday	18 August	Rehearsal	10am – 4.00pm, Notre Dame HS, Greenock
Tuesday	20 August	Afternoon Rehearsal	4pm - 5.30pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Tuesday	20 August	Showcase Concert	7.00pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Directed by James Lowe		Event	Venue & Details
Sunday	21 April	Taster Day	10am – 4.30pm, Paisley Grammar School
Sun - Sat	2 - 8 June	Residential Course	University Hall, St Andrews
Sunday	9 June	Afternoon Rehearsal	2-5pm, Ayr Town Hall
Sunday	9 June	Evening Concert	7-9pm, Ayr Town Hall
Sunday	18 August	Rehearsal	10am – 4.00pm, Paisley Grammar School
Tuesday	20 August	Afternoon Rehearsal	1.30pm – 3,30pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow
Tuesday	20 August	Showcase Concert	7.00pm, Grand Hall, City Halls, Glasgow

The ensembles followed a well-established routine of rehearsals and concert events which included a Taster Day, residential course, and a Showcase Concert held in Glasgow.



String Orchestra Taster Day, April '24

2024 Season Highlights

For the 1st time since before the Covid pandemic, the Concerto Competition was held at City Halls during March with 7 orchestra members, nominated as outstanding during the auditions, taking part. [REDACTED] provided the accompaniment and [REDACTED] adjudicated a very strong field, eventually selecting Inverclyde flautist, [REDACTED], as the overall winner. [REDACTED] performed Chaminade's Concertino for Flute at Ayr Town Hall during June and at City Halls during August' Senior Showcase.

The Concert Band welcomed back Course Director, [REDACTED] who joined [REDACTED] in his first full year as Artistic Director of the Concert Band. The band's performance at City Halls during August was notable for the high level of musicianship achieved and it's clear that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are a formidable team, ensuring staff are well led and highly motivated and ensemble members fulfil their potential as musicians and young people in a safe and nurturing environment.

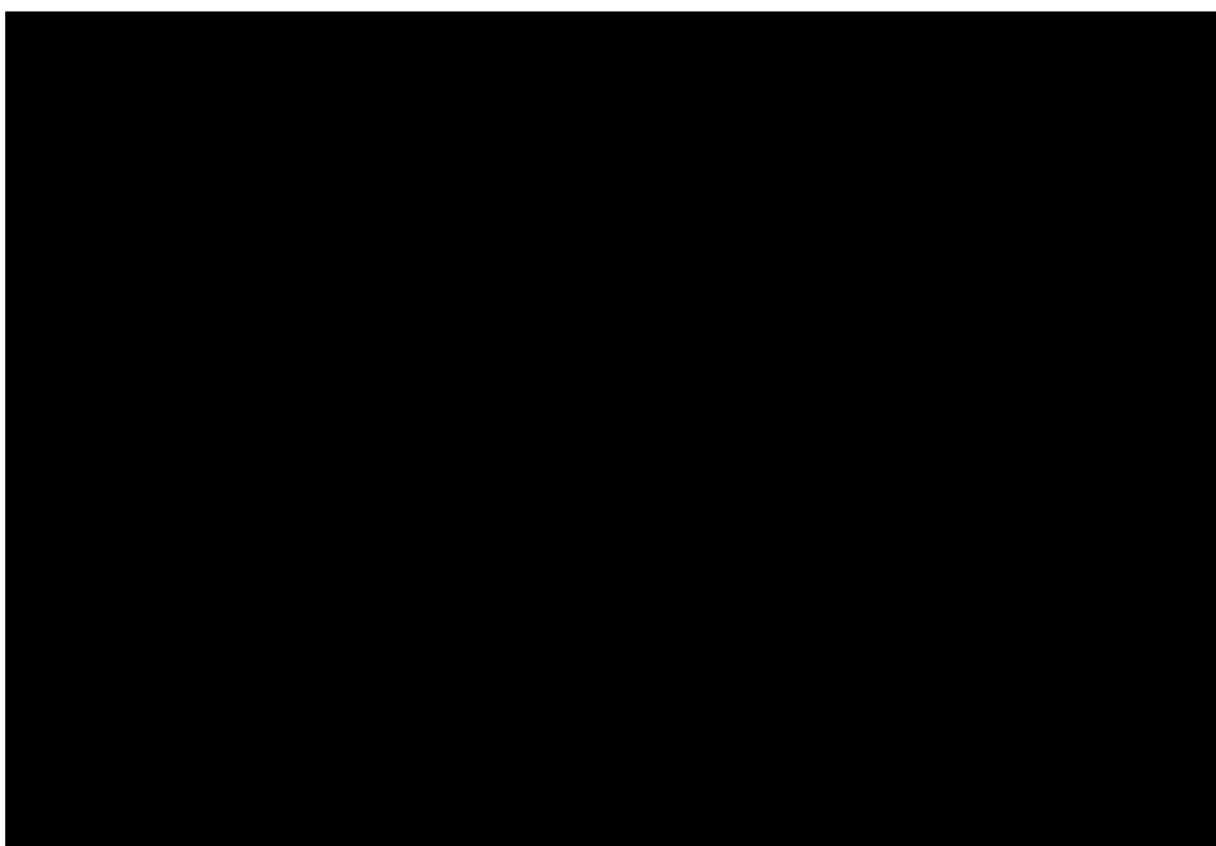
String Orchestra members took part in an enjoyable workshop day with members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra led by [REDACTED]

The Training Ensembles, undertaking their 10th season since they were launched in 2025, enjoyed a very successful period of courses during September leading to a highly successful Training Ensembles Showcase at City Halls on Sunday 15th September where a large and appreciative audience enjoyed a wide range of musical styles performed with maturity and flair by our young members.

Feedback from the season's events has once again been entirely positive and encouraging. The following examples are just a few of those received:

1. *I just wanted to say thanks so much to all those who help to make these incredibly ambitious concerts happen. It really was a treat this weekend - two fantastic concerts featuring so many amazing young musicians. Our daughters returned from their residential really excited by the music, the fun they had and the friends they made. Please pass on our appreciation to all involved." (Parent)*

2. *Thanks for inviting me to coach at West this year. It was a really enjoyable experience with a great group of staff and young people. The concerts were fab and the atmosphere of the course was warm, nurturing whilst striving for musical excellence. A hard balance to find sometimes. (Tutor)*
3. *The pupils of mine who attended this year had a fantastic time. They all came back absolutely buzzing! Full of compliments for their section tutors and for conductor, Dave! (Instrumental Teacher)*
4. *The staff were really nice and inclusive and I feel like a more confident performer after my experience (Ensemble Member)*
5. *Thanks to everyone who organised it. It was a great trip and great experience with an amazing conductor and house staff (Ensemble Member)*



Ensemble Programmes

All 4 Artistic Directors selected programmes reflecting the strengths within each section and ensuring a rewarding and enjoyable challenge for members.

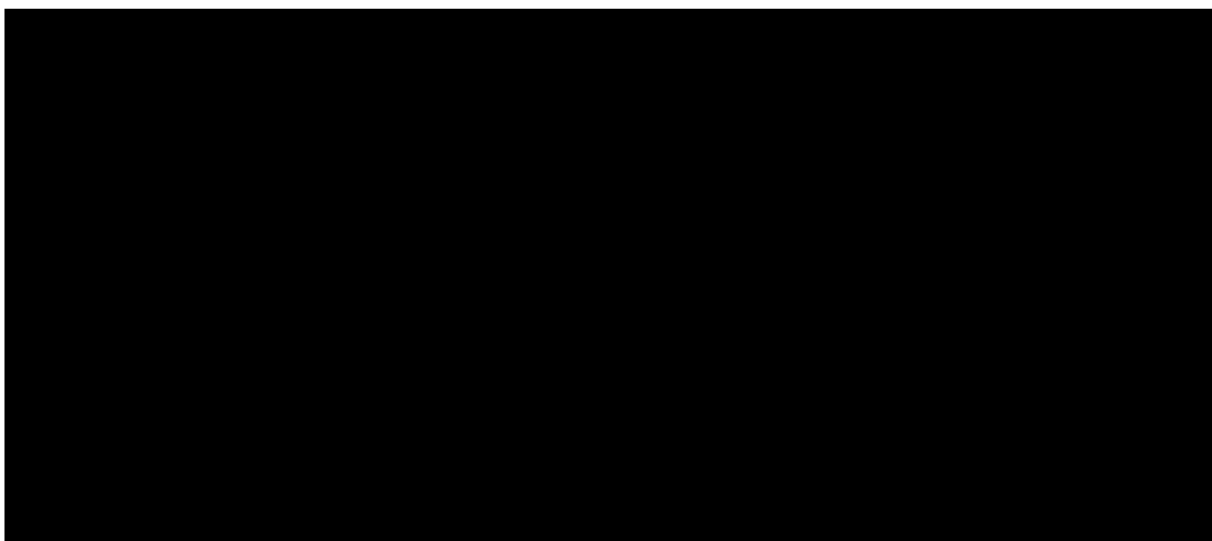
Concert Band Directed by Chris Mitchell	
Fanfare-The Benediction from Sky and Mother Earth	
Flying Jewels	
Breaking Point	
4 Scottish Dances	
Animation	
Arabesque	
Irish Tune from County Derry	
Last letter from Murdoch	
Blues Shades	
Un Cafecito	
Symphony Orchestra Directed by James Lowe	
Toast of the Town - Overture (2016 - 2020) for Orchestra	

Concertino for Flute (Soloist: Cody Macdonald)
Symphonie Fantastique
Training Band Directed by Michelle McCabe
Shakelford Banks
The Flood
Mazama
Nightsong
The Great Locomotive Chase
Call of the Valley
String Orchestra Directed by David O'Connell
Overture from Judus Macabeus
Rhosymedre
The Bird Fancier's Delight by Philip Wilby
Romance in C op.42
Intrada for Strings

Staffing

Throughout the season, a dedicated team of 72 staff members provided support for WSSO activities. The core team of course and artistic directors, was supported by tutors and house staff who all worked with energy and skill to provide an outstanding and memorable experience for members.

[REDACTED], directing his 20th season, was recognised for his incredible support of WSSSO, during a reception at City Halls before the Senior Showcase. [REDACTED] was recognised during the vote of thanks for his 10-year service to the String Orchestra, delivering musical excellence combined with a warm and friendly manner which encourages members and ensures high morale among staff.



WSSSO at Ayr Town Hall, June '24

Artistic & Course Directors 2024

Name	Ensemble	Role
[REDACTED]	String Orchestra	Artistic Director
[REDACTED]	String Orchestra	Course Director
[REDACTED]	Training Band	Artistic Director
[REDACTED]	Training Band	Course Director
[REDACTED]	Concert Band	Artistic Director
[REDACTED]	Concert Band	Course Director
[REDACTED]	Symphony Orchestra	Artistic Director
[REDACTED]	Symphony Orchestra	Course Director

Outstanding Ensemble Members – Season 2024

Award	Winner
Orchestra Concerto Soloist	
Orchestra Leader	
Outstanding Member of the Training Band	
Outstanding Member of the String Orchestra	
Outstanding Member(s) of the Concert Band Winner of the Michael Stoakes Trophy 2024	
Outstanding Member(s) of the Symphony Orchestra Winner of the Michael Stoakes Trophy 2024	

Finance

The draft accounts to 31st July 2024, are expected to become available early in 2025. The shortfall resulting from a significant increase in operating costs during 2023, is expected to be addressed in the short term by the transfer of endowment funds totalling £100,000, from Glasgow City Council to the WSSO account.

The General Manager continues to monitor the financial outlook closely to ensure a steady and stable platform on which to build the season’s annual activities.

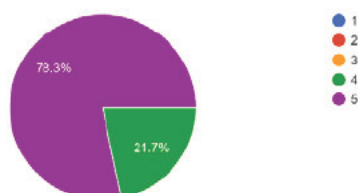


Training Ensembles, New Auditorium, September ‘23

10 years of Training Ensemble Activity

The String Orchestra and Training Band launched in 2015 following consultation with local authority partners and stakeholders across the country. As part of our review of the season, members were invited to complete a questionnaire to help provide greater understanding of the impact the training ensembles have on the young people taking part each year. Their responses are summarised below.

On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) how would you rate the Conductor?
23 responses



Staff

- 100% rated the Conductor as Very Good or Outstanding
- 100% felt the Conductor made rehearsals interesting and enjoyable
- 87% rated the Section Tutor as Very Good or Outstanding
- 96% rated the staff overall as Very Good or Outstanding
- 96% felt inspired by the Tutors

Music

- 96% rated the Programme of Music as Very Good or Outstanding
- 100% thought the music was well chosen and enjoyable to play
- 57% thought the music was more difficult than that played at school or local authority level
- 91% enjoyed the challenge of playing more difficult music
- 87% were surprised at how well they coped with the demands of the music
- 100% felt they were able to play the music well by the end of the course

Food, Accommodation & Activities

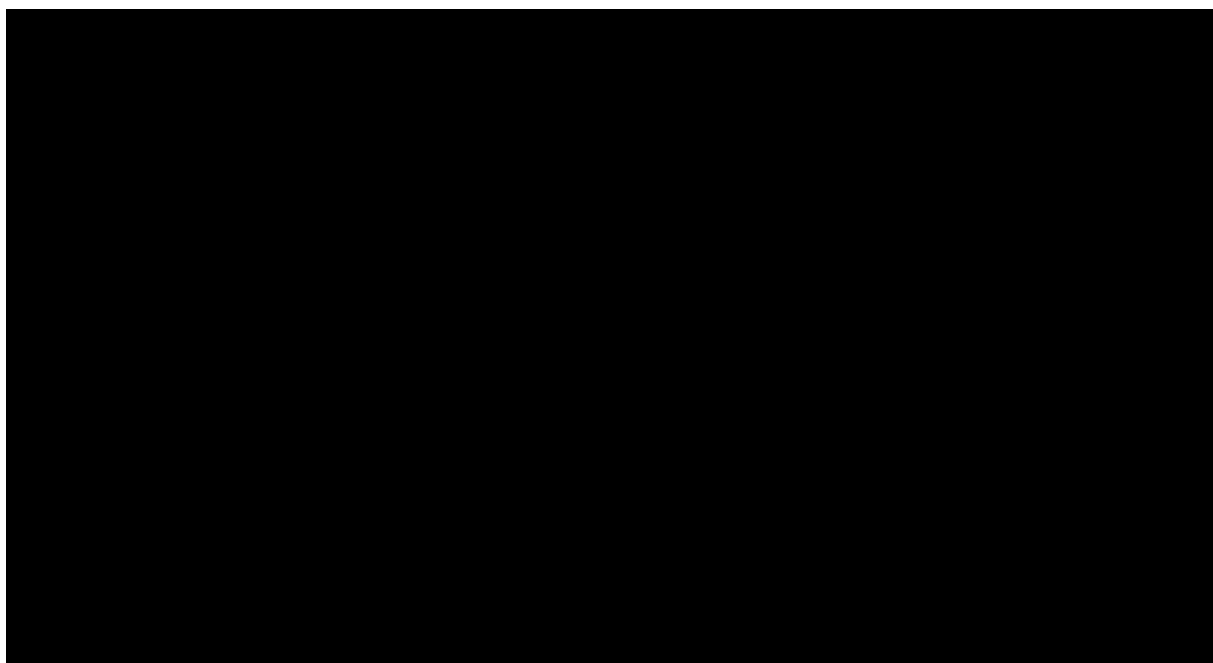
- 65% rated the Accommodation as Very Good or Outstanding
- 68% Rated the Food as Very God or Outstanding
- 91% rated the social activities as Very Good or Outstanding

Impact

- 100% felt it's important to meet and play with musicians from other local authorities
- 100% felt the residential aspect of West allows much more progress to be made than rehearsing once a week
- 96% feel they will practise more as a result of being a member of West
- 100% feel they are a better player because of West
- 100% made new friends
- 100% found everyone to be friendly and helpful
- 100% fell more confident about themselves after taking part

Survey Conclusions

It is apparent that training ensemble members greatly value their experience with WSSO and there is a great deal to be pleased about among the responses above. One area for development which has been highlighted, is that perhaps programmes could include one more difficult piece to ensure the level overall is more challenging than that encountered locally. This is something for discussion over the coming months as we prepare for season 2025.



Financial Summary

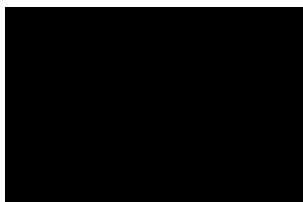
Income for the year includes the transfer of £100,000 from GCC to the University account. A significant portion of these funds is intended for transfer to a savings account with the aim of generating approximately 4-5% interest annually.

When these funds are disregarded, the accounts highlight that income increased by £18k during the period covered when compared to July '23, while expenditure rose by £6k, largely due to an increase in costs related to Accommodation.

The General Manager has continued to work throughout the 2nd half of 2024 and early 2025 to increase incoming resources while identifying opportunities to reduce expenditure, the details of which are included in Paper 3.1, Plans for Season 2025.

Acknowledgement

The continuing strength and resilience of the Trust, coupled with the high standards of musicianship achieved during the season, are evidence of the very successful work undertaken by WSSO staff and the strong support of local authority partners and the university of Strathclyde. As always, I would like to place on record my thanks to all the organisations and individuals who come together to support the work of the Trust.



WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TRUST
CHARITY NO. SC029370

Statement of Financial Activities : For the Year to 31 July 2024

	Notes	Income Funds:		Endowed Fund	Total 31.07.24	Total 31.07.23
		General Purposes	Restricted			
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations		30,769.69			30,769.69	32,174.58
Donation - University of Strathclyde		10,329.75			10,329.75	7,392.75
Fund Raising		0.00			0.00	0.00
Local Authority Grants		68,865.00			68,865.00	49,285.00
Member Contributions & Ticket Sales		97,110.00			97,110.00	102,260.00
Receipt of Bequeathed Funds	6	100,000.00			100,000.00	0.00
Investment income:		0			0.00	0.00
Deposit Income	2	3,972.92			3,972.92	1,453.80
Total incoming resources		<u>311,047.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>311,047.36</u>	<u>192,566.13</u>
Expenditure						
Direct charitable expenditure						
Equipment & Repairs		0.00			0.00	0.00
Fees - Directors, etc.	3	72,276.84			72,276.84	80,074.88
Musical Supplies		2,459.53			2,459.53	5,355.76
Courses and Concerts Expenses		384.10			384.10	0.00
Transport		14,894.22			14,894.22	13,645.36
Expenses		0.00			0.00	0.00
Accommodation		104,208.90			104,208.90	91,788.67
Miscellaneous		3,379.13			3,379.13	3,748.31
Depreciation		216.31			216.31	559.32
		<u>197,819.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>197,819.03</u>	<u>195,172.30</u>
Promotional Activities		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Management & Administration						
Insurances		1,126.69			1,126.69	1,126.69
Printing & Stationery		884.37			884.37	919.62
Legal Costs		0.00			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00			0.00	0.00
Fees paid to Independent Examiner		902.00			902.00	775.00
General Manager Costs		35,873.05			35,873.05	35,505.63
Contribution to Support Services		10,329.75			10,329.75	7,392.75
		<u>49,115.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>49,115.86</u>	<u>45,719.69</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>246,934.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>246,934.89</u>	<u>240,891.99</u>
Net Incoming Resources		<u>64,112.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>64,112.47</u>	<u>(48,325.86)</u>
Total funds brought forward		80,344.58	0.00	0.00	80,344.58	128,670.44
Total funds carried forward		<u>£ 144,457.05</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>	<u>£ 144,457.05</u>	<u>£ 80,344.58</u>

Statement of Net Expenditure for the Year to 31 July 2024

	£	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gross income as above:			
General purposes fund	311,047.36		
Restricted funds	<u>0.00</u>		
		311,047.36	192,566.13
Total expenditure as above:			
General purposes fund	246,934.89		
Restricted funds	<u>0.00</u>		
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Net (expenditure)/income for the year		<u>£ 64,112.47</u>	<u>£ (48,325.86)</u>

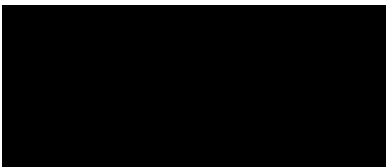
WEST OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2024

			2024	2023
	Notes		£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Musical Instruments	4	69,014.00		
Containers, Laptop & Mobile Phone	4	<u>0.00</u>	69,014.00	69,230.31
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors & prepayments		<u>177,143.91</u>		
				177,143.91
CURRENT LIABILITIES: payable within one year				
Creditors and Accruals		<u>(101,700.86)</u>		
				<u>(101,700.86)</u>
Net Current Liabilities			<u>75,443.05</u>	<u>11,114.27</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			144,457.05	80,344.58
 Net Assets			 £ <u>144,457.05</u>	 £ <u>80,344.58</u>
FUNDS				
Income funds:				
General Purpose Fund			£ <u>144,457.05</u>	£ <u>80,344.58</u>

Approved by the Trustees on
2nd April 2025

Signed on behalf of Trustees



West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust

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Depreciation				
At 1st August 2023	0.00	11,655.78	1,461.64	13,117.42
Charge for year	0.00		216.31	216.31
At 31st July 2024	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,655.78</u>	<u>1,677.95</u>	<u>13,333.73</u>
Net Book Value				
At 1st August 2023	<u>69,014.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>216.31</u>	<u>69,230.31</u>
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Fixed Assets	69,014.00	0.00	69,014.00
Current Assets	177,143.91	0.00	177,143.91
Current Liabilities	(101,700.86)	0.00	(101,700.86)
Long Term Liabilities	0.00		0.00
Fund Balance	<u>144,457.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>144,457.05</u>

6 Funds and Fund Transfers

Strathclyde Region Fund

This fund, which is held in trust by Glasgow City Council, under a separate Trust, was set up originally by Strathclyde Regional Council, with the purpose of helping to fund the continuing activities of the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra. In accordance with the stated terms of the deed, the revenue from the fund is transferred annually to the West of Scotland Schools Orchestra Trust's General Purpose Fund.

During the year to 31 July 2024, the Trustees of WSSO have decided that the bequeathed funds held in the separate Trust set up by the Strathclyde Regional Council will be released to WSSO and held in general fund in order to boost the Trust's reserves and with the aim to earn higher interest income.

7 Trustee's Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the Trust, was paid or payable for the year, to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them. No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the trustees in respect of the year.

8 Fees paid to Independent Examiner

Fees paid to Independent Examiner comprise:	
Fees for Independent Examination	902.00
Fees for other services	-
	<u>902.00</u>