

Edinburgh World City Of Literature Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC035697

Details

Known as	Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature
Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	2004-07-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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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: In 2004, Edinburgh became the first UNESCO City of Literature in the world. The concept was created in Edinburgh, and as the founding Creative City, we play a leading role in the growth and diversification of the international network, encouraging others to join, assessing applications and supporting newly designated cities. We have grown to become a preeminent voice in the Scottish, UK and international literary scene. There are now 63 UNESCO Cities of Literature from six continents. The wider Creative Cities Network runs to 403 cities and seven creative art forms. We exist to inspire connection through writing, reading and the exploration of ideas. We are a driving force in the sector in Edinburgh and Scotland, creating campaigns and projects to develop Edinburgh as a literary city, devising new ways for us all to be inspired by books, and placing Edinburgh at the heart of the international literary community.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The objects of the Trust are: (a) the furtherance of education by promoting knowledge and understanding about Scotland's and Edinburgh's literary heritage, and the historic and contemporary literary life of Scotland and Edmburgh. and (b) to promote such purposes, objects or institutions charitable in law and in such proportions and manner as the Trustees shall think fit.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£118,967	£126,623	-	1
2024-03-31	£183,192	£249,522	-	2
2023-03-31	£177,140	£234,170	-	2
2022-03-31	£201,619	£140,984	-	2
2021-03-31	£189,226	£121,984	-	1