

SYNERGIE YOUTH PROJECT

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2024



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements together with the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	Synergie Youth Project
Charity Number	SC037278
Principal Address	131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline KY11 4JU
Current Trustees	
Other Trustees who served during the year	None
Bankers	Clydesdale Bank plc 64 High Street Dunfermline KY12 7DF
Independent Examiner	

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Synergie Youth Project ("Synergie") is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered with OSCR on 19 October 2016 and governed by its constitution effective from the same date. It was previously a company limited by guarantee.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees retire at each annual general meeting but are eligible for re-election. The trustees may appoint additional trustees at any time. The constitution provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of seven trustees.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have considered the major risks faced by Synergie and have reviewed the procedures in place designed to manage these risks. In particular, policies and procedures are in place for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The objects of Synergie Youth Project are the advancement of religion and educational development of young people in the Dunfermline and West Fife area by introducing young people to the Christian faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ in a clear, relevant and every day manner, to encourage an awareness of the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of others and training and equipping young people in the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith.

The charity has continued with its programme of youth activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Friday Nights

The Synergie Youth Group continued its weekly Friday night gatherings, creating a welcoming and safe environment for high school-aged youth. These evenings were filled with engaging activities such as table tennis, football, Xbox, and board games, fostering an atmosphere of relaxation, friendship, and fun. Each session featured a time of worship and an inspiring message from our leaders. This year's themes included an "Emotions" series covering topics such as Joy, Sadness, Jealousy, and Disappointment, as well as practical talks like "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Honour: What It Means to Honour God and Others."

Youth Alpha

We continued the Youth Alpha series, a film-based exploration of the Christian faith, offering short talks, powerful testimonies, and time for questions and discussion. Key topics covered included:

- *How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?*
- *New Life: How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?*
- *Evil: How Can I Resist Evil?*
- *Telling Others: Why and How Should I Share My Faith?*
- *Healing: Does God Heal Today?*
- *Church: What About the Church?*

These sessions encouraged thoughtful engagement with faith and provided a platform for spiritual growth.

Social Nights

Monthly social nights were a highlight, giving the youth opportunities to connect through a variety of activities such as football, badminton, board games, arts and crafts, and console gaming (Xbox and Nintendo Switch). These relaxed evenings allowed young people to bond while enjoying snacks in the café or participating in group games.

Special themed events like Scottish Night, Summer and Autumn Parties, and our end-of-year Christmas celebration added extra excitement. Memorable outings included a trip to the bowling alley and a fireworks display, offering fun opportunities for the youth to invite friends and experience Synergie in an enjoyable and welcoming environment. Additionally, we hosted occasional Sunday afternoon chill-out sessions with games and activities.

“Trampolines” Event

In February, we partnered with a local youth group to host a special outreach event featuring “Trampolines,” a duo of artists and missionaries. The event included live music, testimony sharing, and an inspiring message, leaving a lasting impact on attendees.

Firestarter’s Event

In January, some of our youth and leaders attended the Firestarter’s weekend hosted by the Vine Church. This monthly event, in partnership with local churches, provided opportunities for young people to share life, encounter God, and grow in their leadership skills while engaging in urban outreach.

The SEND Event

In November, members of Synergie participated in the SEND Experience Night, a gathering of youth groups from across Scotland. The evening included live worship, ministry, and powerful testimonies, challenging young people to deepen their faith and take steps to share it with others.

Lifegroup

Lifegroups remained an integral part of Synergie, offering small group settings for Bible study, discipleship, and prayer. New members were warmly welcomed, and sessions focused on growing faith, fostering meaningful relationships, and providing encouragement. Lifegroups also served as a safe space for the youth to share their challenges, support one another, and come together in prayer.

This year has been a testament to God's faithfulness as we've seen young people grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and develop a deeper understanding of their purpose in Christ. Synergie remains committed to being a place where youth can thrive spiritually, emotionally, and socially.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The principal sources of income were donations, associated Gift Aid, income from activities and support from the Vine Church. The following table summarises the cash movement for the year.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2023
Receipts	8,493		8,493	9,267
Payments	9,647		9,647	9,704
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(1,153)		(1,153)	(436)

The Director's would like to thank the donors who continued to support the Charity.

The Directors would like to thank the Vine Church for their generous donations of £5,982.

Examiner's fee was £100. Thank to Independent Examiner, Mr David Rowe for his generosity in examining these accounts.

Donated Facilities & Services

The Vine Church Ltd provides office facilities for Synergie at no cost to the charity.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the trustees to have sufficient reserves to meet three months running costs of the charity. Where the reserves are not sufficient, the Vine Church has agreed to make up any shortfall in income to ensure the charity can continue to meet its obligations.

Going Concern

The Trustees of Synergy Youth Project confirm that it has been agreed that the charity will close due to a positive merger between The Vine Church Limited and Grace Church Dunfermline which is an Elim Church who hosts and supports our activities. This merger presents an exciting opportunity to enhance resources and align our youth services within a broader and more sustainable framework.

The decision to close Synergy Youth Project was made in full confidence that the objectives of the charity will continue to be met through the newly combined church entity. The merger will allow for enhanced youth programs, greater community outreach, and more efficient use of shared resources, ensuring that our mission to support young people remains at the heart of future activities.

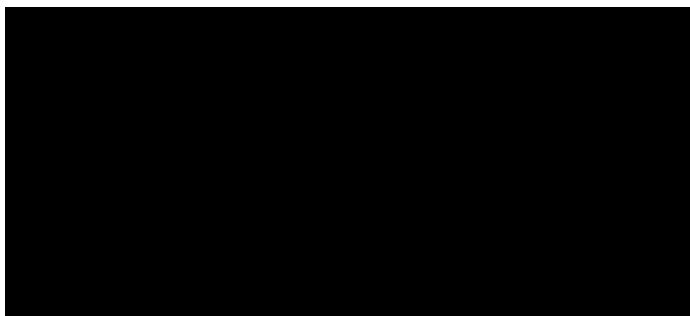
The Trustees confirm that the charity has sufficient funds to meet all its obligations during the winding-up process. There are no outstanding debts, and the only asset is the cash on hand in the bank account. The balance will be transferred in accordance with Synergy Youth Project's constitution and the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. These remaining funds will support youth-related activities within the new church structure, ensuring continuity of purpose and benefit to the community.

A detailed closure plan is in place, which includes the preparation of final accounts, communication with stakeholders, and the transfer of the asset and responsibilities.

While the closure of Synergy Youth Project marks the end of its journey as an independent charity, the Trustees are delighted that its vision will continue to thrive and expand within the new church framework. The Trustees express their heartfelt gratitude to all donors, volunteers, staff, and the community for their unwavering support over the years.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Date: 3rd March 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of Synergy Youth Project.

Registered charity number SC 037278 SCIO

On the accounts of the charity for the year to 31/12/24 set out on pages 1 to 12

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 Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity 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 independent examiner's statement

My examination is 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 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.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

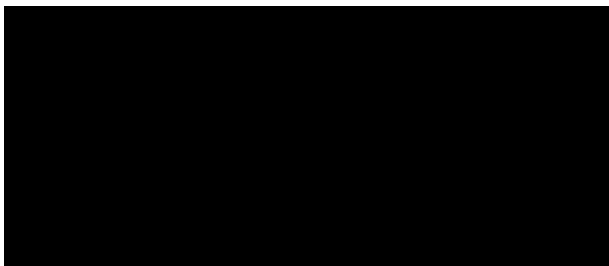
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts				
Donations	8,279		8,279	8,971
Gift Aid	185		185	190
Grants				
Bank Interest	30		30	106
	8,493		8,493	9,267
Payments - Charitable Activities				
Sundries				35
Office Costs	100		100	100
Outreach	505		505	644
Subscriptions	120		120	120
Training	90		90	90
Wages & National Insurance	8,922		8,922	8,715
	9,647		9,647	9,704
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(1,153)		(1,153)	(436)
Transfers between funds				
Total funds carried forward	(1,153)		(1,153)	(436)

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Funds Reconciliation				
Balance 1 st January 2023	2,160		2,160	2,596
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(1,153)		(1,153)	(436)
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Balance 31 st December 2024	1,006		1,006	2,160
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Bank & Cash Balances				
Cash at Bank	1,081		1,081	2,256
Cash in Hand	25		25	4
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	1,106		1,106	2,260
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These accounts were approved by the trustees on xxxxx2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee/Chair

Date: 3rd March 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

No changes have been made to the basis of preparation or to the figures for the previous year.

2. Fund Accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

2. Taxation

- (a) The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Trustee remuneration

- (a) No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year or in the previous year.
- (b) The charity's insurance policy includes trustee indemnity insurance cover for all of its trustees.

5. Trustee expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year or in the previous year.

6. Transactions related parties

- (a) The Vine Church donated £3,600 to the Charity.

The Vine Church is a related party by virtue of common trustees.

7. Movement in funds

	As at 31/12/2023	Receipts	Payments	As at 31/12/2024
General fund (Unrestricted)	2,160	8,493	9,647	1,006
Outreach fund (Restricted)				
Total funds	2,160	8,493	9,647	1,006

8. Purposes of funds

General fund Unrestricted funds that can be expended by the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.