

The Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC037458

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	2006-09-07
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Website <http://www.ecuadortrust.org.uk>

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the advancement of education','the advancement of religion','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: We run annual fundraising events, operate a 200 Club and collect donations.

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

Objectives: (a) To relieve persons in Ecuador who are in conditions of financial hardship (particularly but not exclusively children and their families) or who are aged or sick by making grants of money or providing access to food, shelter, goods or services. (b) To advance education in Ecuador by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate including the provision of education, materials and facilities or the funding of new enlarged or improved educational establishments, or the provision of financial or other assistance and support to persons in Ecuador in the establishment and operation of any educational establishment or establishments in Ecuador. To advance the Roman Catholic religion In Ecuador for the benefit of the public.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Overseas only

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£73,896	£50,851	-	0
2024-09-30	£60,724	£23,345	-	0
2023-09-30	£46,865	£37,817	-	0
2022-09-30	£34,293	£40,955	-	0
2021-09-30	£33,282	£63,699	-	0

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to The Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust annual report and accounts for the period October 2024 until September 2025.

This was the first full financial period without our founder and past Chairman, Father Martin Chambers. He is still sadly missed.

In the past year, three new Trustees were appointed – Suzy Hollywood, Carly McCaig and David Ross. All three have contributed enormously to the Trust in such a short space of time. We now have ten trustees.

The Trust's support to Ecuador this year was as follows:

- Payment of school fees of the poorest children in Sagrada Familia School in Nueva Prosperina, Guayaquil
- Payment of school fees for the poorest children and supporting the established food programme for the children in Dr. Luis Arzube School in Nueva Prosperina, Guayaquil
- Assistance for the people who were devastated by the 2016 earthquake in the area around Portoviejo
- Funded the building of a new bamboo house for a needy family who have been well known to the Trust for many years

When money is transferred to the Guayaquil Schools, it is transferred initially to the Education Department of the Archdiocese of Guayaquil who in turn transfer the agreed funds to each school.

When money is transferred to the earthquake zone around Portoviejo, it is sent directly to the account of the Archdiocese of Portoviejo. The Archdiocese then in turn, distribute the funds as directed by the Trust.

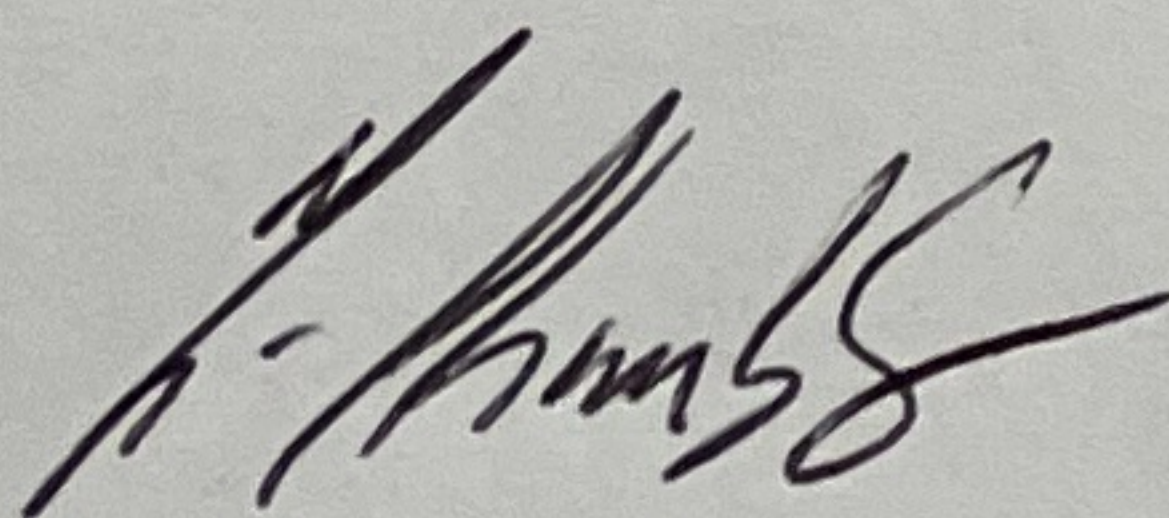
In terms of fundraising, many events have taken place this financial period. The Trust is indebted to all those who raised money throughout the period and those who supported all the fundraisers.

The Ecuador Trust 200 Club continues to be extremely successful. This brings in a steady income every month for which the Trust is grateful. At present we have 198 members.

Towards the end of the last financial period, the Trustees decided to order a reprint of Fr Martin's book 'Walking with the Poor', which raised funds for the Trust. One thousand copies were printed, and almost all have now been sold.

The Trust is looking forward to the forthcoming year and will continue to raise money through a variety of activities to support the legacy which Father Martin built in Ecuador. We are currently investigating the possibility of one or two of the Trustees visiting Ecuador in the forthcoming year to see first-hand the projects which recent fundraising has supported in the last three years since Father Martin last visited and to explore further avenues of future support.

Francis Chambers, Chairman & Trustee 17/12/2025



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Sadly, during this period our founder and past Chairman, [REDACTED], passed away suddenly on April 10th, 2024. The Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust is indebted to [REDACTED] for his commitment, his work and his fundraising over 18 years since its inception. He is sadly missed.

In the second meeting after [REDACTED] death, new Trust office bearers were elected – a new Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media Person, Fundraising Contact and Newsletter Person.

The Trust's support to Ecuador continues to be:

- Payment of school fees of the poorest children and in feeding the children through the established Food programme in Sagrada Familia School in Nueva Prosperina, Guayaquil
- Payment of school fees of the poorest children and in feeding the children through the established Food programme in Dr. Luis Arzube Arzube School in Nueva Prosperina, Guayaquil
- Assistance for the people who were devastated by the 2016 earthquake in the area around Portoviejo

When money is transferred to the Guayaquil Schools, it is transferred to the Education Department of the Archdiocese of Guayaquil who in turn pass on the allotted funds to each school.

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In terms of fundraising, it was noted that following [REDACTED] death, donations increased for the remaining months of the financial period. In light of the fact that [REDACTED] is no longer with us and given his previous commitment to fundraising, it is acknowledged that much more work and commitment will be required by the remaining Trustees for the charity to continue to flourish.

The Ecuador Trust 200 Club continues to be extremely successful. This brings in a steady income every month and is a great help to the Trust.

Towards the end of the period, the Trustees decided to do a reprint of [REDACTED] book, which would hopefully bring in more funds.

Lastly, it was discussed in our last meeting of the period to think about appointing a few new trustees. This was to be followed up in the new period.

[REDACTED], Chairman & Trustee 07/03/25

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year 1st October 2023 to year ending 30 September 2024

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30-Sep-24	Year ended 30-Sep-23
Donations & Fundraising	<u>60724.56</u>		<u>60724.56</u>	46,706.35
Bank Interest	371.8		371.8	158.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>61096.36</u>		<u>61096.36</u>	<u>46865.18</u>
PAYMENTS				
Fund raising costs (exc 200 Club winners)	801.75		801.75	631.91
Cost of charitable activities (inc 200 club winners)	22,543.91		22,543.91	37,186.05
Governance costs	0		0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>23,345.66</u>		<u>23,345.66</u>	<u>37817.96</u>
Surplus for the year	37750.7		37750.7	9047.22
Transfer between funds	0		0	0
Surplus for the year	37750.7		37750.7	9047.22

Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Opening cash at bank	26,750.01		26,750.01	17,702.79
Cash in hand	0		0	0
Surplus for the year	37750.7		37750.7	9047.22
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>64,500.71</u>		<u>64,500.71</u>	<u>26,750.01</u>
Bank and cash balances	64,500.71		64,500.71	26,750.01
Other assets	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Liabilities	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

All funds are unrestricted

The notes to the accounts form an integral part of these part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

