

Annual Report 2025

CAYAG – Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group - SCO41760

1. Introduction

Over the past year, CAYAG has continued to provide a safe, positive and enriching environment for young people in Coupar Angus and its environs. Our youth work focuses on building trusted relationships, supporting wellbeing, creating opportunities for personal development, and ensuring that every young person in our community feels welcomed, valued and heard.

2. Participation & Reach

This year we have engaged 87 individual young people, with an average attendance of 15 young people per session. This demonstrates strong and consistent involvement, with young people regularly returning to participate in sessions, activities and opportunities offered by CAYAG.

3. Key Sessions & Activities

Across the year, CAYAG delivered a range of youth opportunities, including:

Open youth drop-in sessions

Creative, social and recreational activities

Seasonal community events

Supportive spaces for young people to connect, talk and be themselves

Opportunities for youth voice and participation in decision-making in association with other youth groups in the area

These sessions are designed not only for fun and socialisation, but also to encourage life skills, friendships, confidence, independence and emotional wellbeing.

CAYAG has continued to have performing arts group; the young people put on a performance at the Primary school assembly that they had been working on in sessions; it continues to take a pivotal role in transition activity days where young people from local youth organisations come together at Belmont outdoor activity Centre and have a day of team building, and adventurous activities, to support relationships between P7s before going up to high school. CAYAG continues to be committed to helping young

people develop communication, leadership, teamwork, and decision-making skills, and encourage engagement with local services, councils, schools, and organisations.

4. Impact on Young People

Feedback and observation show that there is:

Increased social confidence in a range of situations both within the youth groups, and also in other community activities

Reduced isolation and loneliness, which has been an major issue for many young people in the post-pandemic world

Supportive peer relationships have encouraged participants to help each other in a changing world

Greater engagement in community activities, particularly those which are not specifically geared for young people

Access to trusted adults for advice, guidance and listening which has meant that young people feel much more able to share any concerns they have.

A sense that many young people in the town consider CAYAG to be one of the few regular, safe social spaces available locally.

5. Community Engagement

CAYAG continues to play an active role in the wider Coupar Angus community. Our events and activities help bring families and young people together, strengthen local connections, and help ensure that young people are seen as active and positive contributors to community life. Through the activities of our youth work team, CAYAG has been pivotal in new community developments in the town and beyond; for example improvements in community transport.

6. Safeguarding & Good Practice

All youth work is delivered with safeguarding as a top priority. Staff and volunteers hold appropriate PVG checks, and follow established procedures to ensure young people's safety, privacy and wellbeing.

7. Challenges

As with many community-based youth services, we face challenges including maintaining resources, transport access for some young people, and meeting the growing demand for support. However, our commitment remains strong, and challenges are approached as opportunities to evolve, partner and improve.

The old Y building is almost two hundred years old, and the Board and youth work team are exploring ways to improve this crucial facility for young people and the wider community. This has certainly taken a lot of time and effort, but hopefully we are making inroads which will result in serious improvement to the fabric of the building in the next year.

We also continue to face the challenges of encouraging involvement from the wider community in the organisation, and this year we have gained a new trustee as well as retaining the more experienced trustees. We did lose our young leader from the Board as, after three years as a trusty volunteer, they were given a part-time paid post on the youth team and stepped down from the Board. Gel's performance has been exceptional, and they continue to be a crucial part of CAYAG, albeit in a different role.

CAYAG did have an issue with a water bill from Business Stream which had been pursued for a couple of years. We should not have been liable to water bills, but exemption could not be accepted in retrospect, so we decided to take funding that we had earmarked for other purposes and clear the bill. We are now exempt from water bill as long as we apply annually.

8. Looking Ahead

In the coming year, CAYAG plans to:

Strengthen youth leadership and involvement in planning activities – our youth work team has built wonderful relationships with young people among the user-groups, and we aim to continue to develop that, hopefully enabled by a growing team of committed staff

Develop targeted support where needed (e.g., wellbeing, life skills), as certain funding streams have enabled CAYAG to apply for funding to run activities that young people have asked about, e.g. dance, music, outdoor activities

Reach more young people across Coupar Angus and surrounding areas, and build a wider relationship with other community groups in the neighbourhood

Continue building community partnerships and visibility through involvement in activities that target the wider community

Pursue sustainable funding to ensure long-term provision – in these challenging times we have to work hard to retain our funding streams for the benefit of the young people of Coupar Angus and its environs

9. Appreciation & Thanks

We express sincere thanks to:

The young people who participate and bring life to our sessions

Parents, carers and families for their ongoing trust and support

Our volunteers and staff for their dedication

Community partners within Coupar Angus and beyond including youth organisations across the area

The local authority, Perth and Kinross Council, for its continuing support especially from the Communities Team

Funders and supporters who make our work possible

The CAYAG Board and committee for their time and leadership

The Board currently comprises :

[REDACTED]

The Board are all volunteers and no trustee of CAYAG has received any payment for their activities in relation to the organisation.

[REDACTED]

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of CAYAG (Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group) – SCO41760

I report on the Accounts of the Charity CAYAG (Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulation 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 disclosure 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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Relevant qualification: BA Community Learning and Development

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COUPAR ANGUS YOUTH ACTIVITIES GROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: SC041760
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(£.p.)

RECEIPTS	2024-2025		restricted	2023-2024	unrestricted	restricted
	£	54,425.04	£ 38,778.06	£ 36,527.07	£ 24,166.00	£ 12,361.07
Grants						
Hall Rental						
Fundraising		£ 1,506.98		£ 10.00	£ 10.00	
Total Receipts		£ 54,425.04	£ 40,285.04	£ 36,537.07	£ 24,176.00	£ 12,361.07
PAYMENTS	2024-2025		restricted	2023-2024	unrestricted	restricted
	£	54,425.04	£ 38,778.06	£ 36,527.07	£ 24,166.00	£ 12,361.07
food						
Equipment & Materials						
Repairs						
Evaluation						
Workshops						
Utilities						
Sundries						
Insurance/Subscriptions						
Staffing						
Activities						
Total Payments		£ 50,275.13	£ 41,262.61	£ 50,394.38	£ 40,533.38	£ 9,861.00
RETAINED SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		£ 4,149.91	£ 977.57	£ 13,857.31	£ 16,357.38	£ 2,500.07
STATEMENT OF BALANCES	£.p.		restricted	2023-2024	unrestricted	restricted
	£	8,251.27	£ 5,751.20	£ 22,108.58	£ 22,108.58	£ -
Opening balances as at 1st April 2024						
Surplus/Deficit for the year.		£ 4,149.91	£ 977.57	£ 13,857.31	£ 16,357.38	£ 9,861.00
Closing balance as at 31st March 2025		£ 12,401.18	£ 4,773.63	£ 8,251.27	£ 5,751.20	£ 2,500.07
TOTAL ASSETS		£ 12,401.18	£ 4,773.63	£ 8,251.27	£ 5,751.20	£ 2,500.07

Notes.

note 1: Due to the poor condition of the building we have not been letting the space to other organisations

note 2: The building evaluation project was completed in the year 2022/23 and we continue to seek funding to improve the building.

note 3: Utilities costs were increased as we decided to settle a long contested water bill which had reached almost £4k. We are now exempt from water charges.

note 4: At the start of 2024/2025 we carried over restricted and unrestricted funds

Signed on behalf of CAYAG committee -