

The Advisory Group

Scotland · Charity number SC042972

Details

Known as	TAG
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2012-02-23
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	The Sqaure 70 Renton Street Glasgow G4 0HT
Website	www.theadvisorygroup.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the promotion of equality and diversity', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The Advisory Group is an inclusion and group advocacy charity run by disabled people to promote social inclusion, break down the barriers of discrimination and promote the gifts and talents of disabled people. Our goal is to empower disabled people to have a voice in the design and delivery of community services and facilities. We have 15 groups across Scotland who meet regularly. These groups host events which promote inclusion and greater access to community facilities. They engage in consultation with a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations. They provide information and training for disabled people and have a network of resource to improve the lives of disabled citizens in Scotland.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 1. The advancement of education and awareness raising about learning disabilities, through the provision of formal and informal training in educational bodies such as school and further education colleges, as well as in public, private and voluntary sectors, including community groups. 2 The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people with learning disabilities to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering. 3 The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination. 4 The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health,

disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£84,025	£31,136	-	1
2024-03-31	£79,397	£133,137	-	3
2023-03-31	£136,992	£103,084	-	3
2022-03-31	£136,992	£103,084	-	4
2021-03-31	£122,045	£147,841	-	0

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Accounts

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Advisory Group
Other names charity is known by	TAG
Registered charity number	SC042972
Charity's principal address	The Square 70 Renton Street Glasgow Postcode G4 0HT

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	[REDACTED]	Chairperson		
2		Secretary		
3		Treasurer		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
[REDACTED]	Retired 03.07.24
[REDACTED]	Retired 25.06.25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Advisory Group was incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by a written constitution approved by OSCR

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees were recruited and appointed as per the constitution

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Charitable purposes of The Advisory Group are as follows:

The advancement of education and awareness raising about learning disabilities, through the provision of formal and informal training in educational bodies such as school and further education colleges, as well as in public, private and voluntary sectors, including community groups.

The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people with learning disabilities to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering.

The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination.

The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our 15 TAG groups continue to promote our work across the country. In addition, as part of our service level agreement with Key we facilitated 8 consultation events for the people they support to evaluate the service they receive. We have also reviewed their complaints process and updated their video on how to make a complaint.

We received additional funding from the Wellbeing Fund in Glasgow to provide a programme of accessible taster sessions. We worked with several community-based organisations to provide learning blocks on music, drama, music therapy, cooking and mindfulness.

We have been awarded a second grant from the Big Lottery to adapt our very successful Game Changers programme to support young people in transition from school to continue involvement in sport and physical activity. This initiative started in September with the appointment of a Community Sport and Health co-ordinator who has been working with 8 schools in Glasgow to facilitate planning and providing information on fitness opportunities. She has also established a network of sports clubs who are providing introductory sessions for and is working closely with mainstream sports organisation to improve accessibility.

We have provided facilitation and planning resources to Community Lifestyles in Glasgow to enable people with learning disabilities to identify goals and map out ways to achieve them. This enables us to link individuals up directly with our network of community resources.

We hosted a conference which focussed on issues people were facing regarding access banking services. We have supported disabled people to engage with banks to highlight the problems caused by branch closure and the difficulties involved in using online banking and an increasingly cashless society. We were supported by a local MP in

Glasgow who raised the issue in Parliament and a number of high street banks have agreed to work with our members to help address the issues they have raised.

Our programme of inclusion activities continues and include Quiz Nights, Football training, Gaming and Pool evenings and thanks to funding from Community Lifestyles we have started a year long programme of music therapy in partnership with Nordoff Robins.

In the last financial year, we also began preparations for our second Strictly All Ability Dance event to be held in early 2025.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

A major achievement last year with the recognition by the Big Lottery of the successful Game Changer programme in Glasgow was receiving a second grant from their Community Fund for three years to adapt and continue Game Changers Xtra Time with young people in transitions. In addition to benefitting the young people, older disabled athletes who took part the original Game Changers have now become ambassadors as Game Changers Champions to inspire the next generation of disabled athletes to excel in sport. The Game Changers Champions will lead this initiative.

A major issue for disabled people over the past few years has been access to banking services. Many disabled people are still dependent on cash transactions and with the closure of many local bank branches and an increasing number of venues only accepting card payments, many people feel their lives are being hampered. To highlight these issues, TAG collated information across our 15 groups and organised a Banking Conference. All the major banks were invited to attend. Initial engagement from Banks was disappointing, however once a local MP got involved and raised the issues in Parliament most of the high street banks have got in touch and agreed to get involved. We have also worked with two support providers and an HSCP to get them to pilot a pre-payment bank card with the people they support, thus enabling people to use venues and facilities that do not accept cash payments. This has been an exciting piece of work which could have a real impact in promoting social inclusion of disabled people.

Resulting from the great success of last year's Strictly All Ability dance competition our membership has request we host a second event in April 2025. We have already recruited our dance competitors from across Scotland and have paired them up with a dance professional. We've also used this as an opportunity to highlight the gifts and talents of disabled people by hosting a number of local events including Dance-a-thons, sports days, football tournaments and musical evenings.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Advisory Group has no reserves.

Details of any deficit

The Advisory Group is in surplus this year.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

As part of the service level agreement with Key, in return for consultation on their services and accessibility of their information, Key provides venues and support through a TAG supporter for 2.5 hours per week for each of the 15 regional groups.

As part of the service level agreement with Community Lifestyles Ltd, in return for consultation on their services and accessibility of their information, Community Lifestyles provides venues and support through a TAG supporter for 10.5 hours per week

KEY also provide IT support and HR service for contracting and payroll etc.

Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairperson	
Date	03.09.25	



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Year End Accounts

2024/25

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		01	04		2024		31

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		55,227			55,227	67,743
Receipts from fundraising activities		19,539			19,539	3,024
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	874	8,386			9,260	8,630
A1 Sub total	874	83,151	-	-	84,025	79,397
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-		-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	874	83,151	-	-	84,025	79,397
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities		2,142			2,142	
Advertising & Media					-	
Social Activities					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,089	27,905			28,994	133,137
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	1,089	30,047	-	-	31,136	133,137
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,089	30,047	-	-	31,136	133,137
Net receipts / (payments)	(215)	53,104	-	-	52,889	(53,740)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(215)	53,104	-	-	52,889	(53,740)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	72,991	(6,702)			66,289	120,029
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(215)	53,104			52,889	(53,740)
	correction to O/B for FY 2023/24	(28)				(28)	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	72,748	46,402	-	-	119,150	66,289
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

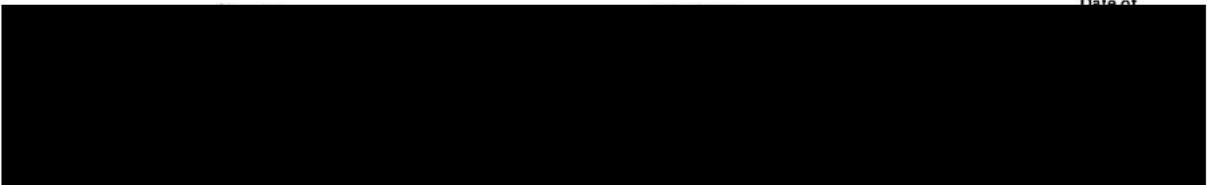
B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Date of



Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Restricted fund include: a grant of £39,573 from the Big Lottery for our Game Changers Programme in Glasgow to work with young disabled people in transition to engage in sport and physical activity, £4,358 from the Wellbeing fund in Glasgow to run a programme of inclusive activities to promote good physical and mental wellbeing, £10,171 was received from Community Lifestyles to facilitate music therapy for people with learning disabilities and a £1,125 grant was received from Tesco to run outside activity workshops in the east end of Glasgow. Income generated from the rolling activity programme in Glasgow was £8,386 and Atrictly All Ability fundraising activities has raise £19, 539.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Big Lottery (GCX)		39,573	39,573	
Wellness Fund (IFP+GWF)		4,358	4,358	1,550
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund (GWF)			-	
Music Therapy (MUST)		10,171	10,171	-
Tesco Fund Gardening (GARD)		1,125	1,125	-
Support in the right direction (REN)			-	66,193
Total	-	55,227	55,227	67,743

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Kiltwalk					-	284
Fundraising	559				559	
Social activities	213				213	
Strictly All Ability		19,539			19,539	8,630
Amazon					-	28
Kerr Street Activities		8,386			8,386	2,602
Other	102				102	110
Total	874	27,924	-	-	28,798	11,654

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Big Lottery (GCX)		17,538			17,538	130,878
Wellness Fund (IFP)		300			300	-
Glasgow Wellbeing Fund (GWF)		1,158			1,158	-
Music Therapy (MUST)		240			240	-
Tesco Fund Gardening (GARD)		116			116	-
Support in the right direction (REN)					-	-
Kerr Street Activities		8,554			8,554	1,392
Fundraising	514				514	-
Social activities	264				264	-
Other	311				311	867
Strictly All Ability		2,142			2,142	-
Total	1,089	30,047	-	-	31,136	133,137

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below Fundraising activities	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below Social activities	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below Other	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	559	213	102		874	2,996
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	28
Sub total	559	213	102	-	874	3,024
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	559	213	102	-	874	3,024
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	2,258
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	514	311	264		1,089	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	514	311	264	-	1,089	2,258
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	514	311	264	-	1,089	2,258
Net receipts / (payments)	45	(98)	(162)	-	(215)	766
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	45	(98)	(162)	-	(215)	766

Nature and purpose of funds

All donations held can be used as TAG sees fit to carry out the purposes set by the organisation.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of TAG

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.

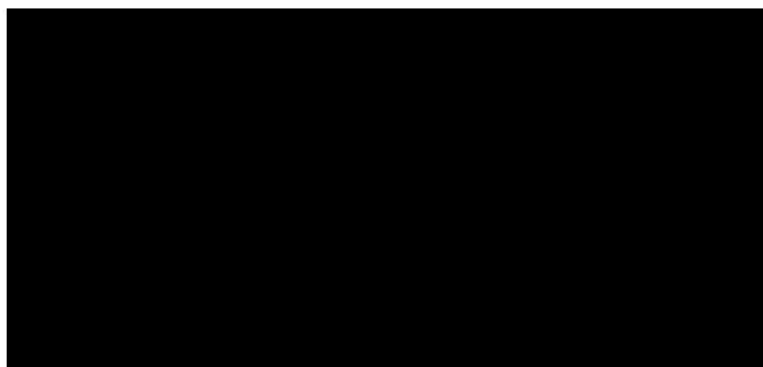
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 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.



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 15.08.25