

The Buzz Project

Scottish Charity Number SC043565

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th November 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of The Buzz Project.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th November 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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 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 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed below.

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 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



Date: - 25/8/2025

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 30th November 2024
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		Year to 2024 Unrestricted £	Year to 2024 Restricted £	Year to 2024 Total £	Year to 2023 Total £
Receipts	Note				
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	-	37,534	37,534	72,320
Donations	5	1,029	-	1,029	2,327
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Other Charitable Activities					
Misc		2,640	-	2,640	2,394
Office Rental Income		577	-	577	839
Total Receipts		4,246	37,534	41,780	77,880
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Sessional / Therapist		-	-	-	90
Telephone and Internet		49	1,282	1,331	1,236
Stationery / Postage		48	100	148	484
Premises Expenses / Utilities		894	12,481	13,374	14,852
Building Repairs / Maintenance		118	235	353	1,139
Insurance & Membership Costs		520	2,397	2,917	3,837
Staff Costs		440	35,684	36,123	37,149
Volunteer Training / Expenses / HR		-	700	700	-
Equipment & Other Business Expenses		280	728	1,008	603
Payroll Services		-	510	510	510
Misc		48	48	96	596
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	240	-	240	240
Total Payments		2,636	54,165	56,801	60,736
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		1,611	(16,631)	(15,021)	17,144
Transfers between funds	6	85	(85)	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,696	(16,716)	(15,021)	17,144

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	Year to 2024 Unrestricted	Year to 2024 Restricted	Year to 2024 Total	Year to 2023 Total
Statement of Balances - as at 30th November 2024				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	15,902	30,085	45,988	28,844
Add Income	4,246	37,534	41,780	77,880
Less Expenditure	20,149	67,619	87,768	106,724
Transfers	6 85	(85)	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	17,598	13,369	30,967	45,988
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Treasurer's Account	17,598	13,369	30,967	45,988
Outstanding Lodgements	-	-	-	-
Outstanding Cheques	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-
9 & 10	17,598	13,369	30,967	45,988

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:



Name:

Date: 25/6/ 2025

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 30th November 2024

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the SCIO. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity. During the year the charity received misc donations totalling £1,029.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. Grants totalling £37,534 were received for specific costs & various initiatives.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2023: £NIL).

4 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Foyle Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
The Robertson Trust	-	16,450	16,450	16,675
Albert Trust	-	-	-	2,000
Awards for All (2023)	-	-	-	6,261
Bailey Thomas Fund	-	-	-	3,000
UK Youth	-	5,800	5,800	5,800
Highland Cares	-	-	-	7,220
Youth Highland	-	-	-	2,529
Local Giving Magic Little Grants	-	-	-	500
Highland Council Summer Activities	-	4,000	4,000	5,000
Highland Cares Summer Funding	-	-	-	3,500
HC Community Regeneration Fund	-	4,800	4,800	14,395
Highland Third Sector Interface	-	6,484	6,484	-
Highland Council Food & Grant	-	-	-	440
	-	37,534	37,534	72,320

5 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Misc Donations	1,029	-	1,029	2,027
Lochaber Community Fundraising	-	-	-	300
	1,029	-	1,029	2,327

6 Transfers between funds

£85.08 was transferred from restricted funds to clear small underspends on Grants. (2023: £86.51).

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Independent Examination	240	-	240	240
	240	-	240	240

8 Volunteers

The trustees would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 Restricted Funds

	At 1st December 2023	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 30th November 2024
The Robertson Trust	6,491	16,450	(18,258)	-	4,683
Albert Trust	11	-	-	(11)	-
Foyle Foundation	12	-	-	(12)	-
Highland Third Sector Interface	-	6,484	(700)	-	5,784
Highland Cares	1,755	-	(1,745)	(10)	-
Bailey Thomas Fund	1,156	-	(1,150)	(7)	-
My Future Success Fund	9	-	-	(9)	-
UK Youth	4	5,800	(5,464)	-	340
Youth Highland	2,310	-	(138)	-	2,172
Local Giving Magic Little Grants	500	-	(497)	(3)	-
Highland Council Summer Activities	10	4,000	(3,989)	(21)	-
Highland Cares Summer Funding	188	-	-	-	188
HC Community Regeneration Fund	12,057	4,800	(16,825)	-	31.38
Awards for All (2023)	5,368	-	(5,363)	(4)	-
Highland Council Food & Grant	8	-	-	(8)	-
Lochaber Community Fundraising	206	-	(36)	-	171
	30,085	37,534	(54,165)	(85)	13,369

10 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1st December 2023	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 30th November 2024
Unrestricted Funds	15,902	4,246	(2,636)	85	17,598
	15,902	4,246	(2,636)	85	17,598



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Report 1st December 2023-30th November 2024

Activities

We had a busy year at the project with a number of activities running throughout. We supported a number of people with their college applications and with writing their CV's. We supported our young people with preparing for exams and managing the stress of prelims and exams. We continued to work with the University of North, West and Hebrides, supporting their music students to host their live performances. We continued our work with Music Broth Library, giving young people access to a large library of musical instruments, as well as access to different workshops. We also continued to offer our drop in sessions throughout the week.

Achievements

We further continued on the success of previous years. The project was attended by an average of 25 young people a night throughout the year. We worked closely with the emergency services, keeping the young people and the community safe. We have continued to work with young people to discover what different opportunities are available to them. Out of the 8 people who had applied for college last year, 5 continued on to higher education and 3 graduated and sought employment.

Drop in sessions and Studio 2

The drop in sessions have been well attended with a significant rise in young people identifying as LGBT+ attending these sessions. Some of the young people in the community will drop in to charge their phones, grab some snacks or drinks, and drop in to wait for their bus. Others will attend for full sessions. Because of how we are structured, we have removed the pressure and hopefully a barrier for young people attending. They know that we are always there and that they can chose when they access the support. The group have redesigned the space to work for them. There is now a quiet area through in the back with softer lighting and access to games and an overhead projector to play games on. Through in the main space, there is the music and access to the stage and a variety of instruments. There is a game table for Chess, card games and board games. There is also a pool table in the main area which has been very popular. There is the bar area with power points and USB sockets to charge phone and to use laptops for studying and for gaming.



Workshops and learning

As with previous years, there were a number of workshops and activities run for the group:

Sound production – The young people learned about sound production through this workshop and learned how to mix their tracks to get a sound that they liked.

Bass Lessons – Young people learned how to play the bass guitar and learned some new songs to play

Drum lessons – Young people learned how to play the drums and learned a variety of different beats and fills to play

Song writing and rap – The young people learned how to express themselves through song writing and then how to put their songs to a beat. This was a very popular workshop and has been run twice, with plans to run it again

Creative art sessions – We have had a number of different art mediums to work with. We made jewellery and keyrings from old guitar picks. We created different art using scratch art and air drying clay. The young people also redesigned their space putting up various drawings and art work around Studio 2. We have continued to develop our upcycling project, turning old instruments in to art and functional pieces.

Music Events – We held a number of music events. Continuing our partnership with UHI, We hosted their showcase events for their NC, HNC and HND music students. This year, this also included a separate night for the DJ students. These events were well attended with not only our young people but by the community, seeing the largest numbers we have ever had. We also were able to have live performances from artists Steeljoy and Jonny Culper.

Karaoke sessions – We held a karaoke session for our young people that became so popular, it became a monthly event. These sessions support our young people to express themselves through music as well as increase their confidence in performing on stage in front of an audience. Some of the quieter members of the group have really thrived within these sessions.

Financial review

We received funding from The Robertson trust, The Highland council Community Regeneration Fund, HTSI Mental health and well-being fund, UK Youth and Highland council summer fund. The total income for this financial year was £41,780.01 and the total expenditure was £56,800.54 with a deficit of -£15,020.53. This was due to the split of the funding from the Community regeneration fund falling in the change of our end of financial year and was accounted for in the surplus in the previous year's accounts.



Reserves Policy

As stated, there is no requirement in the constitution to hold any reserves. However the trustees recognise that it is advisable to retain three months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and cover any unexpected expenditure.

Plans for the future

Funding will always remain a top priority to continue with the sustainability of the project. We will continue in seeking new funding sources and will continue our work with our existing partners.

Our plans to develop the recording studio had taken a setback as we dealt with the changes when we lost our chair person. There are still plans to develop this project in the new year.

We plan to continue to deliver workshops and offer different activities to engage with the young people within the community and continue to offer them a creative space.

We plan to continue to work with our partnerships and foster new partnerships within the community.

We plan to continue with our drop-in service to support the young people in the Lochaber area, and hope to welcome in new people in to the space. Above all else, we plan to remain a fun, warm, safe space.

Exemptions from disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.