

Urban Uprising

Scotland · Charity number SC044205

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2013-08-15
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 22 East Claremont Street
EH7 4JP

Website www.urbanuprising.org

Activities

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

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: At Urban Uprising, we help give disadvantaged young people the opportunity to transform their futures. Our unique climbing programme gives 8-18 year-olds who face various challenges in life the chance to develop their physical, social and personal strengths with the support and encouragement of highly trained positive coaches. There are barriers – both individual and societal – that prevent some young people from accessing and consistently engaging with new experiences. Urban Uprising's vision is a society where all young people feel engaged and empowered to create a positive future for themselves. In partnership with climbing centres and committed volunteer role models, we support young people to address and overcome the individual root causes of the problem and become their own agents of change.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4.1 The prevention or relief of poverty. 4.2 The advancement of education. 4.3 The advancement of health. 4.4 The advancement of public participation in sport. 4.5 The advancement of citizenship or community development. and 4.6 The promotion of volunteering amongst children and young people who are in need by reason of financial hardship or other disadvantage in the United Kingdom, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of : (a) climbing excursions and outings. (b) climbing walls, both indoors and out. and (c) employment opportunities relating to climbing.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£152,844	£148,038	-	3
2024-12-31	£149,528	£129,176	-	3
2023-12-31	£85,292	£103,718	-	2
2022-12-31	£123,881	£91,152	-	2
2021-12-31	£103,194	£67,473	-	2
2020-12-31	£54,680	£27,082	-	1

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Accounts



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**Accounts for year
ending 31 December 2024**



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date				
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
From		1	1	2024	To		31	12	2024

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by

Urban Uprising

Registered charity number

SC044205

Charity's principal address

22 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh

Postcode EH7 4JP

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		Chairman		
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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We were formally registered on 15th Aug 2013.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Charities Constitution which requires Trustee appointments to be approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees at the next Board Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

At Urban Uprising, we help give disadvantaged young people the opportunity to transform their futures.

Urban Uprising's vision is a society where all young people feel engaged and empowered to create a positive future for themselves. In partnership with climbing centres and committed volunteer role models, we are here to support young people to address and overcome the individual root causes of the problem and become their own agents of change.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our unique climbing programme gives 8-18 year-olds who face various challenges in life the chance to develop their physical, social and personal strengths with the support and encouragement of highly-trained positive coaches. We know there are barriers – both individual and societal – that prevent some young people from accessing and consistently engaging with new experiences.

Urban Uprising operates programmes in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Cambridge and Bristol; often working with young people from the most deprived areas.

These local areas have been identified through our own community mapping, consultation and government data for multiple deprivation indicators. This way we know we are operating where the need is greatest.

We collaborate with local youth organisations and schools who know the communities well and are able to identify the young people who are most in need.

Our programme centres on personal development and life skills. Rock climbing can be daunting, and breaking through that barrier to try it for the first time, or to try new and harder climbs, is a real confidence builder.

The nature of climbing is that you are failing much more than you are succeeding, and the experience of not being able to get past a certain point - or falling off the wall entirely - is an important part of it. Building resilience to deal with this failure and understanding that failing is a learning opportunity (and nothing to be afraid of) is very empowering for the young people.

Through our sessions, young people can discover a sense of belonging to a new and different community with many positive role models.

Our programme has 3 main outcomes for the disadvantaged young people:

- Increased confidence to try new things
- Increased resilience to deal with failure
- Increased participation in physical activity

Through a six to 10-week structured indoor programme young people are taught how to climb safely and responsibly. Each weekly session is around 1.5 hours long, and - where resources and instructors are available - participants are invited to take part in a day of outdoor climbing at the end of the programme.

We tailor the programme slightly for each group to suit their age, maturity and other specific needs. We also consider any particular areas of focus our partner organisations have been working on with the young people to date.

The young people will also be guided through an accredited award scheme for climbing competency: the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS). This gives them a focus for the physical and technical aspects of climbing, as well as earning a certificate at the end. There is a component of safety and managing risk within NICAS which helps a lot with building confidence.

Following their six to 10-week Climb Programme, Glasgow and Edinburgh groups can now attend our weekly drop-in 'Repeat' sessions, at no cost to them. These Repeat sessions allow participants to continue to improve their climbing skills and build on the positive relationships they have developed with our volunteers and instructors. This has been a big step forward for us and allowed us to deepen our impact significantly for the young people who choose to keep going.

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Achievements and performance

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

Key achievements in 2024:

- Reached **199 young people** across 140 groups.
- Delivered **151 indoor sessions, 18 residentials, and 8 outdoor sessions**.
- Trained **13 volunteers** in FUNdas and Climbing Wall Instructor training.
- Established new partnerships with **Robert Gordon University (Aberdeen)** and **Climbridge (Cambridge community climbing club)**.
- Expanded our "Repeat" weekly drop-in sessions, allowing ongoing engagement after the initial 6–10 week programme.
- Achieved our most ambitious fundraising target to date – **£140,000 raised** through grants, corporate partnerships, and community fundraising.
- Strengthened volunteer retention, developing a **core group of long-term committed volunteers**.

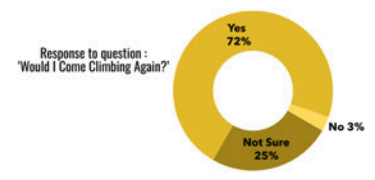
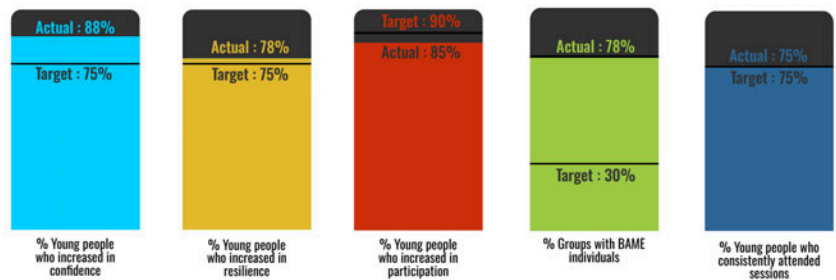
Impact highlights:

- 85% of participants showed increased confidence.
- 81% showed improved resilience to failure.
- 87% increased participation in physical activity.

- Partner feedback confirmed significant improvements in wellbeing, teamwork, and perseverance.
- Trained 13 volunteers in FUNdas and Climbing Wall Instructor training.
- New partnership with Robert Gordon University climbing wall in Aberdeen.
- New partnership with Climbridge (Cambridge community climbing club).
- Adventures to new locations in the Highlands on our residential.
- Our community pushed it hard with the 'Everest' Climbing Challenge fundraiser.
- Best fundraising year yet with over £140,000 raised through community, grant and corporate fundraising.

A full breakdown of this can be found in our [2024 Annual Report here](#).

EVALUATING OUR IMPACT IN 2024:



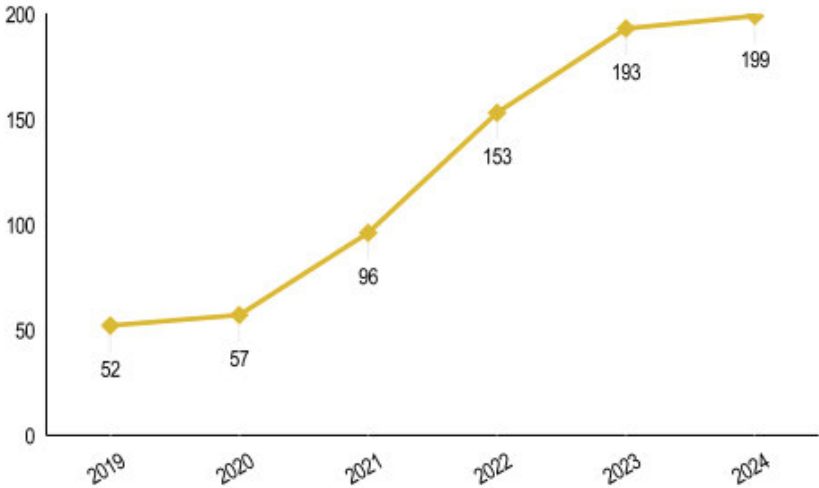
Note: Charts are calculated conditional on individuals responding to the question.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No. of participants	52	57	96	153	193	199
No. of groups	5	7	10	16	18	18
Total sessions (indoor)	46	29	97	140	156	151
Total sessions (outdoor)	0	2	2	5	5	8
Total Residentials	0	0	0	0	1	1
Active volunteers	56	100	150	150	150	140



'It makes me feel accomplished and I had fun trying something new'

2024 Participant, St Augustine's High School



Number of Participants over Time

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees' policy is to hold at least 6 months of operating costs (£48,800) in reserves, with an additional £50,000 programme reserve and £20,000 expansion reserve.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All of our partners keep costs as low as possible to enable us to work with as many young people as possible.

We have been donated climbing shoes for our outdoor sessions.

Skilled volunteers donate their time and expertise to work on technical projects with us.

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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) Chair

Date 11 Sept 2024

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	44,606				44,606	30,158
Legacies					-	-
Grants	36,032	68,191			104,222	47,886
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	6,126
Gross trading receipts	700				700	487
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	634
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	81,338	68,191			149,528	85,292
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total						
Total receipts						85,292
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	21,278	3,523			24,801	10,916
Gross trading payments		1,403			1,403	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	23,576	79,395			102,971	87,614
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	5,188
					-	-
A3 Sub total	44,854	84,322			129,176	103,718
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets						-
Purchase of investments						-
A4 Sub total						
Total payments	44,854	84,322			129,176	103,718
Net receipts / (payments)	36,484	(16,131)			20,353	(18,427)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(34,927)	34,927			-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,557	18,796			20,353	(18,427)

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Section B Statement of balances		as at 31 December 2024					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds and UU Reserves 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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	84,473	42,737			127,210	146,636
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	36,484	(16,131)			20,353	(18,427)
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	120,957	26,606			147,563	127,210
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agrees to R&P	Agrees to R&P			Agrees to A1 Funds	
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments							
				Total			
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £		Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets							
					Total		
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Repayment of underspent grant			Sport England		£ 3,475	£0
					Total	3,475	
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities	Repayment of underspent grant			Connected Communities Edinburgh		£ 1,588	0
					Total	1,588	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of approval
							23 April 2025
							28 April 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

The funds we receive go towards the running of our programmes and the running of our charity more generally. We have numerous restricted grants with different conditions attached as to how we spend them, however they are all used to advance our charitable purpose.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	None			
			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) **None**

	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details	None	

C4a Trustee expenses If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b) **None**

		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details	None		

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons	None			

C6 Other information Urban Uprising has been presented with a unique opportunity to expand our reach which will require significant expenditure to realise. We have transferred from our unrestricted funds £20,000 to a project expansion reserve. This is likely to be used in the current year (2025) extending into 2026 depending on the progress of the project. We have also used our unrestricted funds to increase our contingency reserve in line with inflation and to support underfunded activities in 2025. We were able to do these transfers because of a once off, unexpected, unrestricted grant of £23,030.

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Name	Bf 2023	Grants /Income	Trading	Charitable Expenses	Overhead Costs	Transfers between reserves	Surplus/Deficit for the year	CF 2024
Jonathan Lee Fund	£ -	£ 23,030		£ 6,329	£ 16,701	£ -	£ -	£ -
Garfield Weston Foundation	£ -	£ 13,000		£ 13,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Woodward Charitable Trust	£ 600	£ 2		£ 9	£ 593	£ -	£ 600	£ -
Unrestricted Reserves		£ 44,606	£ 700	£ 4,237	£ 3,985	£ 34,927	£ 2,157	£ 2,157
Total Unrestricted Reserves	£ 600	£ 80,638	£ 700	£ 23,576	£ 21,278	£ 34,927	£ 1,557	£ 2,157
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust	£ 3,371	£ -		£ 5	£ 3,366	£ -	£ 3,371	£ -
Trades House of Glasgow - Comm	£ 671	£ -		£ 513	£ 158	£ -	£ 671	£ 0
Hedley Foundation	£ 2,000	£ -		£ 2,000	£ -	£ -	£ 2,000	£ -
It's Great Out There	£ 680	£ -		£ 680	£ -	£ -	£ 680	£ -
Thistledown Trust	£ 2,000	£ -		£ 2,000	£ -	£ -	£ 2,000	£ -
Gosling Foundation	£ 10,000	£ -		£ 10,000	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000	£ -
Meikle Foundation	£ -	£ 1,000		£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bellahouston Beuest Fund	£ 2,000	£ -		£ 2,000	£ -	£ -	£ 2,000	£ -
Hugh Fraser Foundation (year 1 o	£ 3,000	£ -		£ 3,000	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000	£ -
New Park Educational Trust	£ 2,201	£ -		£ 2,201	£ -	£ -	£ 2,201	£ -
John Kirkhope Young Endowment	£ 1,000	£ -		£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	£ -
Dr Guthrie's Assodation	£ 1,000	£ -		£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	£ -
Stafford Trust	£ 3,000	£ -		£ 3,000	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000	£ -
Baillie Gifford Grassroots Sports (I	£ 5,000	£ -		£ 5,000	£ -	£ -	£ 5,000	£ -
Ironmongers	£ 2,814	£ -	£ 1,403	£ 1,197	£ -	£ -	£ 2,600	£ 214
Murdoch Forrest Charitable Trust	£ 4,000	£ -		£ 4,000	£ -	£ -	£ 4,000	£ -
DWF Foundation	£ -	£ 2,470		£ 2,470	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Glasgow Council Area Partnership	£ -	£ 1,521		£ 1,521	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Iain Stewart Foundation	£ -	£ 500		£ 500	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gannochy Trust	£ -	£ 9,199		£ 9,199	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Weavers Company	£ -	£ 7,569		£ 7,569	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Connected Communities Edinburgh	£ -	£ 8,599		£ 7,011	£ -	£ -	£ 1,588	£ 1,588
Scottish Mountaineering Trust	£ -	£ 1,987		£ 1,987	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Conundrum Trust	£ -	£ 2,120		£ 2,120	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sport England	£ -	£ 3,915		£ 440	£ -	£ -	£ 3,475	£ 3,475
Arnold Clark Community Fund	£ -	£ 1,000		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Cambridgeshire Community Foun	£ -	£ 3,521		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,521	£ 3,521
Edrick Trust	£ -	£ 2,000		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
Van Neste Foundation	£ -	£ 5,000		£ 5,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hugh Fraser Foundation (year 2 o	£ -	£ 3,000		£ 942	£ -	£ -	£ 2,058	£ 2,058
Glasgow City Council Area Partner	£ -	£ 2,040		£ 2,040	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Nancie Massey Charitable Trust	£ -	£ 3,000		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Essentia Foundation (year 1 of 3)	£ -	£ 3,000		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Trefoil Organisational Grants	£ -	£ 2,500		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,500	£ 2,500
Port of Aberdeen	£ -	£ 250		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 250	£ 250
Schroder Trust	£ -	£ 4,000		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,000	£ 4,000
Total Restricted Reserves	£ 42,737	£ 68,191	£ 1,403	£ 79,395	£ 3,523	£ -	£ 16,131	£ 26,606
Allocation to underfunded projec	£ 37,073	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 12,927	£ 12,927	£ 50,000
Contingency Reserve	£ 46,800	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 2,000	£ 2,000	£ 48,800
Expansion Project Reserve						£ 20,000	£ 20,000	£ 20,000
Total Reserves	£ 83,873	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 34,927	£ 34,927	£ 118,800
Total funds and reserves	£ 127,210	£ 148,828	£ 703	£ 102,971	£ 24,801	£ -	£ 20,353	£ 147,563

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Urban Uprising

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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.

