

It is with a mix of pride, gratitude, and a touch of sadness that we bring this chapter of the Dundee Women's Festival to a close. This festival has been more than just an annual event; it has been a beacon of hope, a source of inspiration, and a powerful voice for gender equality in our community.

Over the years, the Dundee Women's Festival has grown to become a proud and cherished part of our city's cultural fabric. Through countless events, workshops, and discussions, we have raised awareness of the vital issues surrounding gender equality. We have brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate the achievements of women, challenge societal norms, and forge new paths towards a more equitable future.

This year's festival was no exception. I am pleased to share that our events were not only successful but also mostly well-attended. The enthusiasm and engagement we witnessed reaffirmed the importance of this festival and the impact it has had on so many lives. Whether it was through the powerful stories shared, the enlightening panel discussions, or the creative expressions of art and culture, we have once again proven that when we come together, we can drive change.

However, as we all know, the past year has presented us with unprecedented challenges. Like many organisations, we have faced financial difficulties and the loss of key leadership. Despite our best efforts, we have had to make the difficult decision to close down the Dundee Women's Festival.

But as we reflect on this decision, let us not view it as an end but rather as a celebration of what we have accomplished together. The legacy of this festival will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of everyone who participated, supported, and believed in our cause. The conversations we have sparked, the connections we have made, and the progress we have championed will endure.

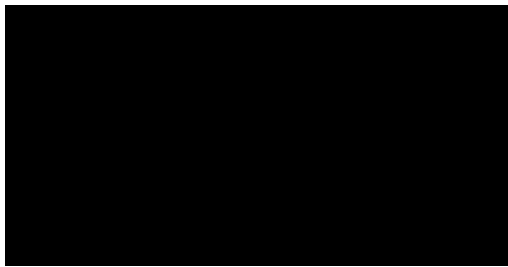
To all the volunteers, supporters, attendees, and directors who have been part of this incredible journey, we extend our deepest thanks. Your passion, dedication, and

unwavering commitment have been the lifeblood of this festival. Together, we have made a difference.

As we close this chapter, let us carry forward the spirit of the Dundee Women's Festival in our daily lives. Let us continue to advocate for equality, support one another, and work towards a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of gender or how someone identifies.

Thank you all for being part of this remarkable journey. While the festival may be ending, the movement it represents will continue, stronger and more resilient than ever.

Thank you.



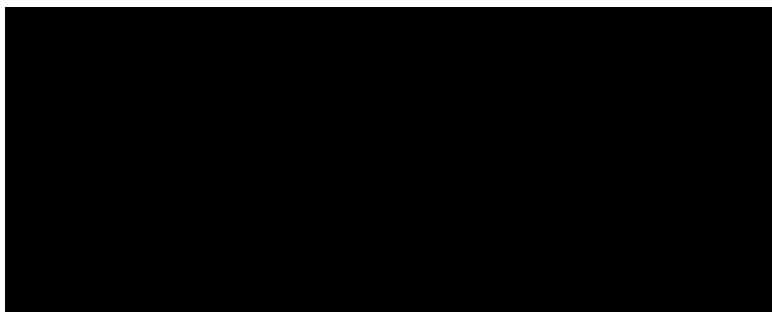
This is an outline of the Groups accounts for the year up to 31/03/2024. It will be submitted to an Independent Examiner to ensure it shows the full extent of the finances for the year., once agreed upon by the group.

The major outgoings for the group concentrated around the payment of Solicitors Fees for legal advice obtained on certain matters.

As usual we are extremely grateful for the ongoing cycle of essential work Alison Powrie provides the group. She definitely keeps us going. We are also extremely grateful to all of our supporters, sponsors, donators and partners for their generous contributions which enable the continuation of the event.

This year the group was required to produce a Monetary Reserves policy to ensure the continuation of the event. The amount agreed upon was based on the average expenditure of the last 5 years of £7000. Unfortunately, this greatly exceeds the money the group currently holds and may alter the future of the festival.

On approval of this report, it will be submitted online to OSCR, the independent Regulator and registrar for Scotland's charities as is required annually.



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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Opening Balance as of 05/04/2023

£8555.96

**Total Outgoings** This is compiled of Illustration, Printing and Administration Costs

SO Administration	181	<b>£480.00</b>
	182	<b>£780.00</b>
	184	£450.00
Sep - Feb	191	£2310.00
Zen Website	185	£234.00
Illustrations	192	£800.00
Solicitors Fees	193	£2272.80
Printing (Winter & Simpson)	194	£1015.00
Independent Examiner	183	£100.00

**Total Outgoings** £8441.80

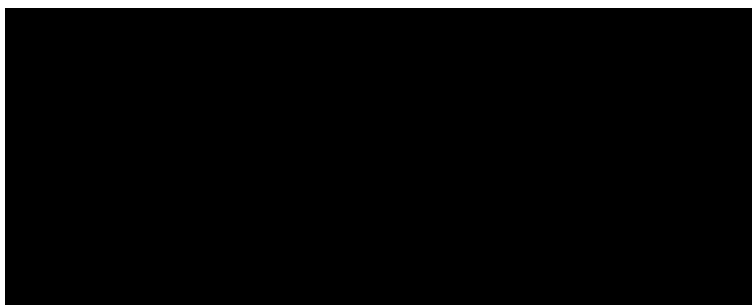
**Total Income** This is compiled of Grants, Donations, Sponsorship, Payments from Partners, compensation and Interest from the RSB Bank

24.93	13/03	RSB Interest	11/03	£24.93
			12/12	£26.30
			28/09	£24.87
			29/06	£22.35
		Kiltwalk (Amy)	14/11	£200.00
		(Dana)	20/09	£90.00
		RSB Compensation	27/09	£250.00
		Partners / Sponsors		£210.00

**Total Income** £868.45

Final Balance in Bank as of 31/03/2024

£982.61



Approval to be sought at AGM from group.

Agree / Disagree

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees Dundee Women's Festival SCIO  
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC044450**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are set out on the accompanying pages.

**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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Account 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 accounts.

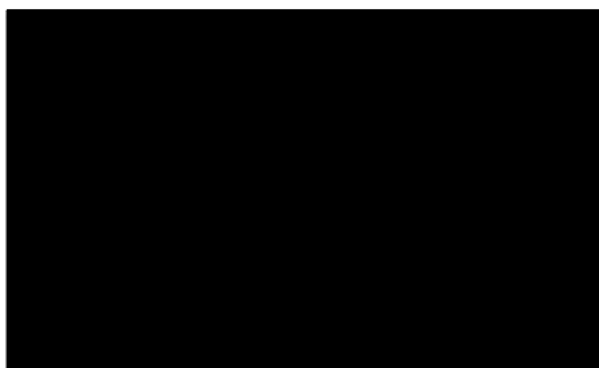
**Independent examiner's statement**

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, 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

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**Scottish Charity SC044450**

**Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
				£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants				-	500
Donations		230		230	-
Fundraising		290		290	1,305
Registration Fees				-	150
Bank Interest & Compensation		348		348	46
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£ 868</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 868</b>	<b>£ 2,001</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Programme Design		800		800	800
Print and Advertising		1,015		1,015	952
Website		234		234	108
Administration		4,020		4,020	3,561
Legal & Governance		2,373		2,373	100
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>8,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,442</b>	<b>5,521</b>
<b>Excess of receipts/(payments) over (payments/receipts in the year</b>		<b>- 7,573</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>7,573 -</b>	<b>3,520</b>

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**Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024**

	<b>Total Funds</b>	
	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Cash at Bank and in hand</b>		
Bank and Deposit		
balances brought		
forward	8,556	12,076
<b>Movement in year</b>		
Excess of receipts over		
payments for the year	- 7,573	- 3,520
Bank and Deposit		
balances carried		
forward	983	8,556

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

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**Scottish Charity SC044450**

**Notes to the financial statements**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No trustee received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in this year.

There are no Related party transactions