

**NES FE Foundation SCIO**  
**(A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Annual report and financial statements for the  
year to 28 February 2025**

**Scottish charity reference: SC044635**

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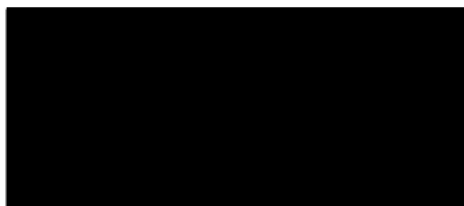
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**Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation information**

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**Trustees**



**Treasurer**



**Principal address**

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1 Union Wynd  
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**Charity No**

SC044635

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**Report of the Trustees for the year 28 February 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 28 February 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Foundation's Constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published during October 2019. The charity information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

**Structure, governance and management**

Scottish colleges were reclassified as public bodies on 1 April 2014 and as a result colleges were no longer allowed to hold cash reserves other than those needed for day-to-day operations. In advance of this, North East Scotland College established an 'arms length foundation' to hold cash reserves that had been built up to support students engaged in further education in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Individuals with knowledge of further education joined the North East Scotland Further Education Foundation to serve as Trustees. Subsequently the NES FE Foundation came into being in February 2014 to manage these cash reserves. The Foundation has charitable status. Its Board consists of 4 independent Trustees and 2 Trustees drawn from the Board of Management of North East Scotland College.

The Foundation received no donations from North East Scotland College in this financial year.

The Foundation has received and granted two requests for grant funding in the financial year. The first was for a Student Record System and the second was for a Marketing Insights to support Curriculum Planning.

The Trustees continue to monitor the constitution, policies and procedures in order to have an effective structure to work to and to comply with the rules and regulations for Charities. From the formation of the Foundation the Trustees, with the assistance of professional advisers, devised an Investment Policy to safeguard the funds coming into the Foundation, so the onus on the Trustees is not inconsiderable. The board continue to be mindful to ensure the running costs of the Foundation are kept to a minimum.

The Trustees would like to thank all their professional advisers who have provided excellent support and advice to them.

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#### **Legal and administrative arrangements**

NES FE Foundation SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), governed by its constitution, and has charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The Scottish charity number is SC044635. The SCIO was recognised by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on 7 February 2014. The principal address is Burness Paull LLP, Union Plaza, 1 Union Wynd, Aberdeen, AB10 1DQ.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees at the balance sheet date are as stated on page 1.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The maximum number of Trustees is 7 with no more than 3 who are appointed by North East Scotland College and 4 who are Independent Trustees.

Any member of the Board can elect an individual to be an Independent Trustee.

North East Scotland College may at any time appoint any member to be a Trustee and at any time remove any Trustee previously appointed by themselves.

Any Trustee who has served for a term of three years must retire from office at the annual general meeting but may then be re-elected.

#### **Trustees' induction**

The Trustees have a policy on Trustee induction and training prior to a new Trustee being appointed. This included awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the Foundation.

A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's financial statements, minutes of Trustees meetings and a copy of the OSCR leaflet "Guidance and good practice for Charity Trustees" if appropriate. Training is offered to current Trustees as and when required.

#### **Key management personnel**

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees to be the key management of the Foundation, in charge of directing and controlling the Foundation and running and operating the Foundation on a day to day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration or expenses was paid in the year.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

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**Report of the Trustees for the year 28 February 2025 (continued)**

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**Objectives and activities**

The purpose of the Foundation is

"To advance education, and in particular to enhance the learning experience for students engaged in further education in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, by supporting:

- (a) the delivery of improved teaching accommodation, facilities and/ or equipment
- (b) the development of teaching materials and/ or
- (c) the delivery of courses."

**Financial position**

The results for the year are shown in the attached Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the year to 28 February 2025.

**Investment policy**

NES FE Foundation seeks to produce the best financial return within an agreed level of risk dependent on when funds are forecast to be disbursed.

Notwithstanding the above, capital preservation is of paramount importance. The investment objective for assets is to preserve capital value with a minimum level of risk. Assets should be readily available unless agreed by the Board of Trustees.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Foundation. The main risk identified is ensuring that only funding requests appropriate to the Foundation's charitable aims are authorised by the Trustees. This risk is mitigated by ensuring all funding requests being reviewed by the Trustees prior to any award being made.

**Reserves**

The reserves of the Foundation have been required to meet significant expenditure in relation to charitable purposes. At the year end, reserves amounted to £549,700. (2024: £1,103,741).

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year 28 February 2025 (continued)**

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#### **Future strategy**

No changes are at present envisaged in the Foundation's policies as outlined above.

#### **Connected bodies**

The Trustees [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also members of the Board of Management of North East Scotland College during the year. Transactions with the College are given in note 6 to the financial statements.

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

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Date: 16 October 2025

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to SCIOs in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the SCIO and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the SCIO for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the SCIO will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the SCIO and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the SCIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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### Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of NES FE Foundation

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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

This report is made to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to report my opinion set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

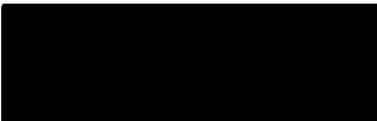
#### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 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
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



For and on behalf of  
Henderson Loggie LLP, Chartered Accountants  
The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket  
Dundee  
DD1 4QB

16 October 2025

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**Statement of financial activities for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Investment income	2	14,412	-	14,412	12,080
<b>Total income</b>		<b>14,412</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,412</b>	<b>12,080</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	568,453	-	568,453	2,452
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>568,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>568,453</b>	<b>2,452</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<b>(554,041)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(554,041)</b>	<b>9,628</b>
<b>Funds reconciliation:</b>					
Total funds at 28 February 2024	7	1,103,741	-	1,103,741	1,094,113
<b>Total funds at 28 February 2025</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>549,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>549,700</b>	<b>1,103,741</b>

All activities related to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

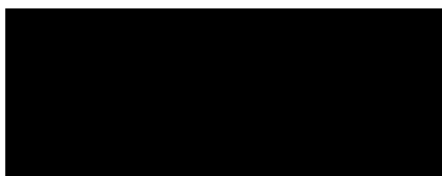
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**Balance sheet at 28 February 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		955,248	1,104,741
		<u>955,248</u>	<u>1,104,741</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors	5	(284,285)	(1,000)
		<u>670,963</u>	<u>1,103,741</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			
		670,963	1,103,741
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due after one year	5	(121,263)	-
		<u>549,700</u>	<u>1,103,741</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			
		549,700	1,103,741
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Unrestricted	7	549,700	1,103,741
		<u>549,700</u>	<u>1,103,741</u>

The notes on page 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Notes to the financial statements**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of accounting and going concern**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Foundation's operations as indicated in the Report of the Trustees, all of which are continuing.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities, preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued during October 2019, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Foundation constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Foundation. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Trustees in the presentation of the financial statements.

**Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the Foundation has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the Foundation has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Foundation is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Foundation and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Foundation; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**Notes to the financial statements**

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Foundation to that expenditure, it is probable that a settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to allocation of support and governance costs.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Foundation and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

**Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include activities costs, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 3.

**Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

**Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes cash held in deposit or similar accounts.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Foundation has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Financial instruments**

The Foundation only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the Foundation's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are revised on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Fund Structure**

With the adoption of the SORP all income and expenditure is dealt with through the Statement of Financial Activities. In the Statement of Financial Activities, funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

**Restricted funds** are funds subject to specific expenditure, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority (e.g. by the restrictive wording of an appeal).

**Unrestricted funds** are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of NES FE Foundation SCIO.

<b>2 Investment income</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Bank interest received	14,412	12,080
	<b>14,412</b>	<b>12,080</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3 Expenditure**

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants awarded for Student Records System and Market Insight to support Curriculum Planning	566,457	-
Support costs (see below)	1,996	2,452
	<u>568,453</u>	<u>2,452</u>
	=====	=====

All expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted.

**Support costs**

Allocated as follows:

	Charitable support costs 2025 £	Governance 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Charitable support costs 2024 £	Governance 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,016	1,016	-	900	900
Other fees paid to independent examiner	-	-	-	-	600	600
Trustee insurance	980	-	980	952	-	952
	<u>980</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,996</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,452</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

**Key Management**

No Trustee received any remuneration or expenses in either of the two years ended 28 February 2025.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**4 Grants awarded**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Reconciliation of grants payable</b>		
Creditors accrued at 28 February 2024	-	-
Commitments made in the year (note 3)	566,457	-
Grants paid during the year	(161,965)	-
	<u>404,492</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====
Creditors accrued at 28 February 2025	404,492	-
	<u>404,492</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====
Creditors accrued at 28 February 2025 are payable as follows		
Within one year (note 5)	283,229	-
After more than one year (note 5)	121,263	-
	<u>404,492</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====

**5 Creditors**

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due within one year:		
Grants (note 4)	283,229	-
Independent Examiner's fee	1,056	1,000
	<u>284,285</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	=====	=====
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Grants (note 4)	121,263	-
	<u>121,263</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====

**6 Related parties**

Trustees [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also members of the Board of Management of North East Scotland College during the year ended 28 February 2025.

No donations were received in either of the two years ended 28 February 2025 from North East Scotland College, however grants of £566,457 (2024: £nil) were awarded.



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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**7 Reserves**

	Balance at 28 February 2024 £	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 28 February 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted reserves</b>				
Revenue reserve	1,103,741 =====	14,412 =====	(568,453) =====	549,700 =====
	Balance at 28 February 2023 £	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 28 February 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted reserves</b>				
Revenue reserve	1,094,113 =====	12,080 =====	(2,452) =====	1,103,741 =====

