

Christian Values in Education Project

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

The Christian Values in Education Project (known as CVE Scotland) was established by Constitution on 24 September 2014 and amended with the approval of OSCR in August 2016. It is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) No. SC045125.

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Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are:

- the advancement of education through identifying, resourcing, enabling and disseminating best practice by teachers and community partners, which empowers children and young people in critically understanding a range of beliefs, values and practices;
- the advancement of citizenship and community development by supporting organisations and churches to take up opportunities to serve schools in a relevant and effective manner which will benefit children and young people and enhance the curriculum, through the development and teaching of civic values and the encouragement of both adults and young people in voluntary community activity; and
- the advancement of religion by fulfilling the above purposes within a framework of Christian faith and values, working in active engagement with a range of organisations and churches and at all times within the Scottish Government guidelines for education for young people aged 3-18.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Chair
Vice-chair/Secretary
Treasurer

SU Scotland representative (appointed 22 November 2024)

(resigned 22 November 2024)
(SU Scotland representative; resigned 26 August 2024)

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the existing Trustees. The Board must include at least one serving or retired Primary Head Teacher, one serving or retired Secondary Head Teacher and a representative of Scripture Union Scotland.

Unless otherwise agreed, a Trustee shall hold office for a period ending on the fifth AGM following their appointment. A Trustee must not hold office continuously for more than eight years. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities. Trustees met regularly throughout the year.

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Activities and achievements

Overview

The charity's vision statement remains, **"Supporting school staff, chaplains and families to communicate the Christian faith, so that children and young people can make informed choices about beliefs and values"**. In fulfilling this vision, we focus primarily on encouraging and supporting Christians working in schools, but we also work to support those of any faith working in schools by making resources available for RME/RMPS lessons, cross-curricular lessons, Time for Reflection assemblies. We continue to believe that Christian values have a significant place in Scottish education, not least because of the Christian values on which the Scottish education system was built.

Communication, Networking and Support

In 2024-25 the Management Committee continued the revised communications strategy implemented in the previous year. Quarterly newsletters were issued on topical themes including Scottish Christian Heritage, Additional Support Needs and Learning for Sustainability/Creation Care. Focused prayer letters were also distributed to our subscribers, allowing individual daily prayer points connected to the newsletter themes, staff in schools and the general work of CVE Scotland.

During the year the Management Committee, staff and other volunteers continued to raise the profile of the charity, bringing greater awareness to school staff and school visitors of the support on offer. This involved attending various events including the Evangelical Alliance's What Kind of Nation? 10 years on Parliamentary Reception at Holyrood and their Being Human seminar in East Renfrewshire, the Association of Christian Teachers' Artificial Intelligence in Education online presentation, meeting with [REDACTED] of Cyngor Ysgolion Sul, speaking at the UNITE For Education Igniting Passion, Renewing Purpose Conference and attending the Ralston Community Event.

Our Chair and one of our Trustees hosted a Western Isles Teacher Meet-up in Lewis at the end of June 2025. This was an informal meeting of fellowship and encouragement and also a useful means of gathering feedback on how we can better support teachers and school staff.

To support our school staff and those who work with young people and children, we curated an extensive list of resources from a wider range of organisations to use at Christmas, Easter and as a Christian alternative to Halloween.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of CVE Scotland, various church organisations were approached to include an article about the charity. Life and Work (monthly magazine of the Church of Scotland) and Stedfast (magazine of the United Free Church of Scotland) both took up our invitation and featured extensive articles on CVE Scotland to help raise awareness of our work within their congregations.

Social media and the CVE Scotland website were used to inform teachers, school staff, parents and chaplains on the consultation paper from the Scottish Government on proposed changes to the current legislation on religious observance (RO) and religious and moral education (RME) in schools.

New information/publicity videos about the work of CVE Scotland, recorded at Hamilton College, were uploaded on our website during the year. These can be used to share awareness of how the charity equips, networks and resources those in Scottish education who desire to see Christian values remain an integral part.

In February 2025, CVE Scotland hosted an on-line webinar event led by Paul James-Griffiths (Director of Christian Heritage Edinburgh) on godly Scottish men and women who have transformed society, with the aim of sharing their impact with children and young people. A short Q&A session also followed the session.

In reaction to the national debate over the Netflix TV series Adolescence and the announcement that it would be made available to show in Scottish schools, CVE Scotland published a review of content for Christian parents and teachers in April 2025.

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Activities and achievements (continued)

School Chaplaincy

Our school chaplaincy project leader, [REDACTED], participated in the Baptist Union of Scotland Chaplaincy Conference Day in September, providing a chance for chaplains from various fields of ministry to benefit from mutual learning and encouragement with a special focus on helping people who are experiencing trauma. Numbers did not permit the Time for Reflection module at the Scottish Baptist College, partially funded by CVE Scotland, to take place this year.

[REDACTED] also had input to the Church of Scotland School Ministry Training Day in November with a focus on supporting resilience and mental health and wellbeing for pupils and from a range of practitioners alongside practical suggestions and opportunities for discussion and reflection.

[REDACTED] continues to contribute research and articles to journals and teach at UK and European-wide conferences, including the Day for Children's Spirituality conference in the Netherlands. He also featured on a radio programme podcast in June 2025, outlining his work with both CVE Scotland and the history of his service in chaplaincy work.

Working alongside various Christian organisations, planning is well underway for two CVE Scotland conferences to support parents, teachers, schools' staff and chaplains engage with their local schools. Catalyst 2025 will be held in Inverness in September 2025 and Ignite in Hamilton in October 2025.

Back to School with God

The charity is involved in the year-round, regular meetings to develop and produce the 'Back to School with God' service materials, together with SU Scotland and SU Northern Ireland which are used throughout the UK and beyond, with over 350 churches registering to use the free materials.

August 2024's theme was 'Spot the Difference' and explored the Bible stories of the blind beggar and Zacchaeus in Luke 18:35-19:10. Holding this event during a Sunday church service is seen as a practical way to encourage children, young people and school staff at the start of a new school year, and to show them that God and His Church are interested in their everyday lives.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Project (RSHP)

The final stages of CVE Scotland's RSHP Project were progressed this year. In collaboration with the RSHP working group of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Local Authority, Early Years, First and Second level resources including full lesson planners were made available to our RSHP mailing list subscribers. Complementary resources, developed by the CVE Scotland RSHP Project Leader were also uploaded to the website.

Plans are currently underway for online Explainer events for staff and parents towards the end of 2025.

Personnel

The Management Committee met regularly throughout the year with a smaller planning group, dealing with operational issues, meeting between Management Committee meetings. They also meet specifically for prayer as a group at various times throughout the year. In April the Management Team worked with external consultants (Trail Consultancy) to consider the Vision and Strategy of the charity into the next 10 years.

The charity is extremely grateful to all the Trustees and other volunteers who help by giving their time, skills and advice throughout the year in many capacities such as serving on the Management Committee, IT support, supporting CVE Scotland on the various social media channels and at events.

A new Senior Administrator with responsibility for Communication was appointed in August 2024 on a 20 hour a week contract.

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Activities and achievements (continued)

Fundraising

The Management Committee is grateful to everyone who supported the main fundraising activities organised over the year. This included a 10th Anniversary Classical Concert with Trio 56, a Soup and Pudding Lunch in Lewis (both in October 2024) and a 10th Anniversary Ceilidh in May 2025.

CVE Scotland participated in the 40acts initiative – 40 days, 40 acts and 40 opportunities to do something different at Lent. This generosity challenge was hosted by Stewardship and our daily challenge was featured nationally on 25 March 2025, to encourage and support local schools by sending in a thank-you card or handing in some staff room treats. The activity also generated donations to CVE Scotland by those who subscribed to the initiative.

The charity continues to seek new ways to support our work and this included raising funds on clothing recycling websites.

Financial review

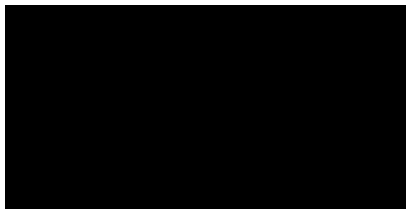
The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 6 to 9. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 6 reflects a surplus for the year of £14,129 (2024: deficit of £37,565). Total reserves, including restricted funds, amounted to £30,059 (2024: £15,930).

The Trustees are grateful for financial support from charitable trusts, churches and individual donors during the year.

Reserves

The Trustees seek to hold funds in reserve to cover six months' unrestricted salary costs plus one year's operating costs. Based on the budget for 2024/25 this amounted to £11,000. Reserves held at the year-end met this reserves target.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Christian Values in Education Project SCIO

Report of the Independent Examiner for the year ended 30 June 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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 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 (as amended). 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 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

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 (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

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.

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Date: 1 September 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Receipts							
Trust donations		-	-	-	6,000	11,000	17,000
Church donations		5,050	-	5,050	3,703	720	4,423
Individual donations		3,443	-	3,443	2,578	565	3,143
Gift aid on donations		1,062	-	1,062	-	-	-
Grants		27,100	(500)	26,600	-	-	-
Fundraising events		1,973	-	1,973	-	-	-
Resources income		45	-	45	43	-	43
Bank interest		496	-	496	747	-	747
Total receipts		39,169	(500)	38,669	13,071	12,285	25,356
Payments							
Salary costs		10,242	8,337	18,579	13,370	43,065	56,435
Other staff costs		329	-	329	-	-	-
Consulting fees		250	-	250	-	-	-
Fundraising expenses		262	-	262	-	-	-
IT Support		1,599	-	1,599	1,342	-	1,342
Insurance		777	-	777	751	-	751
Administration and IT costs		477	-	477	613	200	813
Publicity materials		916	-	916	762	-	762
Catering, conferences and travel		199	-	199	128	155	283
Memberships and subscriptions		232	-	232	125	-	125
Grants and donations	2	500	-	500	500	1,500	2,000
Independent examination		360	-	360	350	-	350
Bank charges		60	-	60	60	-	60
Total payments		16,203	8,337	24,540	18,001	44,920	62,921
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		22,966	(8,837)	14,129	(4,930)	(32,635)	(37,565)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	(5,936)	5,936	-
Surplus/(deficit) after transfers		22,966	(8,837)	14,129	(10,866)	(26,699)	(37,565)
Total funds brought forward		478	15,452	15,930	11,344	42,151	53,495
Total funds carried forward		23,444	6,615	30,059	478	15,452	15,930

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Balances

As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	Opening balance £	2025 Surplus for year £	Closing balance £	Opening balance £	2024 Deficit for year £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand							
Current accounts		15,930	14,129	30,059	53,495	(37,565)	15,930
Total cash at bank and in hand		15,930	14,129	30,059	53,495	(37,565)	15,930
Represented by:							
Unrestricted fund							
General fund	3			23,444			478
Restricted funds							
Chaplaincy project fund	4			2,615			4,500
Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund	4			-			10,952
Conference fund				4,000			-
Total funds				30,059			15,930
Statement of assets at 30 June				2025			2024
				£			£
Gift aid due				550			1,022
Conference deposit paid in advance				164			-
				714			1,022
Statement of liabilities at 30 June				2025			2024
				£			£
Grant to be returned				-			4,500
Independent examination fee				360			420
HMRC and pension costs due				457			1,939
				817			6,859

The financial statements on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the Trustees on 22 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

[Redacted Signature]
[Redacted Signature]

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 5, funds are defined as

Unrestricted funds comprise donations, grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Grants and donations

Grants and donations in the year include the following:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Scripture Union Scotland	500	500
Scottish Baptist College - bursary for students of Time for Reflection - Schools chaplaincy module	-	1,500
	<u>500</u>	<u>2,000</u>

3. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 30.6.25
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	478	39,169	(16,203)	-	23,444
Total unrestricted funds	<u>478</u>	<u>39,169</u>	<u>(16,203)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,444</u>

Explanation of funds

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

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4. Restricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30.6.25 £
Chaplaincy project fund	4,500	(4,500)	(5,731)	8,346	2,615
Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund	10,952	-	(2,606)	(8,346)	-
Conference fund	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Total restricted funds	15,452	(500)	(8,337)	-	6,615

Explanation of funds

The *Chaplaincy project fund* represents grants received to support the development of resources for Assembly/Religious Observance/Time for Reflection and Discussion. The £4,500 brought forward on this fund was returned to the funder due to the cancellation of the course at the Scottish Baptist College.

The *Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund* represents funding received and spent specifically on supporting the development of resources for RSHP teaching in schools. The remainder of funds were transferred this year to the Chaplaincy Project with the permission of the donor.

The *Conference fund* represents funding received towards the CVE conferences to be held in September and November 2025.

5. Trustee and related party remuneration and expenses

A subscription of £60 to the Association of Christian Teachers was paid by the charity on behalf of Sandra Sutherland during the year.

No other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity (2024: expenses of £163 were reimbursed to 2 trustees).

██████████ is employed by Scripture Union Scotland. CVE Scotland made a donation to that organisation of £500 as a thank you for their support.

6. Donated facilities, goods and services

We are most grateful for the support provided by Scripture Union Scotland with office space, HR and payroll services and for the provision of meeting space by The Harper Memorial Church and the Free Church of Scotland.