



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Edinburgh Tool Library
Other names charity is known by	ETL
Registered charity number	SC045162
Charity's principal address	

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			
2			
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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

The Edinburgh Tool Library (ETL) is a SCIO whose constitution is based upon a model provided by The Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited as needed, based upon their own skills and the skills needed by the board. Between 5 and 8 board members are required according to ETLs constitution, with a gender balance where possible. Recruitment is done by open advertisement and through our network of existing trustees, staff, volunteers, and members.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and the objectives are:

- to advance citizenship or community development
- to advance education

The area within which the organisation shall operate (in this constitution referred to as the 'Area of Benefit') shall be Edinburgh and the surrounding areas.

The organisation shall promote (but not promote exclusively) its activities and delivery operations to people within the 'Area of Benefit.' These people will be the organisation's beneficiaries.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

Activities, achievements, and performance have been combined in the below section.

Achievements and performance

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

- 2,853 members (+29% vs PY) at the end of March 2024
- 16,696 unique tool loans (+35% vs PY); £851k cost saving for members and 114 metric tonnes CO2 saved by sharing instead of buying.
- Ran 86 outreach sessions with charities including Upmo, Positive Paths, LGBT Health and Wellbeing, Held in Our Hearts, The Thistle Centre, Porty Pride, The Rock Trust, Edinburgh Garden Partners, The Hidden Door Festival, with 309 participants.
- We had our second set of results from our member survey. This indicated that ETL was improving in its diversity of its membership, both compared to the year 1 baseline survey and to representation in the general public. ETL has increased in diversity in terms of representation of women, the LGBT community, ethnic minorities, and disabled people.
- Retrofixers formalised the Draughtbusters group, visiting the homes of people in fuel poverty to make their homes cosier and save them money.
- 230 participants of our Cycle Kitchen service, learning bike repair skills from qualified bike mechanics.
- Organised 14 successful Repair Café events at venues across Edinburgh.
- Completed 2 Volunteer Assembly projects (community builds) with Royal High Primary School and Towerbank Primary School
- Celebrated “Ten Years of Sharing” for our tenth anniversary, with ten events, including a reception at the Scottish Parliament, an exhibition of our work, a ceilidh and multiple free classes and opportunities for public engagement.

Key Changes Related to Staff and People

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves	The charity operates a 3-month reserves policy.
Details of any deficit	<p>ETL recorded a deficit of £31,506 for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.</p> <p>This deficit can primarily be accounted for by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Timing of income receipts - there were restricted grants received in March 2024 totalling £34,446 which were primarily used for expenditure in the reported financial period.2) In the reported financial period, there was a drop in grant funding which was not offset by the growth in membership income. <p>The Board continue to monitor the financial position of ETL regularly.</p>
Donated facilities and services (if any)	Our premises at Meadowbank is provided through Places for People on a rent-free basis for another three years (up until September 2027) years, saving approximately £11k a year.

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)	Treasurer	Director
Date	22/12/2025	22/12/2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Donations	1,248		1,248	9,139
Grants	1,979	85,272	87,251	114,538
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	87,948		87,948	69,386
	91,175	85,272	176,447	193,063
Total receipts	91,175	85,272	176,447	193,063
	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	109,796	97,958	207,754	147,335
	109,796	97,958	207,754	147,335
	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Payments relating to asset and investment movements	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Purchases of fixed assets	200		200	1,495
	200		200	1,495
Total payments	109,996	97,958	207,954	148,830
Net receipts / (payments)	(18,821)	(12,686)	(31,507)	44,232
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(18,821)	(12,686)	(31,507)	44,232

Section B Statement of balances

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Cash and bank balances at start of year	42,489	40,326	82,815	38,583
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(18,821)	(12,686)	(31,507)	44,232
Cash and bank balances at end of year	23,668	27,640	51,308	82,815
Other assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Tools available for lending	49,859		49,859	39,312
Workshop tools - Leith	2,406		2,406	3,557
Workshop tools - Portobello	1,608		1,608	3,541
Vehicle	5,500		5,500	5,500
	59,373		59,373	51,910
Total assets	83,041	27,640	110,681	134,725
Total net assets	83,041	27,640	110,681	134,725

The Trustees are responsible for:

- preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK accounting standards.
- ensuring the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.
- keeping adequate accounting records.
- safeguarding the charity's assets and prevent fraud or other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Date
22/12/2025
22/12/2025

Section C Notes to the accounts

Nature and purpose of funds
As stated in Section E and Section F.

Trustee remuneration
The Director's salary is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Trustee expenses
If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b) X X

				2025	2025
				£	£
Transactions with trustees and connected persons	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount	Balance outstanding	
	Treasurer	Membership fee	35		
			35		

Section D Additional analysis (1) - Analysis of receipts and payments

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Paypal donations from members and supporters	1,020		1,020	4,239
Other donations	228		228	4,900
	1,248		1,248	9,139

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Grants	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
003 Places for People (2)				3,667
004 Places for People (1)				1,833
005 Porty Community Energy				5,000
006 Cycle Kitchen Foundation Scotland				3,905
007 City of Edinburgh Council (1)				1,788
008 Edinburgh Community Solar				1,750
009 CEC: BBF				7,593
010 Impact Funding Partners		23,146	23,146	15,310
011 Tudor Trust				31,000
012 Scottish Community Alliance				352
014 Safe Deposits Scotland				2,000
015 Foundation Scotland TFL				2,930
016 Ponton House Trust				2,964
017 SGN: Cosy Homes		9,693	9,693	6,462
018 The Scottish Library & Information Council				26,984
019 Dr Guthrie's Association				1,000
021 Agnes Hunter BBF		9,621	9,621	
022 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN		360	360	
023 Granton Satellite ECCAN		10,000	10,000	
027 Navigator Trust	1,000		1,000	
028 Central Roofing and Building	979		979	
029 CEC: Cosy Homes		2,500	2,500	
030 Action Porty		3,675	3,675	
031 CEC: ETL10		4,813	4,813	
032 UOE: ETL10		1,553	1,553	
033 NL: TFL		12,536	12,536	
034 Wester Hailes Satellite		4,000	4,000	
037 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN		375	375	
038 Fee grant ECCAN		3,000	3,000	
	1,979	85,272	87,251	114,538

Grants are sorted by the initial date that funding was received. Subsequent receipts do not represent a new grant.

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Membership	68,950		68,950	49,320
ETL Makes	108		108	718
Classes	8,138		8,138	2,604
Consultancy	5,749		5,749	10,583
Collaborations	5,003		5,003	2,498
Events				2,664
Corporate & Collaborative Income				1,000
	87,948		87,948	69,386

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
Staff costs internal wages	57,851	54,676	112,527	87,226
Staff costs internal other	947	1,785	2,732	3,920
Staff costs external	4,543	25,908	30,451	16,975
Professional services	1,538	2,526	4,064	3,398
Land and buildings	30,777	2,652	33,429	25,010
Operational expenses	5,276	708	5,984	1,982
Marketing and promotion	2,407	964	3,371	1,820
Charitable costs	4,033	6,750	10,783	
Material costs and petty cash payments	2,424	1,989	4,413	7,003
	109,796	97,958	207,754	147,335

Prior year figures have been re-categorised.

Section E Additional analysis (2) - Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	£	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Total	Total
Donations	1,248	1,248	9,139
Grants	1,979	1,979	31,000
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	87,948	87,948	69,386
	91,175	91,175	109,525
Total receipts	91,175	91,175	109,525

	£	2025 £	2024 £
Payments	Unrestricted funds	Total	Total
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	109,796	109,796	82,016
	109,796	109,796	82,016

	£	2025 £	2024 £
Payments relating to asset and investment movements	Unrestricted funds	Total	Total
Purchases of fixed assets	200	200	1,495
	200	200	1,495
Total payments	109,996	109,996	83,512
Net receipts / (payments)	(18,821)	(18,821)	26,013
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(18,821)	(18,821)	26,013

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds go towards any expenses that support the core activities of the organisation.

Section F Additional analysis (3) - Breakdown of restricted funds

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	001 Leith Chooses 2023: Solar LFL	002 The National Lottery	004 Places for People (1)	003 Places for People (2)
Brought forward				
	207	608	224	157
Receipts				
Total receipts				
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	207	608	224	157
	207	608	224	157
Total payments	207	608	224	157
Net receipts / (payments)	(207)	(608)	(224)	(157)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(207)	(608)	(224)	(157)
Carried forward				

Nature and purpose of funds

Brought forward

001 Leith Chooses 2023: Solar LFL - to fund building two solar powered little free libraries.

002 The National Lottery - to fund the Tools For Life programme for 1 year.

004 Places for People (1) - to fund Tools For Equity, working with Polish and Ukrainian people who are social isolated and in receipt of counselling services from Feniks.

003 Places for People (2) - as above.

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	005 Porty Community Energy	006 Cycle Kitchen Foundation Scotland	007 City of Edinburgh Council (1)	008 Edinburgh Community Solar
Brought forward				
	10	2,119	189	187
Receipts				
Total receipts				
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	10	2,119	189	187
	10	2,119	189	187
Total payments	10	2,119	189	187
Net receipts / (payments)	(10)	(2,119)	(189)	(187)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(10)	(2,119)	(189)	(187)
Carried forward				

Nature and purpose of funds

Brought forward

005 Porty Community Energy - to fund our Cosy Homes workshops, a collaboration with PCE to teach about the benefits of insulation and draught proofing.

006 Cycle Kitchen Foundation Scotland - to fund launching our own Cycle Kitchen and supporting the training of volunteers to run the sessions.

007 City of Edinburgh Council (1) - to fund the costs of building a Little Free Beach Library for Portobello Promenade, reducing plastic beach waste and sharing toys and books.

008 Edinburgh Community Solar - to fund workshops in Granton building an outdoor kitchen with a local women's group.

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	009 CEC: BBF	010 Impact Funding Partners	011 Tudor Trust	012 Scottish Community Alliance
Brought forward				
	10,195	259	287	102
Receipts				
Grants		23,146		
		23,146		
Total receipts		23,146		
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8,500	20,840	287	102
	8,500	20,840	287	102
Total payments	8,500	20,840	287	102
Net receipts / (payments)	(8,500)	2,306	(287)	(102)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(8,500)	2,306	(287)	(102)
Carried forward				
	1,695	2,565		

Nature and purpose of funds

Brought forward

009 CEC: BBF - to fund 3 cohorts of the Building Better Futures programme, working with disabled people, teaching skills, bringing people together to build collaboratively.
010 Impact Funding Partners - to fund a series of workshops in partnership with LGBT Health and Wellbeing, to make workshop spaces and the skills learned in them, more accessible to the LGBTQ+ community.
011 Tudor Trust -to fund core expenses of workshop management costs at ETL.
012 Scottish Community Alliance - to fund a learning visit to the Selkirk Repairmongery.

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	014 Safe Deposits Scotland	015 Foundation Scotland TFL	016 Ponton House Trust	017 SGN: Cosy Homes
Brought forward				
	2,000	1,161	1,355	6,462
Receipts				
Grants				9,693
				9,693
Total receipts				9,693
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,000	1,161	1,355	16,155
	2,000	1,161	1,355	16,155
Total payments	2,000	1,161	1,355	16,155
Net receipts / (payments)	(2,000)	(1,161)	(1,355)	(6,462)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,000)	(1,161)	(1,355)	(6,462)
Carried forward				

Nature and purpose of funds

Brought forward

014 Safe Deposits Scotland - to fund training for draught proofing volunteers, including visits to homes of people in fuel poverty to make their homes better insulated.
015 Foundation Scotland TFL - to fund running cohort one of Tools For Life, our youth training programme.
016 Ponton House Trust - to fund one cohort of our Building Better Futures programme, working with disabled people, teaching skills and bringing people together to build something collaboratively.
017 SGN: Cosy Homes - to fund running a skills building programme of energy saving surgeries and draught proofing workshops.

Current period

017 SGN: Cosy Homes - to fund a series of Cosy Homes workshops and Energy Saving Surgeries and access to fuel vouchers

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	018 The Scottish Library & Information Council	019 Dr Guthrie's Association	021 Agnes Hunter BBF	022 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN
Brought forward	26,984	1,000		
Receipts				
Grants			9,621	360
			9,621	360
Total receipts			9,621	360
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	22,140	1,000	2,383	360
	22,140	1,000	2,383	360
Total payments	22,140	1,000	2,383	360
Net receipts / (payments)	(22,140)	(1,000)	7,238	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(22,140)	(1,000)	7,238	
Carried forward	4,844		7,238	

Nature and purpose of funds

Brought forward

018 The Scottish Library & Information Council - to fund the role of Tool Libraries Manager, developing new systems and training for the library side of ETL.

019 Dr Guthrie's Association - to fund the outreach programme - Tools 4 Life.

Current period

021 Agnes Hunter BBF - to fund building Better Futures sessions and series of open sessions for members with disabilities.

022 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN - to fund Velotech Bronze course for a volunteer.

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	023 Granton Satellite ECCAN	029 CEC: Cosy Homes	030 Action Porty	031 CEC: ETL10
Brought forward				
Receipts				
Grants	10,000	2,500	3,675	4,813
	10,000	2,500	3,675	4,813
Total receipts	10,000	2,500	3,675	4,813
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,665	1,264	2,413	4,813
	5,665	1,264	2,413	4,813
Total payments	5,665	1,264	2,413	4,813
Net receipts / (payments)	4,335	1,236	1,262	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,335	1,236	1,262	
Carried forward	4,335	1,236	1,262	

Nature and purpose of funds

Current period

023 Granton Satellite ECCAN - to fund the hub and Granton satellite infrastructure costs.

029 CEC: Cosy Homes - to fund additional Cosy Homes workshops (10 draught proofing training courses).

030 Action Porty - to fund repairmongery pilot in Porty and Craigmillar

031 CEC: ETL10 - to fund 10 years celebration / series of public events.

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	032 UOE: ETL10	033: NL: TFL	034: Wester Hailes Satellite	037 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN
Brought forward				
Receipts				
Grants	1,553	12,536	4,000	375
	1,553	12,536	4,000	375
Total receipts	1,553	12,536	4,000	375
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,553	1,966	300	
	1,553	1,966	300	
Total payments	1,553	1,966	300	
Net receipts / (payments)		10,570	3,700	375
Surplus / (deficit) for year		10,570	3,700	375
Carried forward		10,570	3,700	375

Nature and purpose of funds

Current period

032 UOE: ETL10 - to fund event costs for 10 years of Sharing Exhibition and Parliamentary reception.

033: NL: TFL - to fund the outreach programme - Tools 4 Life.

034: Wester Hailes Satellite - to fund the launch of satellite hub in Wester Hailes.

037 Cycle Kitchen ECCAN - to fund bike mechanic training of the cycle kitchen volunteer.

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
	038 Fee grant ECCAN	Total	
Brought forward		40,326	
Receipts			
Grants	3,000	85,272	83,538
	3,000	85,272	83,538
Total receipts	3,000	85,272	83,538
Payments			
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		97,958	65,319
		97,958	65,319
Total payments		97,958	65,319
Net receipts / (payments)	3,000	(12,686)	18,219
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,000	(12,686)	18,219
Carried forward	3,000	27,640	

Nature and purpose of funds

Current period

038 Fee grant ECCAN - to fund ETL membership fees.

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	The Edinburgh Tool Library							
Registered charity number	SC045162							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	April	2024	to	31	March	2025	
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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 (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 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	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 							
Signed:					Date:	19/12/2025		
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants							
Address:								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose