

Trustees Annual Report
for
j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO
for the period
to 30th April 2024



Scottish Charity No: SC045538

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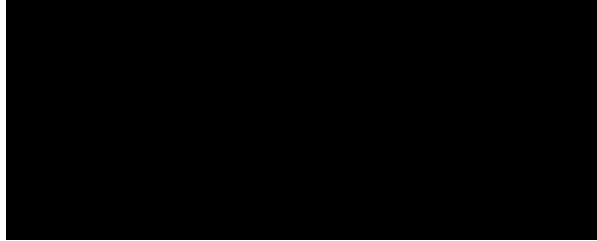
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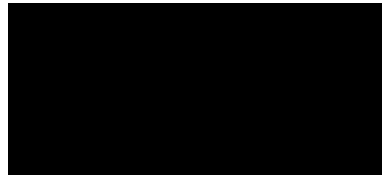
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The Charities Principal Address:



Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

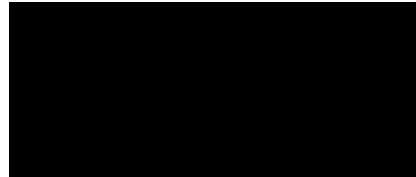
Chairperson
Trustee
Trustee



Names of other trustees during the period:

There were none

Independent Examiner:



Bankers:

Virgin Money formerly Clydesdale Bank
56 Murray Place
STIRLING
FK8 2BX

Virgin Money
(On line Deposit Savings Account)

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

j8 Educational Partnership is a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which was granted charitable status on 8th April 2015 and is governed by its constitution.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

At each AGM, all of the charity trustees must retire from office - but may then be re-elected under clause 27. A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -

- 1.1 he/she/it advises the Board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she/it does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
- 1.2 an election process was held at the AGM and he/she/it was not among those elected/re-elected through that process; or
- 1.3 a resolution under sub-clauses 28.5, 28.6, 28.7, 28.8 was put to the AGM and was carried.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments(Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO are the following:-

- The advancement of education

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

To advance education through research by school pupils into the barriers to education within specific communities in the developing world, additionally to research solutions and to then take appropriate action to reduce these barriers.

Achievement & Performance for 2023

j8 Educational Partnership's charitable purpose is the advancement of education, initially through research by school students within specific communities in low-income countries into the local barriers to education, and their solutions, so that appropriate action can be taken to reduce these barriers. j8 links schools in the UK with these specific schools in low-income countries in order that they can work in partnership to increase the opportunities for education in those communities.

With this in mind during this reporting period:

Partnership activities have been active between schools in the UK and schools in lower-income countries.

These schools are:

UK secondary schools

- ❖ Hutchesons' Grammar School

UK primary schools

- ❖ Battlefield PS, Glasgow
- ❖ Alexander Peden PS, Harthill
- ❖ Burgh PS, Rutherglen

Malawi secondary schools

- Liwonde Secondary School, Liwonde, Malawi
- Katoto high School, Mzuzu, Malawi
- Namandanje secondary school, Namandanje
- Chingale Secondary School, Chingale

Malawi primary schools

- Beehive school, Mzuzu
- Chipwela PS, Chitipa
- Chingale PS, Chingale
- Edundu PS, Edundu
- Liwonde PS, Liwonde
- Mombe PS, Mombe

India secondary school

- Dr N.S.A.M. High School, Nitte, India

Achievement & Performance cont'd

During this school year the secondary school groups have linked up with their counterparts in Malawi in order to compare the main barriers to a successful education for all children and take measures to increase such access.

To that end:

1. Secondary students in Hutchie and Chingale took part in the Hutchie Challenge, an investigation into the main barriers to successful education in their area. The focus of these investigations was specifically on the importance of gender in accessing education.
2. Secondary students set up new literacy links with two PS and continued their links with one existing PS.
3. Because many families in the four Malawi communities are unable to afford school fees, three j8 secondary groups worked with their counterparts to identify appropriate students worthy of scholarships. Because of extreme poverty in Chingale, one group also raised money for those in the PS class link who did not have a uniform.
4. The secondary students took part in fundraising activities, including the repackaging and selling of Malawian coffee.
5. The secondary students worked with their local PS to set up and manage Literacy Links between the PS here and their partner primary schools in Malawi. Literacy links were started in 2021, as improved literacy was identified as a significant way of increasing the attainment of the children in all the schools, and increasing their interest levels. The difficulties identified last year were managed better this year, although printing letters in Malawi remains challenging.

FINANCES 2023/24

Students found it difficult to engage in fundraising activities this year, chiefly because of exam pressure. No external funding has been obtained, nor have there been any donations. School fees in Malawi continue to rise at a rapid rate and the Malawian kwacha has been devalued more than once.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

The reserves at the end of the year were £10,710 (2022: £12,234). The charity has no employees or buildings which has meant that the trustees have decided that no formal reserves policy is in place, however, the trustees will continue to monitor as the charity grows.

Investment Policy:

The trustees have a duty to seek out suitable sources of income generation. The trustees also consider that it is prudent to accumulate funds for reserves to carry out the charity's aims and meet their annual obligations for Student fees.

The Trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity. To meet these ends the Trustees have invested £10,000 in a deposit savings account with Virgin Money which accumulates interest to increase the current reserves.

Details of any deficit:

There was a financial deficit this year, the Trustees will continue to monitor the balances going forward.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Chairperson

Dated:

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 30th April 2024

| | Notes | Un Restricted | Restricted Funds | Total 2024 | Total 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 1 | 0.88 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 0.00 |
| Grants | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fundraising Income | 2 | 592.00 | 0.00 | 592.00 | 5,079.47 |
| Bank Interest | | 305.31 | 0.00 | 305.31 | 264.43 |
| Total Receipts | | 898.19 | 0.00 | 898.19 | 5,343.90 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Expenses from Charitable Activities | 3 | 2,028.38 | 0.00 | 2,028.38 | 2,664.27 |
| Expenses from Fundraising Activities | 4 | 154.59 | 0.00 | 154.59 | 685.37 |
| Independent Examination | | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 125.00 |
| Total Payments | | 2,332.97 | 0.00 | 2,332.97 | 3,474.64 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | | (1,434.78) | 0.00 | (1,434.78) | 1,869.26 |
| Transfer between Funds | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for Year | | (1,434.78) | 0.00 | (1,434.78) | 1,869.26 |

| Statement of Balances as at 30 th April 2024 | Un Restricted | Restricted Funds | Total 2024 | Total 2023 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balances at Start of Year | 12,145.18 | 0.00 | 12,145.18 | 10,275.92 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for Year | (1,434.78) | 0.00 | (1,434.78) | 1,869.26 |
| Balances at End of Year | 10,710.40 | 0.00 | 10,710.40 | 12,145.18 |

Other Assets

No Other Assets Held

Liabilities

No Outstanding Liabilities

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....
Treasurer

Dated.....

Notes to the Accounts

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Donations | | | | |
| MasterCard | 0.88 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 0.00 |
| | <u>0.88</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.88</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

2 Fundraising Income

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| S1 & Thornliebank PS Events | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 197.00 |
| Hamper Raffle | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 255.00 |
| Sponsored Row | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,152.00 |
| Tote Bags | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 90.42 |
| Cambridge Students | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 794.03 |
| Winter Fair | 240.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 | 0.00 |
| Coffee Sales & Cake & Tombola | 352.00 | 0.00 | 352.00 | 1,591.02 |
| | <u>592.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>592.00</u> | <u>5,079.47</u> |

3 Expenses from Charitable Activities

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Website | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 |
| Student Fees | 974.97 | 0.00 | 974.97 | 2,000.64 |
| Uniforms & Books | 801.98 | 0.00 | 801.98 | 325.24 |
| Scanning & Printing | 192.93 | 0.00 | 192.93 | 123.39 |
| Tanzania Passport | 58.50 | 0.00 | 58.50 | 0.00 |
| Heat Sealer & Classroom Benches | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.99 |
| | <u>2,028.38</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>2,028.38</u> | <u>2,664.27</u> |

4 Expenses from Fundraising Activities

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Coffee & Other Expenses | 154.59 | 0.00 | 154.59 | 490.00 |
| Prizes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 195.37 |
| | <u>154.59</u> | <u>00.00</u> | <u>154.59</u> | <u>685.37</u> |

Notes to the Accountants cont'd

5 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

6 Nature & Purpose of Funds

General/Unrestricted Funds - Funds that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds – There are no restricted funds to carry forward.

The Charities funds are unrestricted and made up as follows:

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Virgin Business Account | 1,089.52 | 0.00 | |
| M-Plus Current Account | 6.81 | 0.00 | |
| M-Plus Saver Account | 9,614.07 | 0.00 | |
| Total | 10,710.40 | 0.00 | 10,710.40 |

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO
Registered charity number SC045538
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 30th April 2024
Set out on Pages 8 to 10

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 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. 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

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, 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

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

Signed:



Date:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

ACIE & Dip Business & Finance

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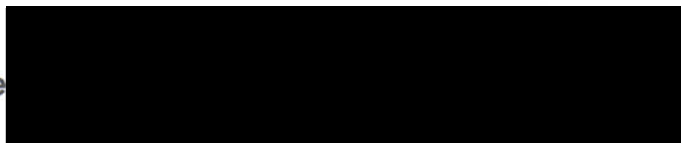
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Signature



Date: 7 August 24

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Dated 06.08.24.....

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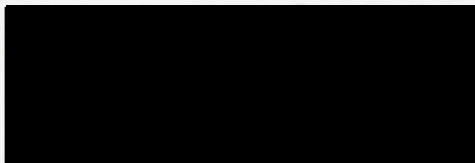
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Chairperson

Dated: 5th August, 2024