

Literature Alliance Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC046387

Details

Known as	LAS
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2016-03-04
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	c/o Scottish Book Trust Sandeman House Trunk's Close 55 High Street Edinburgh EH1 1SR
Website	http://www.literaturealliancescotland.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education'

What the charity does: 1. Fostering creative excellence in all written, spoken and broadcast language media in Scotland. 2. Encouraging awareness of contemporary literature and oral literature traditions in all languages of Scotland and in all sectors of society. 3. Increasing knowledge of Scotland's literary heritage. 4. Advancing education in formal and informal settings by these means. 5. Promoting writers and writing in their local, national and international contexts. 6. Advancing publishing in Scotland as a vital part of our literary, educational and cultural infrastructure

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','People with a particular ethnic or racial origin','Other defined groups','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The organisation's purpose is to advance arts, culture and heritage through the practice and dissemination of literature, by 1. Fostering creative excellence in all written, spoken and broadcast language media in Scotland. 2. Encouraging awareness of contemporary literature and oral literary traditions in all the languages of Scotland and in all sectors of society. 3. Increasing knowledge of Scotland's literary heritage. 4. Advancing education in formal and informal settings by these means. 5. Promoting writers and writing in their local, national and international contexts. 6. Advancing publishing in Scotland as a vital part of our literary, educational and cultural infrastructure.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,897	£14,622	-	0
2024-03-31	£49,047	£43,329	-	0
2023-03-31	£47,407	£43,297	-	1
2022-03-31	£37,459	£31,360	-	1
2021-03-31	£600	£27,620	-	1

Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2025

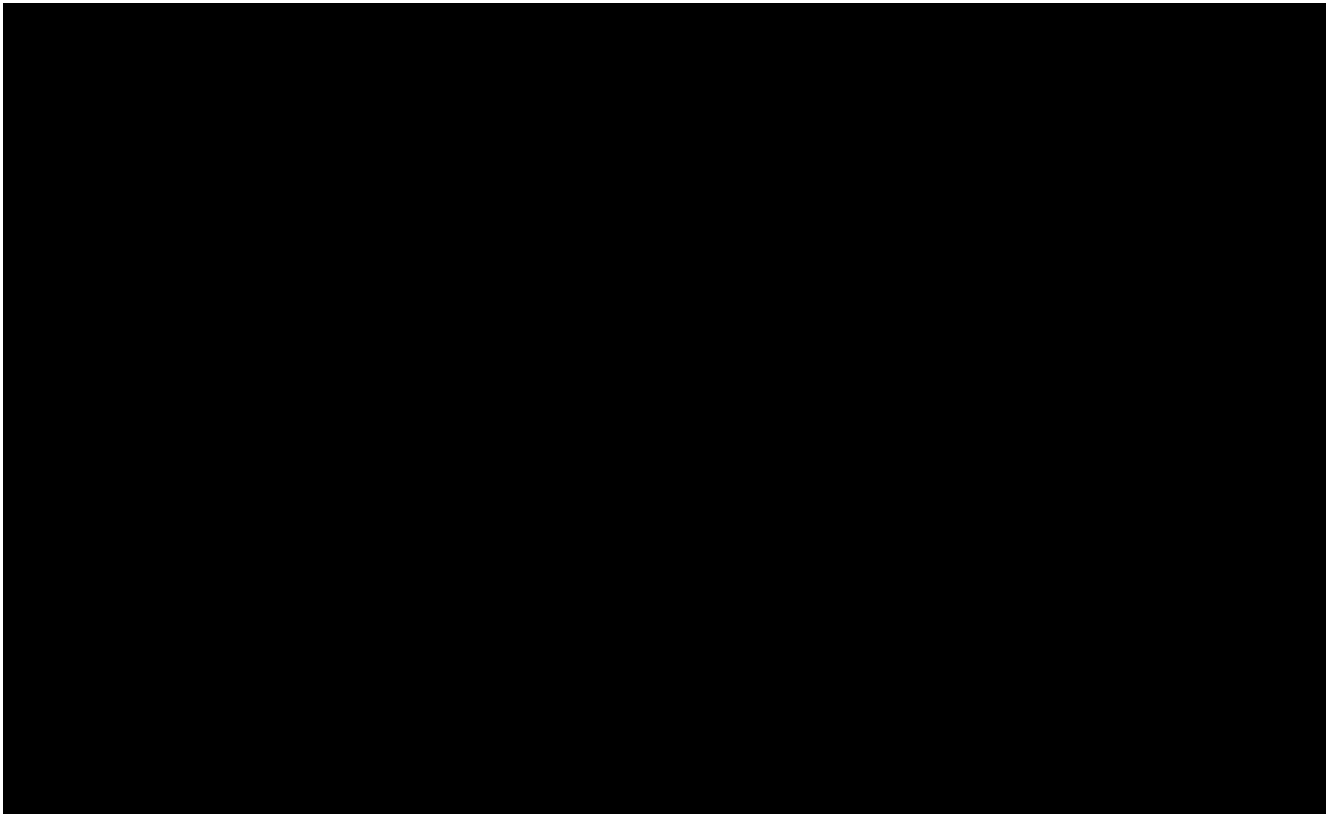
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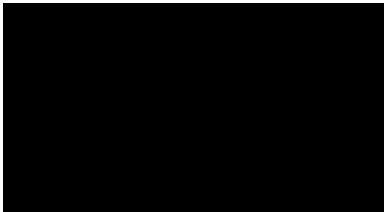
Charity Information
As at 31 March 2025

Charity name	Literature Alliance Scotland
Charity registration number	SC046387

Trustees	Date Appointed	Resigned
As at 29th October 2025		



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Structure, Governance and Management
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Constitution

Literature Alliance Scotland (LAS) became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO) on 4th March 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held in each calendar year, or may be elected or appointed at other times as described in the charity's constitution

Charitable purposes

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Literature Alliance Scotland Achievements and Performance: April 2024 – March 2025

Literature Alliance Scotland (LAS) is a membership network and the sector development body for literature organisations in Scotland. Our membership of over 30 Members and Network Associates brings together all parts of the literature ecosystem, including writers, publishers, educators, librarians, professional bodies and national cultural bodies. Our annual programmes bring our membership and the broader sector together to support advocacy, collaborations, networking and professional development.

The final projects of our 2023-24 "Building Resilience" programme - a series of training sessions focusing on the work of writers in pastoral care settings - were delivered in April and May of 2024, and we had applied to Creative Scotland's Open Fund for Organisations, for an 18-month programme entitled "Creating a Fairer Sector", to run from July 2024 to December 2025.

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In May 2024, it came to light that a document had been published on the organisation's website that contained wording that did not align with the standards of a charitable and membership organisation. The document had been drafted under the auspices of the Writers' Advisory Group 2023-24, but it had not been approved by the Board of Trustees, which would have been the usual procedure for any published resource. At the time, the administrative capacity of LAS was greatly reduced due to illness. The Trustees had the document removed as quickly as possible and accepted full responsibility for the oversight that led to its publication.

Several Trustees resigned for various professional and personal reasons during the year. A special members' meeting was held in August 2024 to elect two new Trustees, and two more Trustees have since joined the Board. It has taken time to re-establish a programme of work for the remainder of the 18-month funding period, with some changes from the original plans, but the new Writer Bursaries for work-in-progress awarded in August 2025 through a lottery selection process have been well received, and the appointment of a Transformation Manager at the end of March 2025 has allowed us to align our programme with the needs of our members and of the literature sector. Other aspects of our current and future programmes are described under "Forward Strategy" below.

Financial Review

We secured funding of £65,344 from Creative Scotland's Open Fund for Organisations for the 18-month programme entitled "Creating a Fairer Sector", which runs to the end of December 2025. Other income came from membership fees. All monies are treated as unrestricted funds.

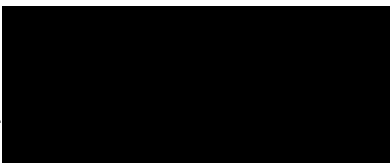
Forward Strategy

An application to Creative Scotland's Open Fund for Organisations was submitted in early October 2025 for "Developing Our Collective Voice", a 12-month programme of activity and organisational development to be delivered from May 2026. It will see LAS continue to build and resource its membership and provide strategic training and networking opportunities for literature professionals across Scotland, including; writer bursaries, online and in-person events, a pilot for travel bursaries, a coaching partnership and reviving the Scottish Book Festivals network. This sits within the framework of a 5-year plan for LAS' ongoing development as a network. Provision has been made in our plans for future periods for recruitment of the staff who will be required to administer and deliver the new programme.

Reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to review the reserves of the charity on a periodic basis and at least annually. It has been agreed that 50% of the membership fees will be held in an interest-bearing account. As of 31 March 2025, the reserves stood at £61226

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Chair

Literature Alliance Scotland

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Balance Sheet

	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at Bank and in Hand	61226	13951
Total Current Assets	61226	13951
 Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
Accruals/deferred income	0	0
Total Assets less Current	61226	13951
 Funds of the Charity		
General funds	13951	8233
Surplus/Deficit	47275	5718
	61226	13951

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants	60108	0	60108	46704
Receipts from charitable activities - Membership fees	1705	0	1705	2280
Other income	84	0	84	63
Total income for year ending 31st March 2025	61897	-	61897	49047
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Fundraising costs	14622	-	14622	43329
Cost of charitable activities	14622	-	14622	43329
Governance costs	0	-	0	0
Total payments	14622	-	14622	43329
Surplus/(Deficit for the year	47275	-	47275	5718

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1. Basis of accounting

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

3. Related party transactions

There were no expenses reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2024-2025 - nil).

4 Grants received	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Creative Scotland	60,108	60,108	46,704
	<u>60,108</u>	<u>60,108</u>	<u>46,704</u>

5.Receipt from charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Membership fees	1,705	1,705	2,280
Other Income	84	84	63
	<u>1,789</u>	<u>1,789</u>	<u>2,343</u>

6. Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Personnel	4,860	4,860	29,855
Project & Finance Management	1,250	1,250	700
Programme costs	4,936	4,936	11,513
Website hosting & maintenance	582	582	435
Professional Development/networking	2,085	2,085	33
Miscellaneous cost	850	850	500
Sponsorship	0	0	0
Print costs	0	0	0
Subscriptions	0	0	233
Bank charges	60	60	60
	<u>14,622</u>	<u>14,622</u>	<u>43,329</u>

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Board costs	0	0	0
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>