

Sufi Festivals

Scotland · Charity number SC047975

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-12-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	59 Kingspark Road G44 4SY
Website	www.sufifestival.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education','the advancement of religion','the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science','the promotion of religious or racial harmony','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The charity is set up to help run a religious festival which helps raise funds for specific projects.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4 The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are:
4.1 The advancement of education by means of, but not exclusively, through the provision or facilitation of educational activities, workshops, training seminars, lectures, exhibitions, conferences, festivals, gatherings and other activities as determined from time to time by the Trustees. 4.2 The advancement of religion by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or facilitation of educational activities, workshops, training seminars, conferences, festivals, gatherings and other activities as determined from time to time by the Trustees in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Qu'ran and the Sunnah of Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him), conforming to the interpretations and accepted views of the Ahle Sunnah Wa Al-Jammah who respect all of the companions of Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him), who follow one of the four recognised major schools of Islamic Law and who accept Tasawwuf (Sufism) to be an important aspect of Islamic teaching. 4.3 The advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science by means of, but not exclusively, through the provision or facilitation of educational activities, workshops, training seminars, lectures, exhibitions, conferences, festivals, gatherings and other activities as determined from time to time by the Trustees. 4.4 The promotion of religious or racial harmony by means of, but not exclusively, through the provision or facilitation of educational activities, workshops, training seminars, lectures, exhibitions,

conferences, festivals, gatherings and other activities as determined from time to time by the Trustees 4.5 The relief of those in need including those experiencing financial hardship, distress and suffering particularly amongst poor people and other people in need, by means of, but not exclusively, through making grants or loans to provide or pay for items, equipment, services and facilities, including the provision or assistance in the provision of food and clothing for the benefit of the public

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£105,018	£59,721	-	0
2023-12-31	£75,631	£48,442	-	0
2022-12-31	£72,438	£80,603	-	0
2021-12-31	£0	£3,369	-	0
2020-12-31	£28,875	£7,261	-	0

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Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended
31st December 2024
FOR
SUFİ FESTİVALS**

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Receipts and payments accounts
For the Year ended 31st December 2024
Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Receipts						
Donations		6,654			6,654	8,551
Legacies					-	-
Grants		61,674			61,674	10,000
Receipts from fundraising activities		34,777			34,777	57,080
Gross trading receipts		1,913			1,913	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Total receipts	-	105,018	-	-	105,018	75,631
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities		59,361			59,361	46,751
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	-
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	360				360	330
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
Sub total	360	59,361	-	-	59,721	47,081
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	1,361
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	1,361
Total payments	360	59,361	-	-	59,721	48,442
Net receipts / (payments)	(360)	45,658	-	-	45,298	27,189
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(360)	45,658	-	-	45,298	27,189

Notes to the Accounts

Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Sufi Festival Project.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Grants				
			Total	-

Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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	Authority under which paid	£
Trustee remuneration - details		

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

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Action for Humanity					-	7,500
Rainbow Muslim Womens Group					-	1,051
Just Giving		6,654			6,654	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	6,654	-	-	6,654	8,551

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector		10,000	10,000	10,000
Creative Scotland		51,674	51,674	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	61,674	61,674	10,000

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Festival Expenses		12,815			12,815	14,778
Marketing & Promotions		12,869			12,869	5,727
Meeting Costs		40			40	43
Sundry		3			3	-
Post and Stationery		309			309	472
Professional fees		1,300			1,300	2,040
Travel		2,070			2,070	6,650
Donations		29,955			29,955	17,041
					-	
Total	-	59,361	-	-	59,361	46,751

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFİ FESTIVALS**

I report on the accounts of Sufi Festivals for the year ended 31 December 2024, which compromise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the charities and trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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'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 accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (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 seeking explanations from you as 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

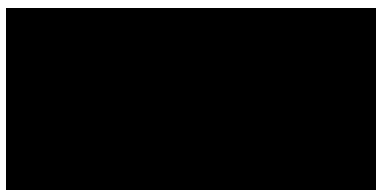
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 8 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.

Furthermore, I would advise that I have no concerns regarding the cash and bank position of the charity.



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Date. **15 September 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 31 December 2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Sufi Festivals
Other names charity is known by	Sufi Festival
Registered charity number	SC047975
Charity's principal address	59 Kingspark Road Glasgow G44 4SY

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	Chair		
	Treasurer		
	Secretary		

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

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was granted charitable status on 5th December 2017. The charity is governed by a constitution that was agreed upon at the establishment of the charity.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board, which normally meets on a quarterly basis, are the charity's trustees. Charity Trusteeship is open to

- 1) Any person aged 18 or over
- 2) Any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated organisation and/or
- 3) Any corporate body.

Any person, nominated individual, or body who/which wishes to become a Charity Trustee must sign a written application for Charity Trusteeship. Each application will then be

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considered by the board at its next Board meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person, nominated individual or corporate body, or veto the proposed authorised officer acting as a representative of a corporate body, to Charity Trusteeship.

The board may at any time appoint any non-member of the organisation to be a charity trustee on the basis that he/she has specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the board.

Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees will be deemed to have been re-elected at an AGM unless he/she advises the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee, or an election process was held at the AGM and he/she was not among those elected/re-elected through that process, or, a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Charity; the day-to-day responsibility for the running of the charity resides with the Chair.

Objectives: Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, the promotion of religious or racial harmony and the relief of those in need.

Activities

Project 1 - Turkiye – Syria Earthquake Project

Partnering with [Action For Humanity](#), a leading UK charity with regional reach to the areas affected by the earthquakes, working with AFH we have been able to deliver support to people impacted by the earthquakes.

The project has been implemented in different stages with direct aid support mainly completed in 2023 covering food pack distribution, orphan sponsorship and funding to build 5 homes benefiting 35 people.

In 2024 work commenced on building a new camp, towards which we have secured funding to build 14 homes potentially benefiting 98 people. The work on the camp has been ongoing and is scheduled to be fully completed in 2025. We have managed to distribute food and provide support to orphan children in 2024.

Project 2 - Pledge for GAZA Campaign

[Gaza Humanitarian Fundraiser](#) – 20th July 2024 - in response to the devastation caused by the war upon the Palestinian people in Gaza. The concert formed part of the 'Pledge for GAZA' campaign to bring support to alleviate some of the suffering. The concert featured

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leading UK and Canadian Islamic artists including [REDACTED], all the way from Pakistan

Partnering with [Action For Humanity](#), a leading UK charity with regional reach to the areas impacted. Working with AFH we have been able to contribute towards a project to establish a shelter camp in Deir Al-Balah, GAZA, Palestine, to provide safe and dignified housing for 50 displaced families affected by the war which has been ongoing since October 2023

Project 3 – Sufi Arts Programme

As part of Scottish Government's Community Mental Health Wellbeing (CMHWB) funding, through GCVS's Glasgow Wellbeing Fund, we delivered a range of participatory arts activities attended by a wide range of audiences.

Future Activities

- The 2025 Sufi Festival weekend
- Sufi Arts Hub programme of arts activities

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

By delivering the programme of activities we have directly fulfilled our charitable aims and met all our organisational core goals, which are:

- Sharing of cultural experiences and heritage between different communities, ethnicities and faiths
- Bringing Islamic art and culture to new audiences
- Bringing communities together
- Combating Islamophobia and negative stereotypes
- Improving access to the arts for the Muslim community

Volunteering

As an entirely volunteer led organisation, we are firmly committed to ensuring that everyone that volunteers with Sufi Festival finds the experience positive, enjoyable and gives them an opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge.

With the dedication of our volunteers, we have delivered an incredibly successful fundraiser concert to benefit people in need. We are truly proud of the tireless work and dedication of all our volunteers who make our work possible.

A special thank you to the core events team and all the team leaders who continuously give so much time, energy and commitment working relentlessly to ensure that Sufi Festival continues to grow and expand its programme of activities.

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Funders

Creative Scotland – Scotland's main arts funder has generously awarded us funding towards the 2025 Sufi Festival weekend taking place on the 19-20th July 2025. We couldn't deliver such an amazing event without their support, from the centre of our heart, Thank You!

Glasgow Wellbeing Fund – thank you so much to Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) for awarding us funding to deliver the Sufi Arts programme – thank you for investing in Glasgow communities.

SAFERA Foundation – have been supportive of our work since 2019, we are grateful for the generosity of the Trustees of the Foundation and truly value their ongoing support.

Donors

We are grateful to the many individual donors who donated to all our fundraising appeals including the Turkiye-Syria Earthquake and Pledge for GAZA campaigns. Despite the challenging economic climate that people face themselves, our donors are shining example of the kindness and compassion people have others in need. I pray through the Waseela of Holy Prophet Muhammad Sallalaho Alahai Wasullum that everyone who has supported us are blessed with much, much more in all their affairs forever.

Sponsors

Thank you to all sponsors and supporters

Artists

The heartbeat of all our events - the talent, the passion and expertise brought to our events by all the amazing artists that have participated, bringing to life everything that we have planned – thank you to all of you.

Partnerships

- **Action For Humanity** – partnering with a leading UK and international humanitarian aid charity, we have been able to deliver much needed humanitarian support to people impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- **The Tramway** - our venue partner of choice, the ongoing support of the entire Tramway team has made our work effortless, helping us to bring our offering to the heart of Glasgow's Southside.

Financial Review

The trustees do not consider there to be any material uncertainty about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy outlines our strategy for the charity to maintain a healthy source of reserves should they be required for operating costs in the event of loss of income or unexpected essential costs that may arise.

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Reserves will depend on the donations and grants received into the charity, however this policy outlines what should happen should the charity have excess funds to allow the build-up of financial reserves.

Sufi Festival aims to take a low-risk strategy when it comes to reserves so the continued support of the charity can be guaranteed for a reasonable period. Any reserves Sufi Festival has will be saved and if necessary, spent on essential operating costs which are unforeseen in situations where funding has been reduced.

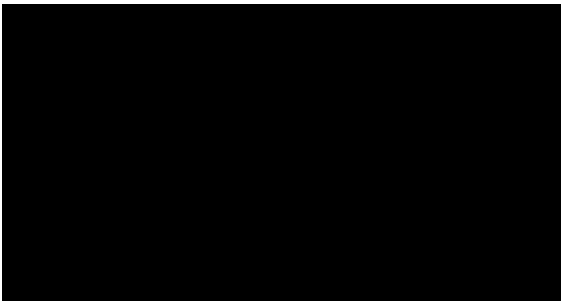
In an ideal situation Sufi Festival would like to hold reserves to the value of three months core operating costs, factoring in annual increases from the previous years. It is believed that reserves equivalent to three months core operating costs, would be sufficient at the current scale of the organisation.

The objectives of the charity are paramount and while reserves would be preferable, the levels of reserves would be relevant to the risks. Reserves will be monitored and reported on annually and discussed at the end of year board meeting

Looking Ahead

Insha'Allah we will focus on planning and organising the 2025 Sufi Festival and Insha'Allah a new Sufi Arts Hub – distance makes the heart grow fonder, we look forward to meeting again.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



13th September 2025