

There is Hope (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC048037

Details

Known as Trypraying

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2018-01-08

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 31 Eskbank Road
Dalkeith
Midlothian
EH22 1HJ

Website trypraying.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: The furtherance of religious or secular public education including but not without limitation the provision of life skills to those who may from time to time be in need in Scotland and such other parts of the UK and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4.1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the State-ment of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Scotland and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and other such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of Scotland and are connected with the charitable work of the charity. 4.2. The furtherance of religious or secular public education including but not without limitation the provision of life skills to those in need in Scotland and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£244,596	£214,547	-	3
2024-08-31	£158,986	£174,939	-	2
2023-08-31	£173,319	£180,669	-	2
2022-08-31	£167,904	£175,558	-	2
2021-08-31	£120,881	£98,439	-	3

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Signed:		Gordon Watson				Date:		26 May 2026	
Name:		Gordon Watson							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):									
Address:		48 Balgreen Road Edinburgh EH12 5TZ							

Disclosure section

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For Information:

Trustee expenses - travel expenses incurred by David Hill, an unpaid trustee, meeting and visiting various church organisations in the interests of There Is Hope.

Trustee Helen Campbell is the part time bookkeeper and receives a salary of £6,747

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Trustees Annual Report

Sept 2023 – August 2024

What we do.

We invite people to experience the kindness of God. To do this, we produce resources for people to experience it, strategies for churches to share it and advertising for people to see it.

For the last 14 years trypraying has grown from a simple idea and resource to a movement across towns, cities and even nations. It is a personal evangelism resource, a project for a church and a strategy for reaching cities. The clear goal is to invite people into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ as explained in the core literature piece, the trypraying seven-day prayer guide. It's a resource that has a connection to millions of people who may, on occasion, be inclined to pray.

Summary.

This was the year when we passed a significant milestone. All the different trypraying booklets (youth, adult, childrens, prisoners and different language editions) put together have now exceeded a total of over 1 million copies printed. Plans are underway for a celebration in October 2025.

UK.

Summary statistics for 2023-24 are

- 36000 adult trypraying booklets
- 1650 youth booklets
- 4600 children's booklets
- 600 prisoners booklets
- Over 700 churches and individuals ordering materials
- 310 bus ads across Scotland reaching 5,215,000 people, according to 'Reach' statistics.
- 42 bus ads in Devon reaching over 500,000 people, according to 'Reach' statistics.
- Banners visible in countless places across the UK on churches

Other countries.

- 10,000 French booklets printed
- 4,000 Czech booklets used
- 2,000 German booklets used
- Over 26,000 booklets, over 150 churches across 37 states in the USA
- Use also in Australia and New Zealand.

A survey showed: 87% of people had passed the booklet on to others of whom over 70% were not Christians. 65% of churches said trypraying is helpful in enabling the congregation to share their faith.

Stories.

Booklet story

Hi there, [REDACTED], from Worcestershire. I saw the try praying information through my local Baptist church, and gave it a go. It changed my life. I went on to do an Alpha course, and now call myself a Christian. I talk to "him upstairs" every day, and am grateful for his love and never ending support. Thankyou for this. It started the journey that has changed my life forever.

Bus story.

██████████ had who had been resistant to the Christian message while she grew up in a church. Now as an adult she wanted to get the issue sorted. On morning she prayed and asked God, 'I need to know if you are real. Send me a sign.' She was going somewhere in the car and was on Dunbarton Road in Glasgow when she saw an advert on the back of a bus which said 'trypraying.' It was so simple and straightforward. When she saw that she knew she needed to do that. She couldn't get the advert out of her head. When she got home that night she committed her life to Christ. She felt washed all the way through her body. 'I wouldn't have got to that point if it had not been for the bus advert!'

Banner story

██████████ was driving away from a doctor's appointment and was in a desperate state. She was crying as she drove. Something said to 'Look left'. She looked left and saw a trypraying banner on a church. It was that which took her and her whole family back to faith and church.

Social media

We have been delighted with the relationship with HopeFuelled. They have provided graphics design for our materials and also advertising. They have been our social media agency and have been posting high-quality messages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Operations

Financially we have been able to function with our core costs being met from sales and donations from Trusts, especially when printing materials.

Again, it has been a remarkable journey to discover funding for an advertising campaign which was across all Scotland. This came from a plethora of individual gifts and a few trusts.

Our fulfilment has been taken over by Yeomans in Kent. They have brought efficiency and competence to our fulfilment of orders from around the UK although costs have risen and this needs to be evaluated.

Team and Trustees

The team has changed a little this year. ██████████ has rejoined the staff team and is working as development coordinator. ██████████ took over finances last year from ██████████ and has also become a trustee.

The USA project has been developing with ██████████ doing good work. It has its own Board of which ██████████ is a member.

██████████
May 2025

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There is Hope

Balance Sheet

Year ended August 31, 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
Fixed Asset	£0	£0
Cash at bank and in hand	£36,357	£43,248
Total Debtors	£880	£665
Current Assets		
Accrued Income	£678	£2,944
Gift Aid Due	£3,084	£2,727
Total Stock Asset	£15,944	£20,055
Total Current Assets	£19,706	£25,726
Net Current assets	£56,943	£69,639
Trade Creditors	£17,143	£14,071
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	£60	£1,380
Inland Revenue	£1,501	£25
Pension Costs	£168	£0
Total Current Liabilities	£1,729	£1,405
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£18,872	£15,476
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	£38,071	£54,163
Total assets less current liabilities	£38,071	£54,163
Total net assets (liabilities)	£38,071	£54,163
Charity funds		
Balance brought forward	£54,163	£60,322
Allocations:		
General Reserve	£15,000	£15,000
Unrestricted Funds	£23,071	£39,163
Total Charity funds	£38,071	£54,163

Signed

Date: 14 May 2025

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Income & Expenditure
Year ended August 31, 2024

2023-24

2022-23

Income

Charitable Activities	£57,491	£60,360
Donations - Non Gift Aid	£47,211	£35,641
Donations - Gift Aid	£36,284	£55,318
Grant Income	£18,000	£22,000
Total Income	£158,986	£173,319

Charitable Activities

Printing & Despatch of Booklets	£53,159	£31,416
Administration Costs	£9,554	£11,663
Advertising & Promotional	£61,747	£102,255
Banking Costs	£1,393	£1,261
IT Costs	£1,762	£1,881
Payroll Costs	£44,975	£28,759
Personal Costs	£2,349	£3,434
Total Expenditure	£174,939	£180,669

Net Operating Income

£(15,953)

£(7,350)

Other Income

£0

£0

Other Expenditures

£139

£0

Surplus (Deficit)

£(16,092)

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