

**The Fair Trial Project (SC048283)**

**AGM record – year ended 30 April 2025**

1. No annual general meeting was convened for the year ended 30 April 2025. Key decisions were recorded in writing, including ongoing maintenance of the website and publication of updates on X
2. The charity remains in the process of winding up. However, the timetable has been extended.
3. The extension is due to a substantial ongoing project arising from research into whether courts and tribunals have been lawfully constituted under Article 6(1) ECHR ('tribunal established by law'). This work continues to fall within the charity's purposes and ongoing activities.
4. Further details are set out in the charity's Library paper: 'The Rules on the 'Tribunal Established by Law' requirement of Article 6 ECHR (Version 3.0)' (available on the charity's website).
5. The charity is funded solely by the trustee. No public funding or Gift Aid is received.

Signed: [REDACTED] (electronic signature), trustee and CEO

Date: 28 January 2026

**Trustee's Statement on the Accounts (No Independent Examination)**

Charity name: The Fair Trial Project

Charity number: SC048283

Period: 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

1. This statement accompanies the receipts and payments accounts for the period. No independent examination has been carried out.
2. The charity is funded solely by the trustee and received no external funding during the period. No Gift Aid or other tax benefits have been claimed.

Signed: [REDACTED] (electronic signature)

Date: 28 January 2026

Name: [REDACTED] (trustee and CEO)

Address: [REDACTED]

**The Fair Trial Project – SC048283**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Period: 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025**

Charity Name: The Fair Trial Project

Charity Number: SC048283

Period: 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

**General Account**

	Value (£)	Notes
Opening Balance	5,064.16	
Transfer from Investment Account (internal transfer)	8,000.00	
Total	13,064.16	
Payments – General expenses	5,895.86	
Payments – Pension contributions	5,500.00	
Total	(11,395.86)	
Closing Balance	1,668.30	

**Note 1:** The charity is in the process of winding up.

**Note 2:** The transfer represents the movement of the charity's own funds from its investment account to the general account.

Signed: [REDACTED] (electronic signature), Trustee and CEO.

Date: 28 January 2026

## **The Fair Trial Project – Trustees' Annual Report for May 2024 to April 2025**

Charity Name: The Fair Trial Project

Charity Registration Number: SC048283

Address: [REDACTED]

Period: 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

### **Reference and administrative details**

*Charity trustee during the period 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025 (and at the date of this report):*

1. [REDACTED], trustee and Chief Executive Officer (entire year)

### **Structure, governance and management**

2. The Fair Trial Project is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. The charity was managed during the reporting period by the trustee, who is also the Chief Executive Officer.
3. During the year, the charity's principal activity was research, education and campaigning on human rights. The charity remains in the process of winding up and will close once its current campaigns and related publications are completed.

### **Main areas of work during the year**

4. **Prisoners' rights and miscarriages of justice.** The charity continued research and campaigning on whether prisoners are being detained following trials and appeal processes that complied with Article 6 ECHR. Work continued in relation to James Casey, including preparation of a further application to the European Court of Human Rights following earlier applications that did not proceed.

5. **NTEBL (No Tribunal Established by Law).** During the year the charity began a major research programme on the Article 6(1) ECHR requirement that every court or tribunal be 'established by law', or more precisely 'established in accordance with the law'. The working contention is that this requires clear and foreseeable primary legislation enacted by Parliament regulating four essentials of judicial establishment: (i) creation of the tribunal; (ii) composition of the bench; (iii) appointment of judges; and (iv) assignment of cases to individual judges or panels. The charity has published a detailed paper setting out the legal framework and proposed rules distilled from Strasbourg case law, and has begun applying that framework to Scotland and the wider UK.
6. **Scottish boarding schools:** The charity continued research and campaigning concerning historical child abuse reports connected with Scottish boarding schools, and published material through its website and YouTube channel.

#### Winding up the charity

7. This remains ongoing. Two years ago the charity stated: 'Over 95% of the funding of the charity came from a donation from myself, the CEO. This donation was restricted to pay my salary. Most of the remainder was from my father, Henry Muirhead. We claimed a small amount of Gift Aid from my father's donations. The Gift Aid has been spent on charitable purposes. The charitable activities of the charity are being funded by myself and I claim no Gift Aid or other tax relief.'
8. The charity will close once its remaining casework, research and campaigning are completed. This timetable is under review due to the scale of the NTEBL research programme and the related publication and campaigning work.
9. The charity also carried out its usual activities, including researching human rights issues in Scotland and the UK, administering the charity, maintaining the website, and producing social media and campaigning updates.

### Objectives and activities

10. The Fair Trial Project's charitable purposes are the advancement of human rights and the advancement of education on human rights. Activities during the year included human rights research, writing papers, campaigning, maintaining the website, and social media.
11. Research on prisoners' cases raised serious concerns in a number of matters, indicating possible miscarriages of justice. Campaigns have been started to support further scrutiny of these concerns.
12. The charity was also contacted by survivors of child abuse at Scottish boarding schools. Research and campaigning continued, including concerns about governance links and institutional responses to safeguarding issues, including issues connected with Fettes College.
13. Work continued on the NTEBL project described above, including publication of the charity's paper and the start of application of the framework to Scotland and the wider UK.

### Achievements and performance during the year (01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025)

- The content of the website continued to grow.
- The charity maintained a YouTube channel used to publish and support campaign outputs.
- Research and campaigning continued on prisoners' rights and Article 6 fair trial compliance.
- Research continued on safeguarding concerns connected with Scottish boarding schools.
- The NTEBL project became a major programme of research, publication and campaigning.

### Ongoing and future plans

14. Going forward, the charity's continuing focus will be on supporting work connected with [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) and other prisoners, and on progressing the NTEBL research and publication programme.
15. The charity continues to explore fair hearing concerns connected with social security and immigration tribunals.

### Public benefit

16. Public benefit is delivered through free publication of research papers, summaries, and educational materials, and by improving public understanding of Article 6 fair trial rights and related safeguarding concerns.
17. The website and YouTube channel have enabled the charity to reach members of the public, including prisoners and survivors of abuse at boarding schools, who have contacted the charity seeking help or information. The charity's publications and updates contribute to public awareness of human rights issues.

### Financial Review

18. No donations were received from the public. The charity is funded principally by the trustee (with a small donation previously received from the trustee's father).
19. The original large advance provided by the trustee in prior years has been repaid.
20. There was no deficit for the year and the charity has no liabilities.

**Declaration**

**The trustee (who is also the CEO) declares that he has approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustee**

**Signature:** [REDACTED] (electronic signature)

**Full name:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 28 January 2026