

VERSE Stories

Scotland · Charity number SC048454

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2018-06-13
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Maryculter Organic Farm Aberdeenshire AB12 5GT
Website	www.versestories.org

Activities

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

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the promotion of equality and diversity','the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: VERSE Stories exists to support people affected by global crises — poverty, lack of clean water, food insecurity, and inadequate shelter. We identify individuals or families in genuine need and tell their story through short documentary-style films, which we share on our website and social media channels. This storytelling drives donations from supporters around the world who connect with the people featured. We then use those donations to directly provide practical support — whether that's funding, resources, or services — to improve the beneficiary's circumstances. Throughout the process we document the impact of each donation, showing donors exactly how their contribution changed someone's life. In short: we combine filmmaking and digital storytelling with direct giving, creating a transparent link between donor and beneficiary.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','People with a particular ethnic or racial origin','Other defined groups','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: To help humans who are effected by global headlines and in need of desperate support. The association will highlight, support and help the course of a growing range of global issues: 4.1 To support and alleviate those in severe poverty by raising support through short films and providing those in need of adequate resources to end poverty, from water, food and shelter. 4.2 To relieve and support those subject to racial and gender inequality, by producing films that will raise awareness of discrimination against LGBT people. 4.3 To provide essential aid to those effected by environmental

disasters by documenting their situation and then providing them with shelter, aid and food. 4.4 To relieve those subject to exploitation and discrimination by raising awareness of both the victim and perpetrator through short films. 4.5 To advance environmental protection and improvement by providing equipment to help better protect and sustain the environment. The association will provide the right financial aid to support those in need who are subjected to the above.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£0	£1,682	-	0
2024-06-30	£58	£1,502	-	0
2023-06-30	£113	£4,255	-	0
2022-06-30	£2,713	£27	-	0
2021-06-30	£10,685	£1,237	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	30	6	2023	To	30	6	2024

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	VERSE Stories
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC 048454
Charity's principal address	Maryculter Organic Farm
	Maryculter
	Aberdeen
	Postcode - AB125GT

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		N/A	2023 / 2024	
2		N/A	2023 / 2024	
3		N/A	2023 / 2024	
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Reference and administration details

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

Type of governing document

Official SCIO Single Tier Model Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are to help humans who are effected by global headlines and in need of desperate support. The association will highlight, support and help the course of a growing range of global issues, from supporting those in severe poverty by raising support through short films and providing those in need of adequate resources to end poverty.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The charity transforms the lives of those in need for the better. We achieve this by filming their story and sharing it on our website as well as social platforms. From there we receive donations from donors across the world. We then help them in the best way possible and document the difference each donor made.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

From 2023 to 2024, the charity was able to increase it's work compared to the previous year. With the help of volunteers, we were able to support a family in need throughout the year. Providing them with a better and safer life together. We are looking forward too focusing more on the charities work in 2024/2025 and will be focusing on ramping up our work to help more of those in need.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We also rely on support from the founder and families in order to operate. In 2023/24 we saw lower donations received due to being less active in our content which generates a lot of our donations. We are currently using our reserves for beneficiaries and will be supporting them in the next financial year, as we aim to be more active.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

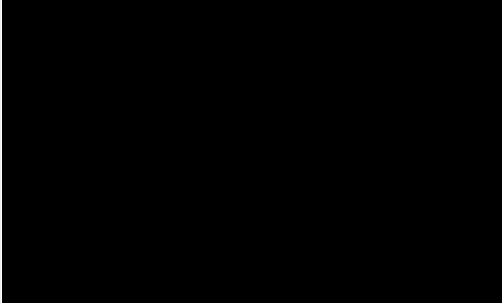
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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair/Director	
Date	29th March 2025	

	Enter charity name below						Enter SC No. below	
	VERSE STORIES						SC 048454	
	Receipts and payments accounts							
	For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
30		06	2023	30		06	2024	

Section A 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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	58	- 0	- 0	- 0	58	
Legacies					- 0	
Grants					- 0	
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	
Gross trading receipts					- 0	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0	
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					- 0	
					- 0	
A1 Sub total	58	- 0	- 0	- 0	58	- 0
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments					- 0	
A2 Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	58	- 0	- 0	- 0	58	- 0
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					1,141	
Gross trading payments					- 0	
Investment management costs					- 0	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					360	
Grants and donations					- 0	
Governance costs:					- 0	
Audit / independent examination					- 0	
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	
Legal costs					- 0	
Other					- 0	
					- 0	
A3 Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	1,501	- 0
					error	
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					- 0	
Purchase of investments					- 0	
A4 Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total payments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	1,501	- 0
					error	
Net receipts / (payments)	58	-	-	-	(1,443)	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	58	-	-	-	(1,443)	-
					error	

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Section B Statement of balances							
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	3,312	-	-	-	3,312	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- 58	-	-	-	1,443	-
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments							
				Total		-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
					to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets							
			Total		-	-	-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due	Last year	
					to nearest £	to nearest £	
B4 Liabilities							
			Total		- 0	- 0	
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate)	Last year	
					to nearest £	to nearest £	
B5 Contingent liabilities							
			Total		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name				Date of approval

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Section C Notes to the Accounts						
C1 Nature and purpose of funds <i>(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)</i>		These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) Nature and purpose of funds The donations received by the charity, are used solely for the beneficiary they are being donated to. The use of the donations reflect the constitutions purposes in helping those in need. The charity does not give grants, nor does it pay Trustees or staff at this time. Any expenses / operational costs are kept to a minimum and are used in order to operate and generate the donations required from the public.				
	Type of activity or project supported		Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£	
C2 Grants						
	Total				- 0	
C3a 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)				
	Authority under which paid					£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details						
						0
C4a Trustee expenses		If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)				0
					Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details						
						0
	Nature of relationship		Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)	
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons						
					0	
C6 Other information						
		As detailed above, the charity has no trustee expenses, nor remuneration.				

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Additional analysis (1)						
Analysis of receipts and payments						
1 Donations						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	113	- 0
	reference error	-	-	-	reference	-
2 Grants						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £			to nearest £	to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0			- 0	- 0
	-	-			-	-
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	113	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	reference error	- 0

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2							
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity name VERSE STORIES						
Registered charity number	SC 048454						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	30	6	2023	to	30	6	2024
Set out on pages						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 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:	29 th March, 2025	

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose**

