

The Youth Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Scotland · Charity number SC048509

Details

Known as Royal Scottish Country Dance Society/ RSCDS Youth Branch/ RSCDS YB

Status Active

Legal form Unincorporated association

Part of Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (SC016085)

Registered 2018-06-29

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

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Dundee
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Website www.rscds-youth.org

Activities

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

Purposes: 'the advancement of education','the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science','the advancement of public participation in sport'

What the charity does: The constitutional aims of RSCDS Youth Branch are: • To encourage youth membership. • To develop a communication vehicle specific to age group. • To be worldwide, flexible and not location-based. • To increase the influence of Youth within the society. • To give young dancers an increased sense of identity and community. • To be represented at AGM by delegates. • To identify potential members for the Youth Services Committee (YSC) and other society committees. RSCDS Youth Branch performs these aims by operating Scottish country dance events for young dancers, writing travel grants to members, and otherwise creating opportunities for community connection.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The charitable objectives of the YB will be: To advance education, particularly in the field of Scottish Country Dancing and related activities To advance arts, heritage and culture, particularly related to Scottish traditional activities To organise recreational activities, which can improve conditions of life through

social engagement and physical and mental wellbeing The YB will undertake to achieve these charitable objectives through the following means: To encourage youth membership. To develop a communication vehicle specific to age group. To be worldwide, flexible and not location-based. To increase influence of Youth within the society To give young dancers an increased sense of identity and community. To be represented at AGM by delegates. To identify potential members for the Youth Services Committee (YSC) and other society committees.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,555	£27,633	-	0
2024-03-31	£10,006	£9,590	-	0
2023-03-31	£6,112	£5,188	-	0
2022-03-31	£731	£312	-	0
2021-03-31	£464	£277	-	0

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Accounts

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

The Youth Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
RSCDS Youth Branch
SC048509
168F Blackness Road
Dundee
United Kingdom
Postcode DD1 5PQ

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	Chairperson	Since 2 June 2025	Society Membership
2	Secretary		Society Membership
3	Treasurer		Society Membership
4	Publicity Officer		Society Membership
5	Ordinary Member		Society Membership
6	IT Officer	Since 29 April 2024	Society Membership
7	Ordinary Member	Since 29 April 2024	Society Membership
8	Compliance Officer	Since 2 June 2025	Society Membership
9	Ordinary Member	Since 2 June 2025	Society Membership

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
[REDACTED]	Until 1 June 2025
[REDACTED]	Until 1 June 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The RSCDS Youth Branch is governed by our constitution which is available to view on our website at <https://rscds-youth.org/our-constitution/>.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The appointments of [REDACTED] as Treasurer and [REDACTED] as IT Officer were made by members of the Youth Branch in the Annual General Meeting in April 2024. [REDACTED] was co-opted as Ordinary Member at the same time as the AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

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- To encourage youth membership.
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- To be worldwide, flexible and not location-based.
- To increase the influence of Youth within the society.
- To give young dancers an increased sense of identity and community.
- To be represented at AGM by delegates.
- To identify potential members for the Youth Services Committee (YSC) and other society committees.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The branch's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held online from 22nd to 28th April 2024, using Google Forms in order to allow the maximum number of members to participate and cast their vote. 16 members participated in the AGM.

The Youth Branch sends newsletters to our members and supporters by email. The newsletter includes information on upcoming dancing events around the world and articles written by members, speaking about their experiences at recent events they have attended.

We have remained active on the Youth Branch's Facebook and Instagram pages. These continue to be important methods of communication with our members and with dancers outside of the branch who are interested in what we do. We share branch news, upcoming events, and reminders to our members to check their emails for our newsletters and to renew their membership for the following year. We have also continued to maintain our Discord server, which we created last year, to provide a space for members to have social interaction with each other from across the world, share events happening near them and encourage each other to attend.

In October 2024, we held our annual Youth Weekend Away in Basel, Switzerland. We held classes for our youth members during the day on Saturday. On Saturday evening we held a ball which was open to all ages. On Sunday morning, participants were taken on a city tour before the event came to an end.

We also held our second North American Youth Weekend Away. Our event in Boston, USA followed the same format as previous weekend events.

Our travel grant scheme was opened again in July 2024 and February 2025. We received 6 total applications and shared £450 between successful applicants, enabling them to attend future RSCDS events, such as our Youth Weekend Away and Summer School.

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Achievements and performance

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

Membership has remained steady. Youth Branch members continue to be spread globally and the Youth Branch is proud to represent the voice of young dancers from such a wide range of locations.

At the AGM held online between 22nd and 28th April 2024, the appointments of [REDACTED] as Treasurer and [REDACTED] as IT Officer were made by our members. The Minutes from the 2023 AGM were published on the Google Form and were approved with no comments made.

In October 2024, we had another successful Weekend Away in Europe, this time in Basel, Switzerland. The event was well-attended, and featured teachers [REDACTED] and musicians [REDACTED] on piano and [REDACTED] on fiddle.

The dancers stayed at a popular youth hostel near the dancing venue and the famous Basler Münster cathedral overlooking the Rhine River. The weekend was a flurry of exciting dancing with attendees from the UK, Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, and even the USA, among other places. The European Weekends Away remain our core and most popular events, and we are grateful to the local dancers who assisted us in organising the weekend.

Also in October 2024, we also had our second Weekend Away in North America in the historic city of Boston, building on last year's success in Philadelphia. We saw high attendance from dancers from a variety of experience levels. We collaborated closely with RSCDS Boston and the Boston SDCEA throughout the weekend. One of the oldest branches of the RSCDS in North America, we were drawn to Boston in part for its strong musical scene.

Bandleader and pianist [REDACTED] led fellow musicians [REDACTED], two-time US National Scottish Fiddle Champion; [REDACTED], 2020

US National Scottish Fiddle Champion and 2016 Perth All Scotland Fiddle Championship winner; [REDACTED], on cello. [REDACTED] also joined the evening Ball with a grand march on his bagpipes.

The weekend began with a welcome party at a festive pub in the Back Bay neighborhood, complete with live music, creating space for our young dancers to socialize as a cohort. On Saturday, we had Youth Weekend classes at a local dance studio taught by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] playing solo in each class. The evening ball in Cambridge was a great hit, with at least 90 dancers attending.

Sunday featured a city tour through Boston's most historic areas, including the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill and the North End. Dancers learned about the city's rich history, architecture, and culture from [REDACTED], who led them to landmarks like the Boston Common, Old State House, Granary Burial Ground, and Faneuil Hall.

The Youth Branch was represented at the RSCDS AGM in November 2024.

We had further rounds of Travel Grants in July 2024 and February 2025. We have plans in place to try to increase the funding we are able to offer, to be able to help more dancers attend events that they would otherwise not be able to.

Our cooperation with the International Branch remains strong. This cooperation is important and beneficial for both branches due to us both being non-regional communities. Our existing no-cost reciprocal membership scheme allows a primary member of one branch to obtain free branch-only membership of the other. This collaboration has proven successful for increasing membership of both organizations.

The Youth Branch social media pages and newsletters continue to be particularly important for our communication with members. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 4 newsletters were published.

We have remained active on the RSCDS Youth Branch Facebook and Instagram pages. These are important methods of communication for both our members and for other dancers outside our branch who are interested in what we do. Our Facebook page has over 1000 followers and our Instagram page has over 400 followers. Both pages receive healthy levels of engagement. Our social media pages enable us to share photos with our members from our Weekends Away and other events with a youth presence. They can also share photos with us and tag us in their stories, promoting Scottish dancing within their own social media circles.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Youth Branch's policy is to maintain one year's expenses in a cash reserve, where feasible.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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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) Secretary

Date 31 December 2025

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Enter charity name below

Enter SC No. below

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Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
	01.04.2024			to	31.03.2025	

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	5,551				5,551	1,351
Legacies					-	
Grants	50				50	
Receipts from fundraising activities	240				240	540
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	26,714				26,714	8,115
					-	
A1 Sub total	32,555	-	-	-	32,555	10,006
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Total receipts	32,555	-	-	-	32,555	10,006
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A3 Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	380				380	670
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	25,007				25,007	7,703
Grants and donations	2,170				2,170	964
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	76				76	253
					-	
A3 Sub total	27,633	-	-	-	27,633	9,590

A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	27,633	-	-	-	27,633	9,590
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Net receipts / (payments)	4,922	-	-	-	4,922	416
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A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
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Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,922	-	-	-	4,922	416
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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	2,395				2,395	1,980
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,922				4,922	416
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	7,317	-	-	-	7,317	2,396
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	0	-	-	-	0	-

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				

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

All funds are unrestricted and are stored between a Barclays account, a Wise account and a PayPal account under the charity's name.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Travel for young dancers to attend Scottish Country Dance events	Individual	6	367
		Total	367

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)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

details

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Reimbursements for costs incurred on behalf of the Youth Branch for the Weekend Away	1	101

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

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**Report to the
trustees/members of**

**Registered charity
number**

**On the accounts of the
charity for the period**

Charity name Youth Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society							
Registered charity number SC048509							
Period start date					Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025	
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:
Name:**

Date: 31/12/2025

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

*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.

APPENDIX 3

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**