

United Nations Association Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC048547

Details

Known as UNA Scotland, UNAS

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2018-07-16

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address 44/3 Frederick Street
Edinburgh
EH2 1EX

Website www.unhscotland.org.uk

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 advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the promotion of religious or racial harmony', 'the promotion of equality and diversity', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: UNAssociationScotland is a civil society organisation committed to strengthening the implementation of the UN goals and values at grassroots levels, especially the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through 8 branches, community engagement is encouraged, recognising specific local concerns. Although each branch is a separate entity, all are connected through the Management Committee under the Board of Trustees

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

Objectives: The Association's purposes are: 1. the prevention or relief of poverty. 2. the advancement of education. 3. the advancement of citizenship or community development (including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness of the efficiency of charities). 4. the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation. 5. the promotion of religious harmony. 6. the promotion of equality and diversity. 7. the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. 8. support for local Branches of UNAS. 9. UNAS subscribes to the Objects of UNA-UK (in summary: encouraging support for the United Nations by individual citizens and by government).

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£84,100	£68,427	-	0
2024-10-31	£67,973	£61,879	-	0
2023-10-31	£64,272	£58,979	-	0
2022-10-31	£42,534	£47,243	-	0
2021-10-31	£48,035	£64,819	-	0

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 October 2025,

As Chair I want to start by recapping our four goals that we had set at the beginning of the year:

1. Formulate a strategy for UNAS to take forward over the coming years;
2. Strengthen existing partnerships and form new ones with different organisations and UNAs in Scotland and the UK;
3. Form and strengthen connections with the UN through the new UN Engagement Officer role and team; and
4. Nurture partnerships within our branches at UNAS.

As an organisation that wishes to grow, having a strategy is helpful to ensure that we remain true to our purposes and have a direction in mind. Thanks to the strategy working group, this goal has made progress throughout this year and we hope to continue and build on this over the coming years.

To help with this, we published the new UNAS website and welcomed Robin to the team to help with communications both internal and external. I encourage all branches to continue updating their branch page on the website.

We have both maintained and built new partnerships over the year as well through UN House projects and branch initiatives. It is critical that we continue to cherish these partners and find opportunities both to work collaboratively in our efforts to raise awareness of and contribute to the UN Goals.

Furthermore, we formed connections with the UN through the UN Engagement team led by Georgiana. By doing so, we continue to bridge the gap that exists between the general public and the UN.

Finally, we could not be UNAS without the UNAS branches: Aberdeen, Alloa, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Highlands and Islands, St Andrews and Stirling. It is encouraging to see new membership joining branches and making contributions to the different projects and activities of each branch. We are especially grateful for the confident support branches offer to each other and, through the UNHS intern programme, with the next generation of UN Association members.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Charity Number

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Address

44/3 Frederick Street

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Current Trustees (Who form Management Committee)

Hana Shono Convenor

Georgiana Bugeag Vice Convenor

Gari Donn Treasurer and Executive Director UN House Scotland

Patricia Cacho Secretary

Delegates

Angela Watt (Alloa) Joe Ochei (Aberdeen)

Vacant (Dundee) Eileen Paterson (Edinburgh)

Lynn Hanson (Stirling) Michael Butler (Highlands and Islands)

Fatima Iftikhar (Glasgow) Ben Marshall (St Andrews)

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 16 July 2018. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are proposed and elected at the annual general meeting.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

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Financial Review

During the year the charity received various grants as shown in the accounts. Some of this had not been sent spent by 31 October 2025 resulting in a balance on restricted funds of £ 29,420 (2024 £ 18,173). There is a surplus on unrestricted funds as at 31 October 2025 of £ 4,426 (2024 deficit £1,115).

Approved by trustees on 27th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

GARI DONN

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025 set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 . 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 matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 . 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, I noted that the unrestricted funds are overdrawn. As noted in the trustees report the trustees have measures in hand to rectify this situation. Otherwise no other 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.

Anne G Robertson CA
8 Reilly Gardens
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27 March 2026

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

			2025	2024
	Total	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations			4,555	-
4,555	1,364			
Grants		4	-	78,825
	78,825	65,869		
Affiliation fees			720	-
	720	740		
			5,275	78,825
	84,100	67,973		
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		5	-	67,578
	67,578	57,222		
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Administration			849	-
		849	4,657	
			849	67,578
	68,427	61,879		
Surplus for the year			4,426	11,247
15,673	6,094			

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Bank balance

as at 31 October 2024

17,058 10,964

Surplus for the year

15,673 6,094

As at 31 October 2025

32,731 17,058

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts

Signed on behalf of all trustees

Gari Donn

27 March 2026

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

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2. Nature and purpose of funds

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Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

3. Trustees

4 trustees received any money during the year. Payments consisted of stipends and expenses paid to trustees as reimbursement of payments made on behalf of United Nations Association Scotland

4. Grants received

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Joseph Rowntree Trust	-	48,325	48,325	50,869
Foundation Scotland	-	30,500	30,500	15,000
	_____	_____	_____	_____

-	78,825	78,825	65,869

Funding from Joseph Rowntree Trust was for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. This grant is received by the charity to be shared with two other partners Foundation Scotland fund was for delivery of model UN workshops for schools

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2025

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
5. Cost of Charitable activities				
Payment to Partners	-	35,550	35,550	38,766
IT & media	-	1,230	1,230	854
Travel	-	10,419	10,419	7,198
Stipends	-	11,203	11,203	9,491
Other	-	9,176	9,176	913
	-	67,578	67,578	57,222

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31 October 2024	Grant	Spent	Balance at 31 October 2025
	£	£	£	£
International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons	18,173	48,325	(55,468)	11,030
MUN	-	30,500	(12,110)	18,390

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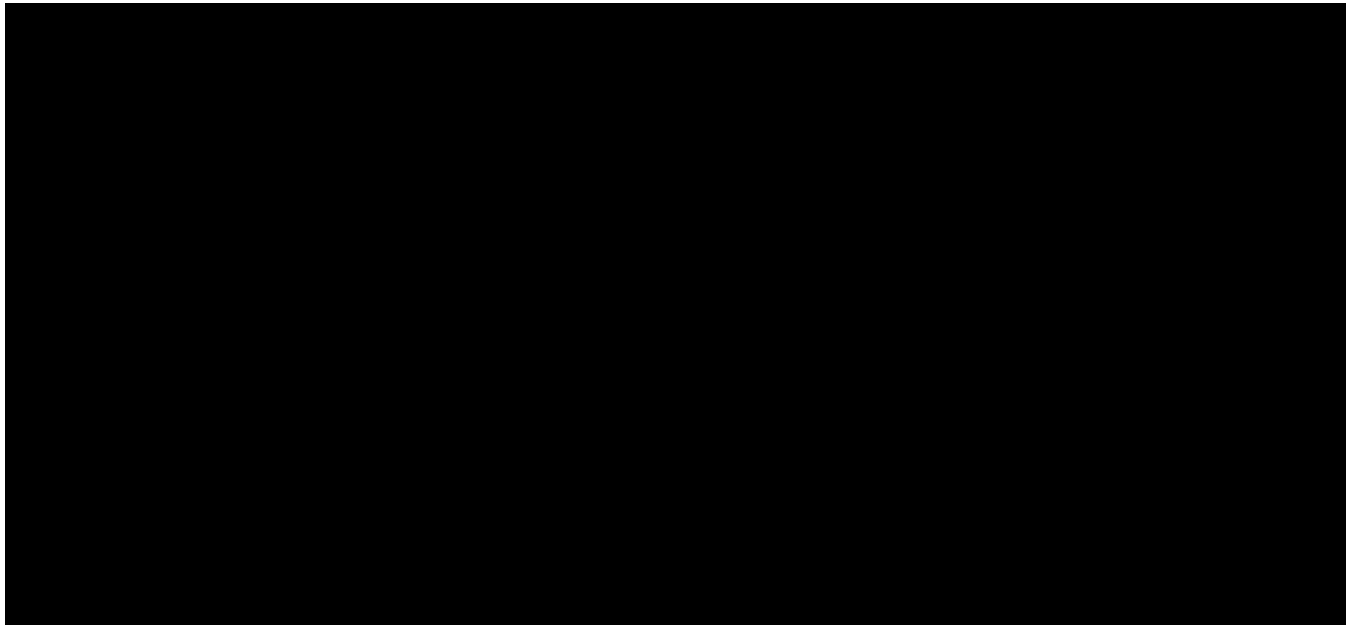
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 OCTOBER 2024

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

Activity towards “the prevention or relief of poverty”, “the advancement of education”, “the advancement of citizenship or community development”, “the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation”, “the promotion of religious or racial harmony”, “the promotion of equality and diversity”, “the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage”.

Chair’s Report

The year began with UNAS outlining three key goals that they wished to take forward this year in continuation of the previous year:

1. Define the UNHS / UNAS relationship both internally for ourselves and externally for others.
2. Strengthen existing partnerships and, where possible, form new ones with different organisations and UNAs in Scotland and the UK
3. Nurture partnerships within our branches at UNAS.

It was believed that while we had made progress in all three areas, further development could be made on each.

Indeed, what with a new Constitution being agreed, less focus was spent on defining the UNHS and UNAS relationship in the working group created for this purpose, but more so on defining it in the public space. The support team at UNHS also began work on the UNAS website. All branches ensured that the information on their branch was up-to-date and was informative as possible.

Partnerships were also maintained over the course of the year and new ones were formed. Georgiana, the UNAS Vice Chair, attended the Summit of the Future in New York in September 2024 and widely shared her experience with UNAs in the UK, encouraging other young people to get involved.

Our third goal was to nurture partnerships with our branches. Multiple attendees from branches all over Scotland attended the Glasgow Remembrance Day Parade in 2023, providing encouragement that more in person collaboration and attendance will take place in 2024 and 2025. In fact, there has been suggestion of an in-person AGM with, of course, accommodations for those joining online.

It has been, as always, an absolute pleasure being Chair of UNA Scotland and I look forward to seeing where 2025 takes us.

Achievements and Performance

The year has been exceptionally busy for many of our eight branches and for our major Committee, UN House Scotland. Their reports indicate the wide range of activities undertaken and their collaboration with other civil society organisations.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Aberdeen Branch

It has been a busy year with a very successful meeting at the Town House in Aberdeen. It was on the Pact for the Future with Georgiana Bugeag and Nicholas Maulet as speakers. [REDACTED] an ACC Councillor who Chaired the meeting, placed a Motion for Council to endorse it.

Edinburgh Branch

The Branch has continued to work closely with UNHS, based in our Frederick St Office. We have been delighted with the wide range of activities organised by the interns at UNHS and welcome the lease arrangement for the office accommodation.

Glasgow Branch

Chair's statement: While COP28 may not have concluded with the unequivocally positive outcomes we all hoped for, the sheer presence and engagement of diverse individuals from around the globe left me inspired. The collective energy towards addressing climate challenges was palpable, and it felt like a significant step forward in mobilizing a broader community for sustainable change.

The Branch has been actively sharing updates on the COP28 experience via UNAG's social media page and have tagged UNHS whenever relevant. [UNA Glasgow: Posts | LinkedIn](#) It is crucial to leverage these platforms to amplify our collective voice and reach a wider audience.

Recently, as Chair of UNAG, I conducted a local session where I shared insights from COP-29 and explained the key discussions and outcomes of the conference. I was delighted to have more than 20 women attend the session, actively engaging with the material and contributing to a vibrant dialogue. (I have attached a photo from the session for your reference.)

Building on this momentum, Glasgow Branch launched an online engagement series titled *"Voices from COP-29"*. The series has already featured interviews with over three individuals from various countries, and I plan to share new content monthly. Additionally, I have written two blogs: one providing insight into what happens in the negotiation rooms at COP-29 and another summarizing the key outcomes of the conference. I am coordinating with Hannah to have these blogs published on the UNHS website to ensure they reach a wider audience.

We had 21 at the 2023 Remembrance Day parade including a Chinese family of 3 generations and 5 American students from Edinburgh one of whom volunteered to carry the UN banner.

Highlands and Islands Branch

The Branch continues to organise meetings with other charities and civil society organisations in Orkney. The focus has been on energy and renewable sources of energy.

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St Andrews Branch

We have had a successful and rewarding year. We held weekly meetings, released regular podcast episodes and POPs, and established UNA St Andrews' own Journalism Committee. Since then, our Journalism team has published several articles, including a special issue for the St Andrews Law Review on human rights. We have increased our membership by approximately 200 members (at £3 per member).

During this period, we have hosted several notable events, including two photojournalism events featuring multi-award-winning photojournalists from across the UK. Additionally, we have organised several fundraisers, such as the Christmas drive for Shelter Scotland, the [REDACTED] charity speaker event and fundraiser, as well as general pub quizzes.

Stirling Branch

In the first half of the academic year 2023/24, we organised several activities with our members at the University of Stirling.

For example, in December 2023, we collaborated with other student societies to host a Charity Christmas Ceilidh for Forth Valley Welcome. Forth Valley Welcome 'is a group formed in June 2015, dedicated to addressing the plight of vulnerable refugees from Syria, South Sudan, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Ukraine' (Forth Valley Welcome Webpage). More information available here: [Forth Valley Welcome](#). At the Christmas Ceilidh, UNA Stirling and six other UoS societies managed to raise a total amount of £855.30.

Moreover, we attended guest-speaking events with our members related to international politics and shared links to (online) events focused on international politics, NGOs and the UN.

Financial Review

During the year, the charity received various grants as shown in the accounts. Some of this had not been sent spent by 31 October 2024 resulting in a balance on restricted funds of £18,173 (2023 £13,648). There is a deficit on unrestricted funds as at 31 October 2024 of £1,115 (2023 £2,504)

This deficit was as a result of an unexpected, essential repair being carried out. The trustees expect this deficit will be cleared in the year ended 31 October 2025.

Approved by trustees on 5 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Hana Shono

Chair UNAS

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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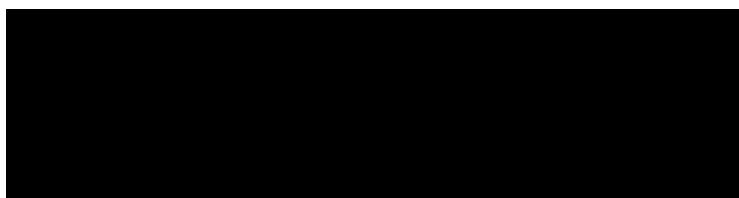
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Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2024

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

2024			2023
Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds

	Notes	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations		1,364	-	1,364	4,174
Grants	4	-	65,869	50,869	59,378
Affiliation fees		740	-	740	720
		2,104	65,869	67,973	64,272
Payments					
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5		57,222	57,222	49,701
Professional fees		-	-	-	-
<i>Governance costs</i>					
Administration		715	3,942	4,657	7,398
		715	61,164	61,879	58,980
Surplus for the year		1,389	4,705	6,094	5,292

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Bank balance

as at 31 October 2023	10,964	5,672
Surplus for the year	6,094	5,292
As at 31 October 2024	17,058	10,964

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts
Signed on behalf of all trustees on 5th April 2025



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3. Trustees

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4. Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	Total £	2023 Total £
Joseph Rowntree Trust	-	50,869	50,869	59,073
Foundation Scotland	-	15,000	15,000	-
UNWRA	-	-	-	305
	-	65,869	65,869	59,378

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Year ended 31 OCTOBER 2024

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

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5. Cost of Charitable activities

Payment to Partners	-	38,766	38,766	
IT & media	-	854	854	
Travel	-	7,198	7,198	
Stipends	-	9,491	9,491	
Other	-	913	913	
	-	57,222	57,222	51,582

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31 October 2023	Grant	Spent	Balance at 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£
International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons	13,468	50,869	(46,164)	18,173
MUN	-	15,000	(15,000)	-