

# SCOTTISH GAME DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION SCIO

## TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

April 2024 - March 2025

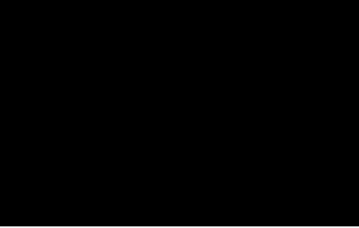


## Charity contact information

### In Writing:

Scottish Game Developers Association

Scottish Charity Number: SC048978



### Online:

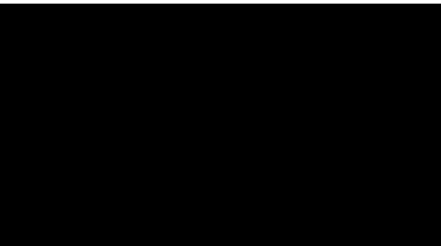


Web: [www.sgda.co.uk](http://www.sgda.co.uk)

Twitter : @scotgame

Facebook: @ScotGameDev

## Charity Trustees



## Objectives and activities

The Scottish Game Developers Association developed out of an existing peer led volunteer organisation - IGDA Scotland. The group worked for many years delivering quality game development related events across Scotland and felt their efforts would be better served focusing directly on the needs of industry and the communities based around it. They were formally incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation in January 2019.

Our main purposes are

- To raise the profile of the development of videogames and associated interactive visual, audio-visual and technology based arts as an integral part of Scotland's arts, heritage, culture and science sectors through a regular series of community building events and information sharing activities.
- To further the education of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Arts relating to the development of videogames and create understanding of the integral role these fields play within the wider community.

SGDA aims to do this by holding a series of regular events designed to connect those involved in areas of video game development with each other and the wider community. We normally host events across 3 cities in Scotland - Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow as well as creating online communities to develop and share learning and ideas. We are a volunteer run and supported organisation and are grateful for the continued support we receive from the community. We strive to create positive partnerships where possible and support many of the key video game and digital media related events in Scotland such as the Arcadia Festival, Tinderbox Collective, We Throw Switches, BAFTA Scotland, Hubworld Scotland, Glasgow Independent Games Festival, and Creative Scotland.

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

Scottish Game Developers Association operated as a tier two SCIO and our governing document is a Constitution that reflects this.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our trustees have experience across the different creative disciplines within the Scottish games industry, as well as of community support and event delivery.

The board holds the power to appoint any member as a trustee at any time. Each trustee holds a two year term and will be eligible to stand for re-election at the AGM following their two year period. External organisations are not allowed to appoint trustees, however, trustees can co-opt a non member to be a charity trustee if they feel they will bring specialist experience. Following a four year period, a board member cannot stand for re-election until a calendar year has passed since the end of their term. Co-opted members will retire at each AGM but can then be co-opted again if the board wishes.

## Achievements and performance

There was minimal SGDA activity this year, until five new trustees were appointed in October 2024, with all previous trustees standing down at that point.

Since then, we have resumed roughly monthly mailouts to keep the community informed of games related events around Scotland.

The Games Talks Live events that have run twice a year since 2019 will now be presented as being SGDA organised events, and have exhibition opportunities available for local developers, starting with the April 2025 events.

Similarly, the 'Scottish Drinks Receptions' organised by [REDACTED] at overseas conferences such as Develop and Gamescom will going forward be presented as SGDA events as well, starting with the Summer 2025 events which venues are already booked for.

There is now finally an SGDA website ([www.sgda.co.uk](http://www.sgda.co.uk)), the initial version of which includes details of recent games developed by Scottish developers, job vacancies across all Scottish studios, upcoming Scottish games related events, and details of SGDA members and trustees.

Some of our achievements include:

- Keeping outgoing expenditure to a minimum until we can resume being more active.

Some of our challenges were:

- Not being able access bank accounts due to the unresponsiveness of a past trustee.

## Financial review

With no activities, there has been no income this year, but outgoing expenses have been kept nominal.

## Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To support the long term sustainability of our organisation we aim to build up a general fund of 6 months running costs.

## Details of any deficit

There was no deficit on the account.

## Donated facilities and services

We utilised the Charity Digital service to receive a discount on our Zoom membership. This has now been terminated after several years without use to avoid incurring further costs.

## Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b>				0
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Expenses for fundraising activities			-	
Gross trading payments			-	
Investment management costs			-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities			-	194

Grants and donations				
Governance costs:				
Audit / independent examination				
Preparation of annual accounts				
Legal costs				
Other				
<b>A3 Sub total</b>				194
<b>Total payments</b>				194
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>				(194)
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>				(194)



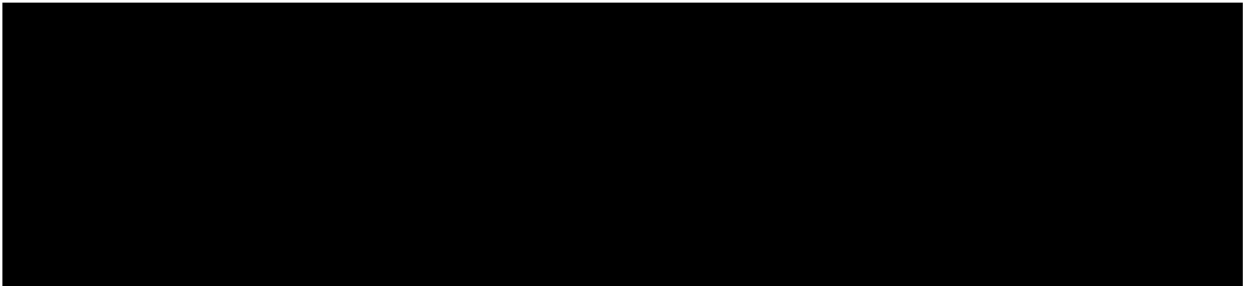
## Future plans

The priority is for the new trustees to “re-launch” the SGDA after a number of inactive years, and enlist the help of volunteers to resume our grass-roots activities such as local events and social media postings.

Surveys and industry meetings will enable us to be a collective voice of the Scottish games industry, combined with reports we’ll publish on the scale and activities of the Scottish industry based on data collected through the BFI-funded GIDB project, all of which will feed into collaborative partnerships we hope to resume with organisations like BAFTA Scotland, Creative Scotland and trade body UKIE / Interactive Entertainment Scotland.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Designation

Chair

Date

27/05/2025

## APPENDIX



		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b> v2						
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>		Charity name Scottish Game Developers Association						
<b>Registered charity number</b>		SC048978						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		1	April	2024	to	31	March	2025
<b>Set out on pages</b>		7 - 8 of the Trustees Annual Report						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>		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.						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>		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.						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>		<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>						
<b>Signed:</b>								
<b>Name:</b>								
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>								