

Oxenfoord International SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC049216

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-04-11
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	59 North Meggetland Edinburgh EH14 1XQ
Website	www.oxenfoordinternational.co.uk

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'

What the charity does: Oxenfoord International is a week-long summer school for singers which aims to bring the highest quality of music teaching and music making to all participants who are of all adult ages and stages. The implementation is an immersive experience, with most participants opting for a residential package for the week up in Scotland (previously in Musselburgh and now St Andrews).

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Older People','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, principally by providing courses in singing and accompaniment. Access to the benefit of such education should be open both to amateurs and aspiring professionals and without age limitation and more specifically 4.1.1 to develop young musicians at an early stage of their career by the provision of bursaries for such courses 4.1.2 to encourage older amateur musicians to develop their appreciation of music by providing tuition 4.2 to advance public appreciation for emerging artists by providing performing opportunities to such artists 4. 3 to further such charitable purpose or purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit but in particular through the making of grants and donations.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances


Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£118,000	£118,315	-	0
2023-12-31	£122,838	£121,469	-	0
2022-12-31	£109,517	£113,472	-	2
2021-12-31	£21,116	£19,450	-	2
2020-12-31	£15,613	£16,412	-	2

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Accounts

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	Oxenfoord International SCIO					SC 49216	
	Receipts and payments accounts						
	For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date	
Day		Month	Year	Day		Month	Year
01		January	2024	31		December	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		8,955			8,955	33,950	
Legacies					- 0	- 0	
Grants					- 0	- 0	
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	- 0	
Gross trading receipts	107,035				107,035	86,235	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0		
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	- 0	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities		2,010			2,010	2,653	
					- 0	- 0	
A1 Sub total	107,035	10,965	- 0	- 0	118,000	122,838	
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	107,035	10,965	- 0	- 0	118,000	122,838	

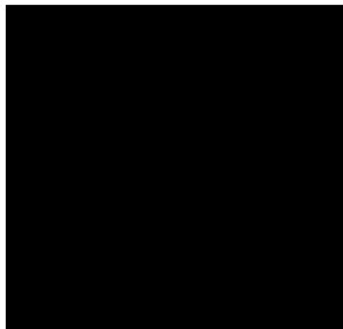
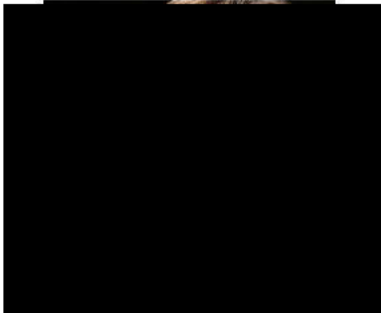
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A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					- 0	
Gross trading payments					- 0	
Investment management costs					- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	106,590				106,590	107,669
Grants and donations	760	10,965			11,725	13,800
Governance costs:					- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination					- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	- 0
Legal costs					- 0	- 0
Other					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
A3 Sub total	107,350	10,965	- 0	- 0	118,315	121,469
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	107,350	10,965	- 0	- 0	118,315	121,469
Net receipts / (payments)	(315)	-	-	-	(315)	1,369
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(315)	-	-	-	(315)	1,369



OXENFOORD INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER SCHOOL

Oxenfoord International Trustees' Annual Report 2024



Objectives and activities

Oxenfoord International Summer School has operated since 1981 and obtained charitable status as Oxenfoord International SCIO in 2019. The organisation's purposes are:

1. To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and technique of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, principally by providing courses in singing and accompaniment. Access to such education is open to both amateurs and aspiring professionals, with no age limitation.
 - a. To support and nurture musicians who are in the early stages of their career by providing bursaries for such courses.
 - b. To support amateur musicians in enhancing their individual abilities by providing access to professional-level expertise and practices.
2. To raise public awareness of emerging artists by providing performance platforms in a variety of contexts.
3. To further such charitable purpose or purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion think fit, and in particular through the making of grants and donations.

Activities:

Through Oxenfoord International SCIO, Artistic Director [REDACTED] leads a team of distinguished tutors and coaches in a week-long summer course for singers and pianists. Bursaries are awarded to students to attend the course; other individuals pay fees for specialist tuition.

Structure, governance and management

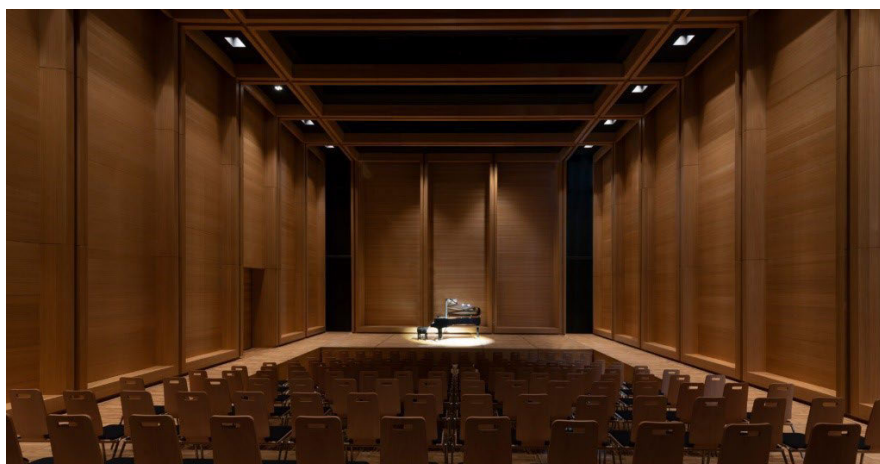
Oxenfoord International Summer School is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and has adopted the standard form of governing rules as approved by OSCR.

Trustee recruitment and appointment:

The Board remained stable throughout 2024, and with the retirement of [REDACTED] in October 2024, the Trustees began the recruitment process to appoint new staff members. Applications will close at the beginning of January 2025, followed by a shortlisting and interview process. [REDACTED] kindly agreed to be involved in assisting in handover and ongoing support to The Trustees would like to express thanks to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for their many years of dedicated service and for their invaluable support and guidance during the transition to the new management team.

Achievements and performance (2024)

- The 2024 summer school took place at Loretto School, Musselburgh, with **127 students** attending (full week, part week, residential and non residential).
- **Bursaries awarded:** £11,775
- The course maintained its tradition of world-class tutors and a varied programme, offering both residential and non-residential places.
- Student feedback again highlighted the high standard of teaching, supportive environment, and excellent performance opportunities.
- The year was marked by a change in course dates overlapping with the Edinburgh Festival, resulting in increased external accommodation costs for staff. This led to a small deficit for the year.
- Income from donations and Gift Aid, as well as other donor support, continued to play a vital role in delivering the course and enabling bursaries. The charity is grateful to all donors for their generosity and support, while noting that some major annual donations have reduced and will further decline in future years.
- **Net underlying result for 2024 was a deficit of £1,814.77** (2023: £1,474.37 surplus), and the **cash position at the end of 2024 was £1,080** (2023: £1,399).
- Expense recording, bursary allocation and course administration were further improved, as noted by the independent examiner.
- **Total donations and Gift Aid:** £18,955 (donations) and £2,010 (Gift Aid), totalling **£20,965**.
- **Gross receipts from course fees:** £107,535.42.
- **Year-end bank funds:** £1,080.11 (main account), plus £6,192.78 (deposits and reserves) = **£7,272.89** available as of January 2025, as referenced in the minutes.
- The Trustees wish to note that, as in previous years, the accounts and this report have been prepared using data and analysis provided by the outgoing General Manager, [REDACTED], whose reporting and financial oversight were reviewed and approved by the Board as a true and accurate record at the January 2025 Trustees' Meeting.



Independent Examiner's Report

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were independently examined by [REDACTED], who confirmed that the charity's financial records were properly maintained and that the accounts present a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities.

The independent examiner's report commended improvements in expense recording, bursary allocation, and the overall transparency and quality of the financial administration. The Trustees acknowledge the support of both the independent examiner and outgoing General Manager in providing clear and accurate financial information, which has formed the basis of this Trustees' Annual Report.

Financial review

- **Donations:** £18,955
- **Gift Aid:** £2,010
- **Total Donations & Gift Aid:** £20,965
- **Course fees:** £107,535.42
- **Bursaries awarded:** £11,775
- **Net deficit:** £1,814.77
- **Cash position at year end:** £1,080
- **Funds as of January 2025:** £7,272.89 (includes rolled-over student deposits and 2025 venue deposit)

The charity continues to cover costs each year, but reliance on major donations to achieve break-even is not sustainable. The 2024 deficit is due primarily to increased external staff accommodation costs, as well as the reduction in some major annual donations. Trustees continue to explore options for securing increased and regular support from individual donors and grant-making trusts, as well as cost savings.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The summer school continues to cover costs each year, but reliance on major donations to achieve break-even is not sustainable. Trustees are considering:

1. Increasing charges to course participants and encouraging further donations (with Gift Aid, where eligible).
2. Reducing costs, potentially by reducing the teaching faculty or external accommodation.

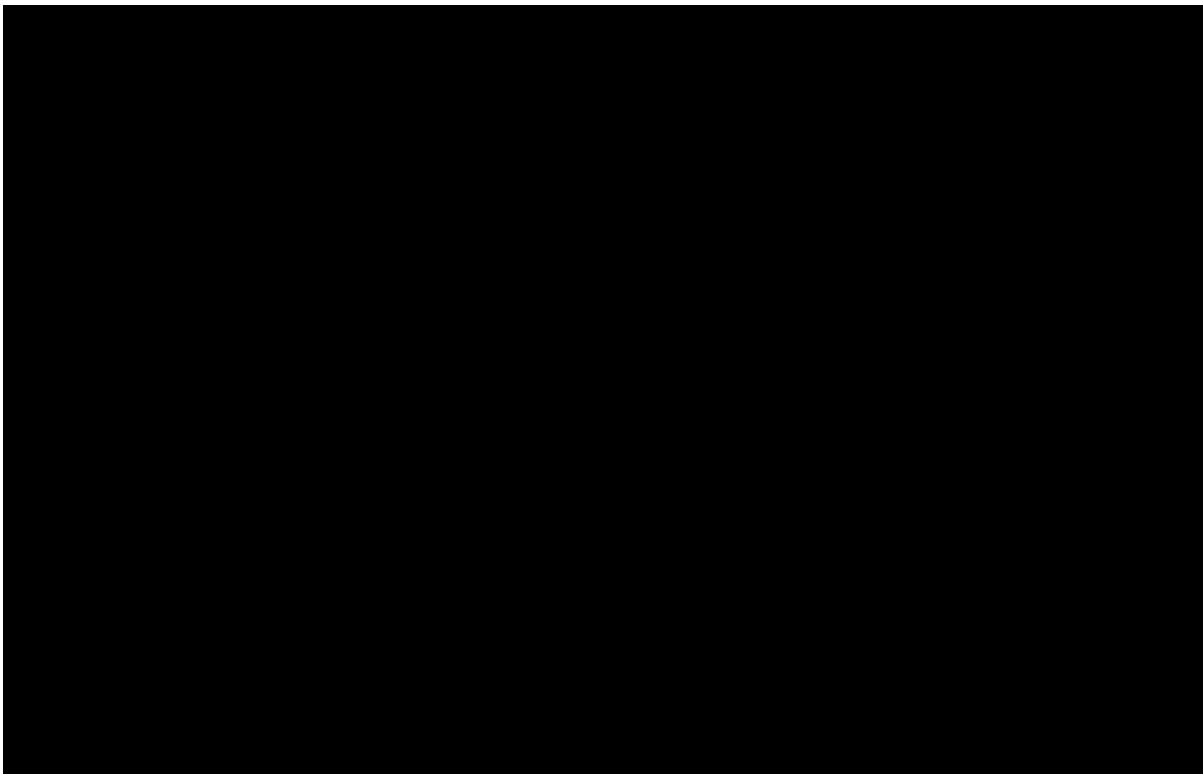
Long-term, the Trustees seek to build a more robust reserves position to support bursaries, venue deposits, and contingency.

Details of any deficit

A deficit of **£1,814** was reported in 2024, primarily due to increased costs associated with external accommodation arising from the course's new dates.

Future plans

- The 2025 summer school will move to St Andrews, offering potential for growth and new audiences.
 - Trustees will pursue new membership and Friends schemes, as well as further grant funding, to improve financial resilience.
 - Review of the Board structure is ongoing, with a rolling-term system for Trustees to ensure continuity.
 - Ongoing development of working groups to administer bursaries, and renewed focus on outreach, communications and fundraising.
 - Trustees are committed to maintaining the high standard of teaching and access to bursaries, while ensuring long-term sustainability.
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Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Print name

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Designation

<i>Chairman</i>

Date

<i>14th July 2025</i>

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Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
	Charity name Oxenfoord International SCIO						
	Registered charity number SC 49216						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024
						<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>	

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:	10/01/2024
Name:			
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.
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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

None