

MalDent Student Aid

Scotland · Charity number SC050001

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-03-03
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	11A Westbourne Gardens Glasgow G12 9XD
Website	www.maldentstudentaid.org

Activities

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

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: To enhance the opportunities for Malawian students from poorer backgrounds to enter the study programme at the University of Malawi College of Medicine (now re-named as the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences [KUHeS]) that culminates in award of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: The organisations purposes are: 4.1 The advancement of education. 4.2 The relief of those in need. Primarily by, but not limited to: 4.3 Enhancing the opportunities for Malawian students from poorer backgrounds to enter the study programme at the University of Malawi College of Medicine that culminates in award of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree. 4.4 Raising funds that can provide support for students in the form of a 'hardship fund', to be called 'Dentist to Dentist', for Malawian students enrolled on the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme at the University of Malawi College of Medicine who are struggling to fund costs of food, accommodation, or transportation.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,711	£2,085	-	0
2023-12-31	£464	£3,110	-	0
2022-12-31	£7,246	£81	-	0
2021-12-31	£3,546	£56	-	0
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	0

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	MalDent Student Aid
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC50001
Charity's principal address	11A Westbourne Gardens
	Glasgow
	Postcode G12 9XD

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		Principal		
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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

Constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Constitution (SCIO), gaining charitable status on 3rd March, 2020.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed by the Board by way of resolution passed by a majority.
Board members will retire as follows: 1/3 shall retire and may offer themselves for re-election.
A register of Trustees is maintained by the Principal Trustee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To enhance the opportunities for Malawian students from poorer backgrounds to enter the study programme at the University of Malawi College of Medicine (now re-named as the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences [KUHeS]) that culminates in award of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree.

To raise funds that can provide support for students in the form of a “hardship fund” to be called “Dentist to Dentist” for Malawian students enrolled on the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme at the University of Malawi College of Medicine (now KUHeS) who are struggling to fund costs of food, accommodation or transportation.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Activities follow from an established partnership between Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) and the University of Glasgow, known as the MalDent Project (www.themaldentproject.com). The overall programme of work has benefitted from award of a grant (£1.3m from 2018 – 2023) from Scottish Government as part of its international development programme. A one-year extension to the MalDent Project was agreed in March 2023, adjusting the end date of the grant to 31st March 2024 and increasing total funding to £1.6m.

A Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree course has been established at KUHeS as one of the work packages of the MalDent Project. The course was launched in 2019 and now has 124 students studying towards the BDS degree. The initial cohort of 10 students graduated as Malawi’s first ever home trained dentists in April 2025.

Many students in a low-income country such as Malawi struggle to meet the costs of attending higher degree programmes, particularly during the transition from their home family environment to the university. Inevitably this means that some very capable students are unable to continue their studies for fiscal reasons rather than through academic challenges. The challenge has been made even more significant because of the ongoing fall in value of the Malawian Kwacha. This impacts negatively upon development of a national skilled workforce, in this case relating to oral health (Malawi currently has 50 dentists for 22 million people).

The Student Aid structure via this SCIO aims to provide additional support through both fund raising and related activities, helping financially needy but capable students to complete the BDS degree programme and enter Malawi’s healthcare workforce.

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Achievements and performance

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

The process established in 2023 for equitable distribution of funds to the dental students who were suffering from financial hardship in Malawi proved very effective in 2024. The small local committee established by the Head of the Dental School at KUHeS with two colleagues working in other areas of the University and with support of the MalDent Project Administrator has functioned well. The welfare account with the National Bank in Malawi continues to accept donations from MalDent Student Aid and any other donors who wished to contribute. Formal applications from students for financial support are sought at the beginning of each academic semester. The committee reviews the applications and determines the outcomes through a robust local process. Awards are then made through an auditable financial transfer to the individual students.

During 2024, a transfer of £2000 was made on 6th June from the MalDent Student Aid CAF Bank account to the National Bank welfare account.

During 2024, 48 bursaries were awarded to dental students facing financial hardship at Kamuzu University of Health Sciences. These bursaries significantly reduce financial worries for students, allowing them to concentrate on their studies and retain their places on the BDS degree programme. The following are two messages of thanks received from recipients of bursaries:

"Am so much excited to hear this. Thank you so much for granting me this opportunity. This will surely help me a lot. I will be able to eat proper meals every day. This is also going to help me in my studies, as I will be able to study with no hunger issues".

"I write to express my total joyous gratitude towards the offer I have been given. May God bless you. Once again I am very glad for this offer and it will help me to work with an extra mile in studies".

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not require to maintain any reserves of scale as costs of governance are minimal with individuals donating their time to establish the charity.

As the financial activities will be fundraising in nature then all costs with minor exception will be charitable and therefore the Trustees do not consider that there is likely to be a requirement for holding funds other than through timing of distribution.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

During the period under review, no activities were undertaken that required specific facilities. All activities were undertaken online.

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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)	Principal Trustee	
Date	25 August 2025	



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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 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	1,696	-	-	-	1,696	-
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	15				15	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	1,711	-	-	-	1,711	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,711	-	-	-	1,711	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	85				85	
Grants and donations	2,000				2,000	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	2,085	-	-	-	2,085	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,085	-	-	-	2,085	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(374)	-	-	-	(374)	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(374)	-	-	-	(374)	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		8005	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	8,006	-	-	-	8,006	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(374)				(374)	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	7,632	-	-	-	7,632	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
			-	
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
				-	
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
			-	
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
			0	
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

[Redacted Signature Area]

25/08/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

All funds held are unrestricted and reflected in cash at bank.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Dentist to Dentist Hardship Support	KUHeS	2	2,000
			Total	2,000

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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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information

None

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations from individuals and corporate	1,696	-	-	-	1,696	-
Total	1,696	-	-	-	1,696	-

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
None	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Bank interest	15	-	-	-	15	-
Total	15	-	-	-	15	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Bank charges	85	-	-	-	85	-
Total	85	-	-	-	85	-

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	1,696	-	-	-	1,696	-
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	15				15	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	1,711	-	-	-	1,711	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,711	-	-	-	1,711	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
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Grants and donations	2,000				2,000	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	2,085	-	-	-	2,085	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,085	-	-	-	2,085	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(374)	-	-	-	(374)	-
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Nature and purpose of funds						