

ADA Scotland Festival

Scotland · Charity number SC050808

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-03-03
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Sir Alwyn Williams Building
School of Computing Science
University of Glasgow
Glasgow
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Website <https://ada.scot/>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: The promotion of equality and diversity and the advancement of the arts, heritage, cultural or science.

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: (l) the promotion of equality and diversity, (g) the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£7,000	£11,100	-	0
2024-03-31	£6,069	£10,163	-	0
2023-03-31	£6,440	£5,794	-	0
2022-03-31	£13,784	£6,487	-	0

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
ADA Scotland Festival

McDougall Johnstone Limited
280a St Vincent Street
Glasgow
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC050808 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

Registered office

Sir Alwyn Williams Building
School of Computing Science
University of Glasgow
Glasgow
G12 8RZ

Trustees

M Barr
T Scullion
Ms E Taylor-Smith

Company Secretary

Ms E Taylor-Smith

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Other trading activities	2	7,000	6,000
Investment income	3	-	69
Total		<u>7,000</u>	<u>6,069</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Governance costs		600	480
Charitable Activities		<u>10,500</u>	<u>9,683</u>
Total		<u>11,100</u>	<u>10,163</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,100)	(4,094)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,849</u>	<u>7,943</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		349	3,849
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(600)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(251)</u>	<u>3,849</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sponsorships	7,000	6,000

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	-	69

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Other trading activities	6,000
Investment income	69
Total	<u>6,069</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Governance costs	480
Charitable Activities	9,683
Total	<u>10,163</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,094)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	7,943
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>3,849</u></u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued expenses	600	-
	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,849	(4,100)	(251)
	<u>3,849</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>	<u>(251)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>3,849</u></u>	<u><u>(4,100)</u></u>	<u><u>(251)</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,000	(11,100)	(4,100)
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>(11,100)</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>7,000</u></u>	<u><u>(11,100)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,100)</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

7. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,943	(4,094)	3,849
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,943</u>	<u>(4,094)</u>	<u>3,849</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,069	(10,163)	(4,094)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,069</u>	<u>(10,163)</u>	<u>(4,094)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,943	(8,194)	(251)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,943</u>	<u>(8,194)</u>	<u>(251)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,069	(21,263)	(8,194)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,069</u>	<u>(21,263)</u>	<u>(8,194)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Sponsorships	7,000	6,000
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	-	69
Total incoming resources	<u>7,000</u>	<u>6,069</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Administration fee	5,000	5,500
Event hire costs	1,569	1,007
Printing and stationery	329	231
Merchandise	1,111	1,161
Postage	28	102
Advertising	316	561
Sundries	266	303
Travel costs	1,840	818
	<u>10,459</u>	<u>9,683</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	41	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	600	480
Total resources expended	<u>11,100</u>	<u>10,163</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(4,100)</u>	<u>(4,094)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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Accounts

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Ada Scotland Festival
Trustees' Annual Report

1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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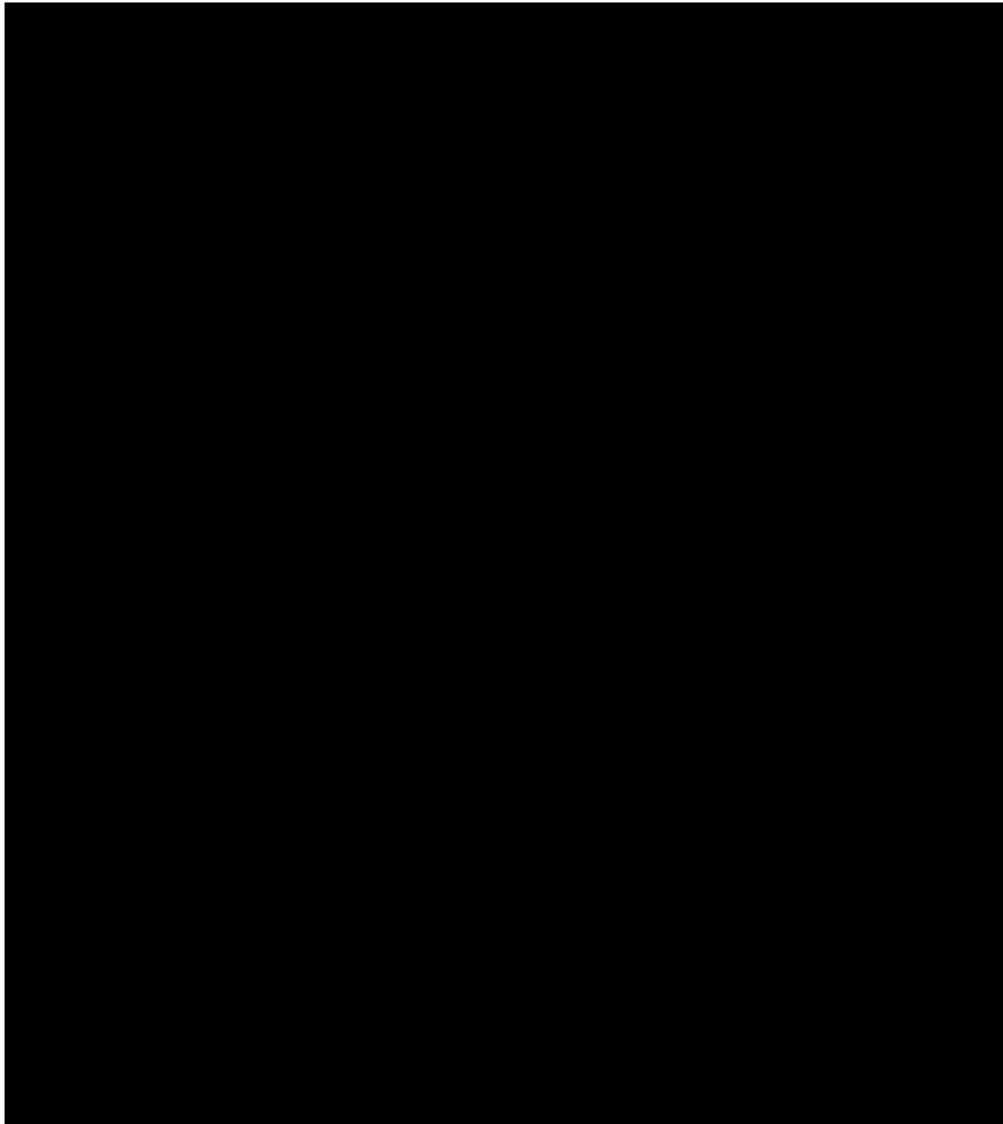
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Charity Trustees



Objectives and activities

Together, we can offer a more joined up approach to tackling gender imbalance in Computing Science, playing to individual partners' strengths while improving the visibility of all concerned.

The Ada Scotland Festival brings together partners involved in addressing the issue of gender balance in Computing Science and tech in Scotland. The University of Glasgow's [REDACTED] (BIMA, CYF) lead on the initiative, with support from Festival co-founders [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Edinburgh Napier University) and [REDACTED] (dressCode), and a voluntary advisory board, drawn from across the sector.

The Ada Scotland Festival has grown out of a SICSA-supported workshop. The workshop brought together employers, lecturers and teachers to identify ways in which the continuing gender imbalance in Computing Science might be addressed. The need for a more joined-up approach was one of the outcomes of the workshop, and that's where the Festival comes in.

The Ada Scotland Festival launched in October 2020, featuring a mix of online events, activities, and competitions. While the Festival takes the form of a series of scheduled events (around Ada Lovelace Day in

████████████████████ Our constitution requires a minimum of four charity trustees, and allows for up to 12. To date, having four trustees has proven sufficient. However, should the scope of the Festival increase in the future, we will seek to recruit additional trustees from our network of partners and advisory board. The existing trustees may appoint a new charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.

The 2023 Festival in numbers

- **3** cities
- **17** in-person events
- **5** online events
- **3600** participants



Partners and events

Festival partners in 2023 included:

- Apps for Good
- Autorek
- Barclays
- BBC Scotland
- CSSMeet
- Developing the Young Workforce
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Equate Scotland
- Hearts of Midlothian Innovation Centre
- Morgan Stanley
- Skills Development Scotland
- Tech We Can
- QA
- Robert Gordon University
- ScotlandIS

Here's a flavour of our 2023 events...



Ada Scotland Festival Launch Event 2023 hosted by Barclays

Once again we were delighted that Barclays hosted the Ada Scotland Festival Launch event at their fantastic campus on the Clyde. Over 100 students and teachers from across the West of Scotland convened at the campus for an afternoon of presentations, interactive and educational games and tours of the campus, including the X Labs and Eagle Labs.



ada.scot & ScotlandIS: Employer Roundtable Breakfast Gender Balance in Tech

In this roundtable breakfast event we heard from organisations providing insights into how to maximise your reach when recruiting, from young tech stars on their journey and employers exploring workplace issues specific to gender and how to address them.



So you thought tech was not for girls? QA Apprentices change your mind!

Led by two female apprentices, in this session, participants heard about the incredible opportunities QA have in the tech and business world.



Edinburgh Napier University presents: S2 Girls into STEM

An event to inspire, empower and raise aspirations of S2 Girls to choose a career pathway in STEM. Hosted at Edinburgh Napier University.



Barclays presents: Think Like a Fintech & Early Careers Panel

Making the leap from education to tech career? Young tech pros shared their insights followed by Think Like a FinTech – an instructor-led, user-centred design workshop.




RGU Ada Scotland Networking Event for High Schools

The ada.scot Networking Event on October 10th, 2023, hosted by the School of Computing at Robert Gordon University, made for an empowering day dedicated to building gender balance in computing!




Napier STEM presents: Women and gender minorities in STEM careers event

This was a great opportunity to gain insight into industry, along with a chance meet other women and gender minorities in STEM. There was also free ice cream!

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Journeys into Data Science

5 October
12:30-13:30

EQUATE Scotland 

Equate Scotland presents: Journeys into Data Science

At Equate Scotland's webinar we heard about opportunities for women coming to a career in data science later in life with talks from [REDACTED]

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ENUSEC presents: Capture the Flag Competition

Participants got to develop and challenge their cyber skills in ENUSEC's (Edinburgh Napier Security Society) Capture the Flag cybersecurity competition, with challenges based on cryptography, open-source intelligence and more!



BBC Scotland Presents: Exploring Tech Careers in Media

Are you keen to learn more about the STEM career opportunities available at BBC Scotland? Do you want to widen and strengthen your professional networks? If so then this is the event for you.



Morgan Stanley presents: Live Podcast Recording with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the award-winning founder of Womenetic, a grassroots community organisation committed to creating channels for marginalized women, particularly asylum seekers and refugees, to get into tech.



Morgan Stanley presents: Cyber Heist – Unleash Your Inner Hacker

Whether you're a tech enthusiast or a curious mind, the Cyber Heist Event provided a unique opportunity to learn from industry experts and gain insights into the world of cybersecurity.



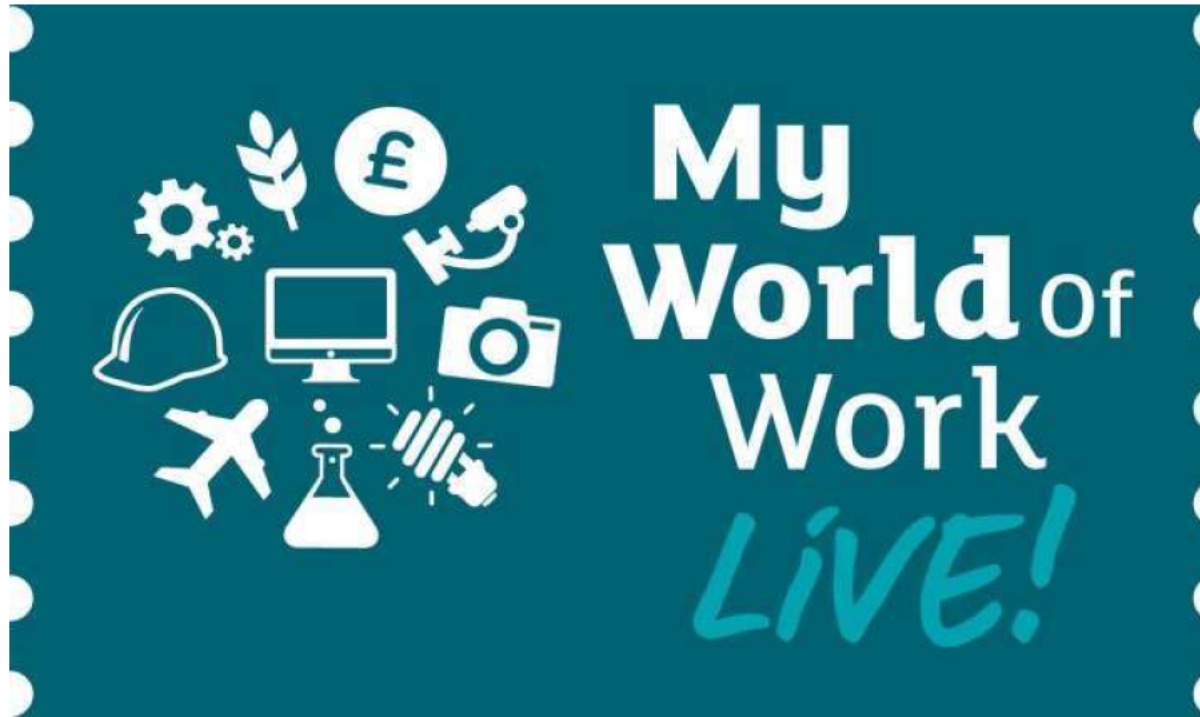
Barclays presents: Evening Industry Panel Event

Led by females in a variety of tech roles, this event explored how tech is embedded across multiple industries and the opportunities this affords women.



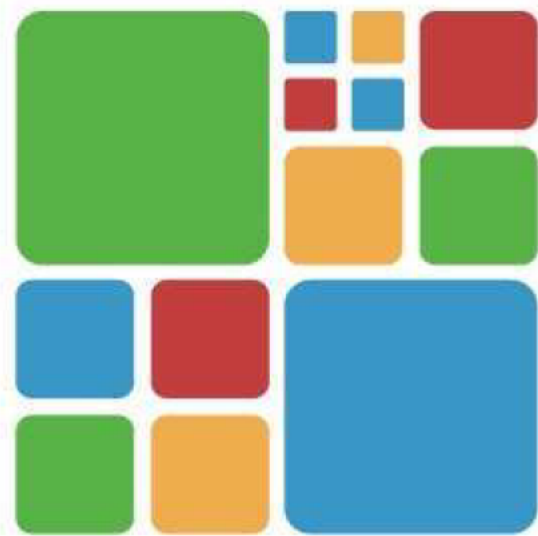
AutoRek presents – Trihackathon for Job Changers and Higher Ed Students

Held in the super cool Garment Factory offices, AutoRek hosted a Trihackathon for job changers, those in further or higher education, and anyone looking for a route into tech roles.



My World of Work Live Games Design for the classroom

Interactive, online lesson delivered by My World of Work Live where students learned how to create their own computer game and character, and bring it to life with code and music!



Apps for Good

How Teaching Tech Innovation Can Help Shape the Future for Young Scots with Apps for Good

This online event delivered by Apps for Good was aimed at teachers and explored two of the free class resources they provide aimed at S1-3 students.



Tech We Can LIVE Assembly – Tech for Cyber Security

This live online event delivered by Tech She Can was a brilliant way to launch the school day as an assembly or classroom session. It explored the importance of cyber security with content designed to interest pupils in P4-7.

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees aim to hold in reserve sufficient funds to be able to run the Festival again the following year.

Donated facilities and services

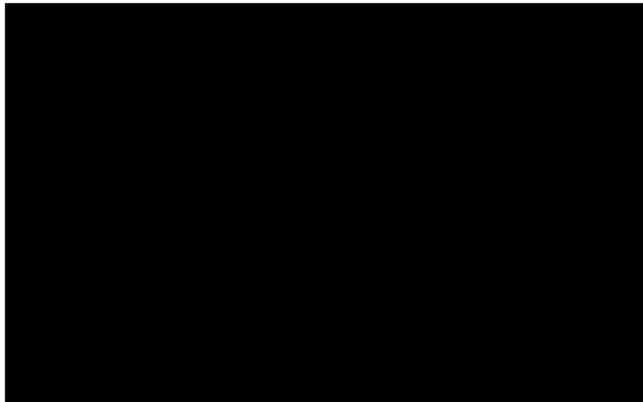
The University of Glasgow and Edinburgh Napier University provide limited in-kind support for trustees based at these institutions (██████████ at University of Glasgow, and ██████████ at Edinburgh Napier University). The School of Computing Science at Glasgow serves as the charity's legal address.

**ADA Scotland Festival
Receipts and Payments
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Bank interest received	£69	£0
Sponsorship	£6,000	£5,400
Donations	£0	£1,040
Total receipts	<u>£6,069</u>	<u>£6,440</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Accountancy	£480	£432
Administration fee	£5,500	£2,700
Event hire costs	£1,007	£0
Facebook advertising	£561	£475
Merchandise	£1,161	£1,011
Miscellaneous expenses	£303	£143
Postage	£102	£15
Printing and Stationery	£231	£114
Travel costs	£818	£903
	<u>£10,163</u>	<u>£5,794</u>
(Loss)/Surplus	<u>-£4,094</u>	<u>£646</u>

ADA Scotland Festival
Statement of balances
As at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
Fund reconciliation		
Cash at bank	<u>£3,849</u>	<u>£7,943</u>
Bank balances		
Co-op Bank	<u>£3,849</u>	<u>£7,943</u>
All funds are unrestricted		



Report to the trustees/members of ADA Scotland Festival

Year ended 31st March 2024

Charity No SC050808

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") as set out on pages 18 to 19 for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

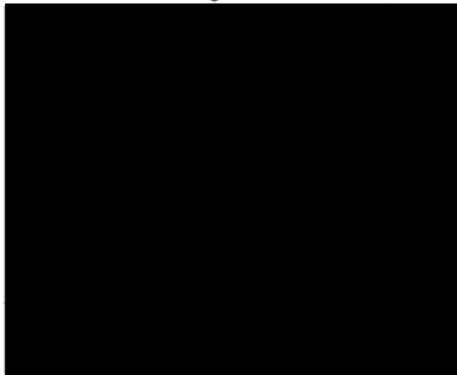
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date

24th October 2024

Future plans

The Ada Scotland Festival will return in October 2024, with a greater emphasis on in-person events, and hub events planned for the Highlands and the Borders.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

