

UMOJA WA MAISHA YETU (UMAY)

Scotland · Charity number SC050852

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-03-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Unit 2 70 Elison court Motherwell M11 2dn Motherwell ML1 2DN
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: Umoja wa Maisha Yetu (UMAY) supports people from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, other African communities, and ethnic minority families living in the UK. We work to reduce poverty, isolation, and inequality by providing practical support, advice, and community activities. Our work includes family support, financial skills workshops, wellbeing activities, and community events that help people access services, build confidence, and improve their quality of life. We support families facing hardship with food, travel, and essential needs, and help them connect with local services. Through inclusive activities and cultural awareness, we promote equality, wellbeing, and strong community connections.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4 The organisation's Purposes are for the public benefit of people living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Congolese Community living in United Kingdom including the wide community and other ethnic minority living in the UK to undertake activities which support the prevention or relief of poverty especially hunger and undernourishment, the advancement of health, education, human rights, community development, the promotion of equality and diversity. This will include but is not limited to: 4.1 Fight against the discrimination and the stigmatization of people with mental or physical disabilities. 4.2 To promote British values and British culture awareness to Congolese Community living in United Kingdom and Maintain strong relations and exchange our integration in the British society. 4.3 To promote talents of Congolese community living in united kingdom and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), such as women, young people and children By offering them support on some activities such as Music, Sports,

events Media, Theatre, Poem, Giving assistance in community problems (funeral, burial, according to Congolese culture 4.4 Improving children and adults' access to education including creating schools and training structures for the good of the community with access to water and sanitation. Provide moral and technical support to schools including training for teachers. 4.5 Working to promote gender equality and the good health of women and children including fighting against early marriage, induced and clandestine abortions as well as unwanted pregnancies

Geography

- **Main operating location:** North Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-04-01	£0	£0	-	0
2025-04-01	£3,850	£3,858	-	0
2024-04-01	£2,232	£3,295	-	0
2023-04-01	£17,057	£16,042	-	0
2022-04-01	£126	£0	-	0

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

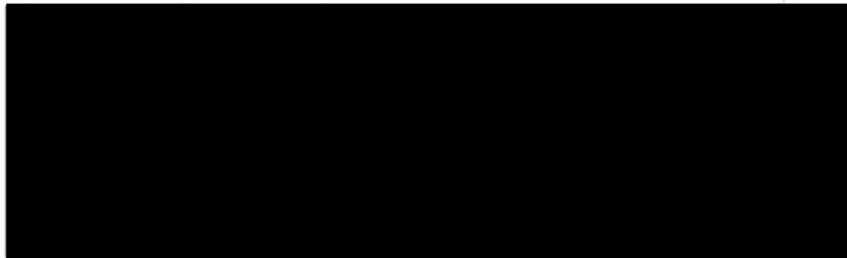
Governance and Management

The business of the UMOJA WA MAISHA YETU (UMAY) is directed by a management committee comprising between 3 and 5 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 4 times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee; no person may hold any office for more than 3 years. The management committee may co-opt up to 3 further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Current trustees

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are: -



Resignation

Anyone else? When did they resign?

Contact address

Unit 2, 70 Elison court

Motherwell

ML1 2DN

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

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31/03/2025**

Activities and Achievements

Corra Foundation – £1,100

Umoja wa Maisha Yetu (UMAY) received £1,100 from the Corra Foundation to deliver a Family Fun Day during the school holidays. The funding supported venue hire, travel costs, food, and inclusive activities for children and families. The event helped reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and strengthen community connections, particularly for families experiencing financial hardship.

The Robertson Trust – £2,500

UMAY received £2,500 from The Robertson Trust to deliver financial skills workshops for families. The sessions covered budgeting, saving, and debt management, alongside cultural awareness and language support to overcome communication barriers. Funding supported venue hire, travel expenses, and refreshments. The project improved financial confidence, wellbeing, and families' ability to make informed financial decisions, helping to reduce poverty.

Aberlour Children's Urgent Assistance Fund – £250

The charity received £250 from Aberlour Children's Urgent Assistance Fund. Umay supported families with children aged 21 and under who were experiencing extreme hardship, including difficulties accessing food, heating, and clothing. Umay acted as a sponsoring organisation by supporting applications and distributing funds once approved, ensuring families received timely and essential support.

Finance

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31/03/2022**

Reserves

The balances held by the Group at **31/03/2025** comprise:

Is £ 78

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.



UMOJA WA MAISHA YETU (UMAY) SCO50852

Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from	Financial year ends			to	Financial year ends	
	01	04	2024		31	03

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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					-	82
Legacies					-	
Grants		3,850			3,850	2,150
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
A1 Sub total	-	3,850	-	-	3,850	2,232
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	3,850	-	-	3,850	2,232
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		3,858			3,858	3,295
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	-	3,858	-	-	3,858	3,295
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	3,858	-	-	3,858	3,295
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(8)	-	-	(8)	(1,063)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(8)	-	-	(8)	(1,063)

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

	£
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)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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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 £
paypal	-	-	-	-	-	64
amazon europe core	-	-	-	-	-	18
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	82

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Aberlour Childem Urgent Fund	-	250	250	1,650
The Roberston Trust	-	2,500	2,500	500
THE CORRA FOUNDATION	-	1,100	1,100	
	-	-	-	
Total	-	3,850	3,850	2,150

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 £
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 £
African Families Hardship support	-	-	-	-	-	2,245
Refugees Living Support (Food Vouchers)	-	-	-	-	-	1,050
Marketing	-	13	-	-	13	
Venue Hire	-	975	-	-	975	
Travel expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
Refreshment	-	2,670	-	-	2,670	
Events	-	200	-	-	200	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	3,858	-	-	3,858	3,295

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Paypal	amazon europe core	Transferred from the 2023 fund balance	Transferred from the 2023 fund balance	Total unrestricted	Total unrestricted
Receipts						
Donations	-	-			-	82
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	82
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	82
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-				-	82
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	82
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	82
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Aberlour Childern Urgent Fund	The Roberston Trust	THE CORRA FOUNDATION		Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	250	2,600	1,100		3,850	2,150
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	250	2,600	1,100	-	3,850	2,150
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	250	2,600	1,100	-	3,850	2,150
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	250	2,508	1,100		3,858	3,213
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	250	2,508	1,100	-	3,858	3,213
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	250	2,508	1,100	-	3,858	3,213
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(8)	-	-	(8)	(1,063)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(8)	-	-	(8)	(1,063)

Nature and purpose of funds

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	UMOJA WA MAISHA YETU (UMAY)							
Registered charity number		SCO50852							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
		01	APR	2024		31	MAR	2025	
Set out on pages								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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. 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 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, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]								
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 								
Signed	[Redacted Signature]						Date:	31/12/2025	
Name	[Redacted Name]								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	[Redacted Qualification]								
Address:	GLOBAL ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE 10 ALLISON STREET GLASGOW G42 8NN								



*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.

APPENDIX 3

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

N/A