

LOCAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT EUROPEAN NETWORK SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051054

Details

Known as	LUDEN
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-06-17
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development'

What the charity does: The charitable activities of LUDEN through several operational mechanisms: 1. Education and knowledge-sharing The charity's purpose of advancing education is delivered through: seminars, workshops, or lectures on urban development and European cooperation training or learning initiatives related to urban policy, governance, and sustainable development publications, reports, or discussion events on urban issues. These activities support knowledge exchange and learning among practitioners, policymakers, and communities. 2. Networking and dialogue on urban development As a "network," the organisation facilitates: connections between urban stakeholders (academics, civic organisations, policymakers, community groups) discussions on European urban policy and cooperation collaborative forums that bring together individuals or organisations interested in urban development

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

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: to advance education. to advance citizenship and community development.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2025-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2024-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2023-06-30		£0	£0	-0
2022-06-30		£0	£0	-0

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OSCr

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	07	2024	To	30	06	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Local Urban Development European Network SCIO

SC0515054
136 McDonald Road
Edinburgh

Postcode: EH7 4NL

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	Haroon Saad			
2	Roger Horam			
3	John White			
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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

Trustees' Annual Report
Period From 17/06/2021
to Period End 30/06/2022



Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Registered Charity No. SC050479

Type of governing document

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 18 September 2020.

The structure of the organisation consists of the Members and the Board. Membership is open to any individual aged 16 or over with an interest in local urban development. The people serving on the board are referred to as Charity Trustees.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our board of directors are all members of LUDEN, elected on to the board by other members. Each member is elected for a three-year period, with one-third of the board stepping down each year, allowing us to keep a yearly board election.

We currently have 3 dedicated board members, actively involved in the many aspects of the organisation. Our board control the overall policy of the organisation makes sure it is financially sound and steers the activities of the organisation.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

"the advancement of education",
"the advancement of citizenship or community development"

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

For the LUDEN , given the above context for our work, then the key challenge that cities face is how to ensure that no one is left behind in the ecological and interrelated transitions that cities have to make. So how to try and create an inclusive soft landing in these very turbulent times is the key challenge. To do so will require addressing some social and political challenges.

We have identified the following social and political challenges that form the basis of our work.

1) Citizen participation

It is crucial that citizens take over ownership of the urban policies and actions that are carried out by understanding the Why and How and by sharing a vision of the city's future with policy makers. Under this challenge our focus will be to see how cities are seeking to strike a new balance between participative democracy and elective representative democracy

2) Improve governance in partnerships

A city's challenges and corresponding solutions are not limited to the city boundaries and cannot be properly tackled by mono-sectoral interventions. These issues are interwoven and dynamic and require an integrated and holistic sustainable urban approach and corresponding governance that integrate different levels with their respective roles, skills and scales of intervention.

Failure to develop a consistent governance strategy induces a great risk of relocating the problem elsewhere or of having a negative effect on another city dimension or part of the population.

Broadening governance means cooperating with other local authority levels, including experts, civil society and the private sector, while being aware that the final political decision will belong to the official elected representatives.

Under this challenge our focus will be to see how cities are trying to improve governance in local partnerships relating to ecological , technological and economic transitions that the cities face

3) Ensure social inclusion

Social inclusion is about unlocking the potential of cities to integrate diverse populations to form a cohesive community while respecting diversity and using it as a force for the city. Social exclusion can arise out of poverty, unemployment, immigration or being on either end of the age spectrum; it can also arise from a combination of any of the above or from spatial segregation. Cities have a key role to play, by integrating their social policies with education, city planning, housing, public services, citizen participation and culture.

Under this challenge our will be to see how cities using internal and external expertise locally available to develop capacity building in order to enable inclusive citizen participation, and more specifically how are they undertaking citizen empowerment targeting weaker and marginalised groups.(e.g. women, migrants,)

4) Facilitate capacity building and networking

The interdependence of urban challenges makes it impossible for a sectoral and short-term approach to succeed. The integrated approach, with a longer time span, become then necessary but implies greater complexity that demands broader expertise and know-how in many different fields such as governance, the environment, social and economic issues.

Under this challenge our focus will be to see how cities are creating co-working between experts from outside the local authority and elected

structures in addressing and developing local strategies /actions related to ecological , technological and economic transitions that cities face

5) Ensure connectivity

In a globalised world, cities are part of a broader network of cities and territories, from locally to globally. Access to markets and to technological and financial resources depends on the quality and intensity of the city's participation in these communication and exchange networks.

As with other crises, the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of creative activity amongst grassroots networks in providing mutual care and solidarity between people. But it is not only in periods of acute crisis that grassroots innovation proves crucial. Historically, developments for sustainability have often been initiated bottom-up by creative social movements. Whether in community-led water and sanitation, community-supported agriculture and food, citizen energy projects, peer-produced repair and re-manufacturing networks, or DIY urbanism and many more diverse examples; in their innovativeness, grassroots initiatives nurture sustainability aspirations whose full realisation often anticipates and demands deeper social change. Today, grassroots innovation continues to produce a wellspring of sustainability quite different to state-led policy missions addressing global goals or green business models mobilising large-scale investment. Where the latter imbue innovation with win-win solutionism, grassroots initiatives perceive in innovation a more contested and prefigurative politics.

Under this challenge our focus will be to see how cities are fostering, supporting and making informal connections to emerging cultural trends and to sources of innovation. How can the transformative potential of grassroots innovation for sustainability be strengthened in the coming years.

6) Ensure intergenerational equity

Cities are expected to take into consideration all parts of their population in their policy and urban projects, whatever their age, social origin, family status, gender and abilities. It means taking this diversity of profile into consideration in economic and housing strategies, social services, public space and transport, so as to ensure better living conditions for all, and long-term appeal and prosperity for the city.

In particular one of the key challenges face in relation to social and intergenerational equity relates to housing provision. Cities encounter many challenges to supply decent and quality housing for all, made more complex by changes in society: multiplication of single-parent families or families with unemployed parents, an ageing population, increased job mobility as well as a standardised offer from the private market that doesn't meet the diversity of the demand.

Under this challenge our focus will be to see how cities are addressing social and integrational equity with respect to housing provision

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Achievements and performance

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

Our activities have focused on:

- staying abreast with EU programmes and policies and,
- developing links with other organisations

The past year has not seen the launch of any new EU programmes as the current financial framework that governs EU programmes will be renewed and revised in 2027. As such we have followed some of the consultations that have already started with respect to the priorities of the new programming period. In particular we have followed the discussions relating to how and if EU funds will be delegated to city or regional levels in the new programming period. The European Commission has initially proposed to simplify funding by creating a combined fund that would be delegated to Members States who would then be free to determine how the combined fund is used. Naturally European city and Regional networks such as Committee of Regions, Eurocities, Council of Municipalities and Regions have expressed opposition to this proposal as it will result in less certainty of funds being delegated to local levels.

We have taken part in meetings and workshops where the future funding proposals from the EC have been discussed.

In addition we have continued to develop links with partner associations in Eastern Europe and in particular in Ukraine and have worked with these partner associations in writing and submitting proposals for the EU Horizon programme. This has been carried out on a pro bono basis.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Financial review

Income – We have had no income this year

Expenditure – We have had no expenditure this year

Reserve policy - Our reserves have been set at 3 months. With no income or expenditure this year, we achieve that.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

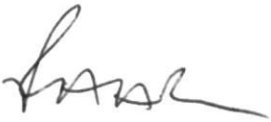
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Other optional information

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)	Roger Horam
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary
Date	10 March 2026

Surplus / (deficit) for year						
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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

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

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

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

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Roger Horam

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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

[illegible]

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)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

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

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

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-

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

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

						Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts							
Donations						-	
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						-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales							
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						-	
Proceeds from sale of investments						-	
Sub total						-	
Total receipts						-	
Payments							
Expenses for fundraising activities						-	
Gross trading payments						-	
Investment management costs						-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities						-	
Grants and donations						-	
Governance costs:						-	
Audit / independent examination						-	
Preparation of annual accounts						-	
Legal costs						-	
Sub total						-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements							
Purchases of fixed assets						-	
Purchase of investments						-	
Sub total						-	
Total payments						-	
Net receipts / (payments)						-	
Transfers to / (from) funds						-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year						-	
Nature and purpose of funds							

Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

					Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
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					-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total					-	
Total receipts					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total					-	
Total payments					-	
Net receipts / (payments)					-	
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year					-	

Nature and purpose of funds

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