

The Wash House SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051735

Details

Known as	The Wash House
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-05-17
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	78 Durham Terrace Edinburgh EH15 1QG
Website	https://www.thewashhouse.org/

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 Wash House is committed to providing a friendly and welcoming meeting space and base for activities for local people, as well as a vibrant venue for both local and nationwide cultural events. Owned by the City of Edinburgh Council, the centre is run by a voluntary management committee who are responsible for managing the centre and ensuring financial and community accountability.

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

Objectives: 4.1 To advance education and to provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation where such provision or assistance in provision a) Is in the interest of social welfare. and b) Is made with the object of improving the conditions of life of the members of the community in the Area of Benefit which shall be Portobello and other areas within the City of Edinburgh and surrounds. c) And for those purposes to associate with the City of Edinburgh Council (hereinafter "the Council"), voluntary organisations and inhabitants in the Area of Benefit. 4.2 To advance citizenship and community development within the area of benefit through the operation of a community centre for the said beneficiaries. 4.3 To co-operate with the Council and its successors in office in establishing, maintaining and managing and community centre situate in the Area of Benefit which is provided or grant-aided by the Council in so far as it is established, maintained and managed for the attainment of objects 4.1 and 4.2 of the association.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£24,165	£19,968	-	0
2024-03-31	£20,030	£7,975	-	0
2023-03-31	£15,402	£4,302	-	0

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Accounts

The Wash House SCIO (previously Portobello Community Centre Association)

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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	04	2024		31	03	2025

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					-	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	996				996	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	23,170				23,170	20,030
					-	
A1 Sub total	24,165	-	-	-	24,165	20,030
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,165	-	-	-	24,165	20,030
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	19,968				19,968	7,975
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	19,968	-	-	-	19,968	7,975
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,968	-	-	-	19,968	7,975
Net receipts / (payments)	4,197	-	-	-	4,197	12,055
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,197	-	-	-	4,197	12,055

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Wash House SCIO
Other names charity is known by	The Wash House
Registered charity number	SC051735
Charity's principal address	3 Adelphi Grove
	Portobello
	Edinburgh
	Postcode EH15 1AP

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	██████████	Chair		Members
2	██████████	Secretary		Members
3	██████████	Treasurer		Members
4	██████████	Trustee		Members
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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

The Wash House SCIO has a constitution.

Our constitution is a written statement that sets out our purpose, structure and describes how we will operate. The trustees make sure that the charity complies with the constitution.

We last updated the constitution in May 2022 as part of our move to SCIO status and reviewed at the management meeting prior to our AGM in 2024.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Sections 58 to 60 of the Constitution cover nomination and appointment procedures.

During the financial year 2022/23 we moved to SCIO status and continued with our existing secretary, treasurer and chair during this transition. At our first AGM in 2023 we welcomed new members and appointed a wider group of trustees.

Serving councillors are invited to attend each meeting and do so when able.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Wash House SCIO was established to advance education and to provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation where such provision or assistance in provision: a) is in the interest of social welfare; b) is made with the object of improving the conditions of life of the members of the community in the area of benefit; c) to advance citizenship and community development within the area of benefit. The building itself, and certain services, are provided by City of Edinburgh Council (CEC). The charity takes care of day to day management.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

In 2024/25 we continued our post covid recovery, welcoming old groups back to the facility and encouraging new ones.

The groups and activities making use of the facilities in this time period included:

- Activities for children ages birth to tween from baby sensory classes to sports coaching to knitting for kids.
- Active, wellbeing and music based classes for adults.
- Groups that meet a need in the community such as dog training.
- Activities with strong social impact including AA and providing a warm and welcoming space in the winter.
- We became the home of the popular Screen Party

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Achievements and performance

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

- Our income levels are starting to grow, with support from the Council who provided cleaning and cover staff.
- We began to reinvest some of these funds, after a difficult period, in upgrades such as our new seating.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our reserves consist solely of our bank balances. The charity aims to maintain a balance of more than a year's management expenses to guard against unexpected drops in income or changes in relationship with or policies of CEC.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The charity sets and publishes the rental rates of the Community Centre. CEC, as owners of the building, are able to take the building or parts of it over at their discretion and do so for activities such as polling. We are fully supportive of this and value our relationship with the Council.





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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)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	20/12/24	20/12/24