

Northern Friends Youth Events SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051778

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2022-06-08

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address c/o Quaker Meeting House
7 Victoria Terrace
Edinburgh
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion', 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: The trustees are responsible for ensuring the delivery of a week-long residential Quaker faith-based event for young people aged 11-16. The trustees organise the event location and finances for the running of the event, and appoint a volunteer staff group to plan and run the event.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: (a) The furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain particularly by organising events for young people to promote the education of the ideals which uphold the Quaker testimonies of equality, peace, simplicity and truth. (b) Such other purposes as may be charitable in accordance with the law in Scotland

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-12-31	£28,822	£32,656	-	0
2023-12-31	£30,232	£30,099	-	0
2022-12-31	£0	£0	-	0

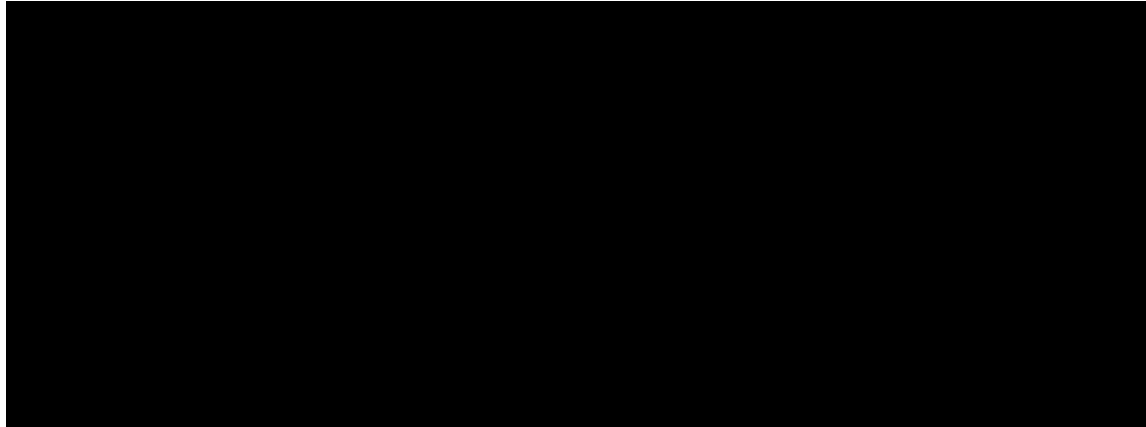
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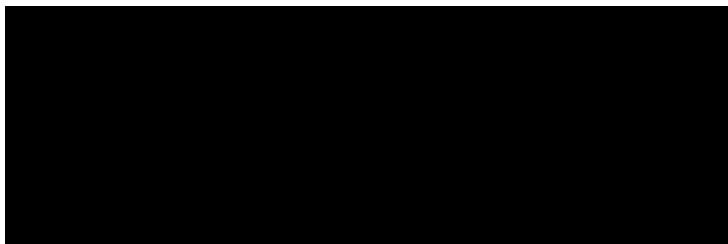
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT: 01.01.2024 - 31.12.2024

Trustees



Contact Address



Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by General Meeting for Scotland, Northumbria Area Meeting and Teesdale & Cleveland Area Meeting and Cumberland Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), or their successor bodies, in accordance with our governing Constitution. Trustees are normally appointed for a period of three years and may be reappointed for a second term. Trustees may also be appointed directly by the Trustees. There must always be between 4 and 8 Trustees.

Under the terms of the Constitution, it is not required that the Treasurer of the SCIO be a Trustee, and the Trustees may co-opt a Treasurer from outside the body of Trustees. Although not applicable to this year, [REDACTED] remains Treasurer although he stepped down as a Trustee on 31 December 2024.

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Constitution registered on 08 June 2022.

Trustees are appointed as described in above. The operation of the SCIO and the Trustees is overseen by one of the appointing Area / General Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (referred to as the Sponsoring AM/GM) on a three-year rotating basis. The Clerk to the Trustees will always come from the Sponsoring AM/GM. The Sponsoring group during the period to which this report relates is Scotland General Meeting.

Purposes of the Charity

The furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain particularly by organising events for young people to promote the education of the ideals which uphold the Quaker testimonies of equality, peace, simplicity and truth.

Activities of the Charity during the period 1.01.2024 – 31.12.2024

Summer Shindig 2024

In a change to the previous few years, Summer Shindig was moved from Ackworth School, Yorkshire, to the Field Studies Council (FSC) facility at Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae on the west coast of Scotland. This was done primarily to provide a venue accessible to all, as Ackworth could not accommodate those in wheelchairs.

The event was from Saturday 27 July to Saturday 3 August 2024. Pam Currie and Elliot Kirk were co-clerks. [REDACTED] Co-coordinators. [REDACTED] also acted as Safeguarding Coordinator. [REDACTED] was Site Liaison Coordinator (important for the move to the new venue) and [REDACTED] undertook a new role of Young Persons Needs' Coordinator. Prior to the event, due to a late personal commitment, [REDACTED] (co-coordinator) had to step back from attending. However, the strength and depth of experience in the remainder of the team meant this was not an issue.

The training weekend at Bonaly, south of Edinburgh was successful although we should reflect on the needs and impressions of new staff – we had a larger number of new and/or inexperienced staff this year and some found the training weekend rather overwhelming, perhaps reflecting the very challenging experience of 2023 shindig rather than a 'normal' year.

Nonetheless the staff team 'came together', jobs were allocated and staff left with a clear idea of what was expected, the support that was available to them and their role at the event.

Prior to the training weekend, an event was run by the clerking / coordinating team with a presentation delivered by [REDACTED] Youth Development Worker for Quakers in Britain to which those who were applying to be staff at the 2024 were encouraged to attend. This provided some basic training to those less experienced in how to lead sessions with young people.

The theme for the week was "sustainability begins with simplicity" and three community sessions were undertaken on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Monday's talk was from [REDACTED] (Glasgow Meeting), who shared his own experiences of growing up on the Isle of Lewis, the question of needs vs wants and the various uses of horse manure! Tuesday was staff member [REDACTED] (Glasgow Meeting), who explained the concept of a wellbeing economy and talked about her professional role in developing reusable containers and coffee cups, working with large corporations as well as independent businesses. The final talk was from [REDACTED] (Glasgow Meeting), who talked about decluttering and 'stuff', a practical workshop where young people brought along an item important to them. Feedback on all sessions was very good and the level of engagement from the young people was excellent (particularly given that for many younger participants, a 45-60 minute talk followed by a discussion group as a particularly 'adult' format that they will not have encountered at school).

The event continued to consider the spirituality and worship elements of the week, making use of the Arc room (with stained glass and a cathedral ceiling) as the venue for Meeting for Worship and evening Epilogue.

The Wednesday trip was very different from previous years, with the young people all attending the Council swimming pool facility on the mainland at Largs in the morning, with those aged 13 and over being allowed to stay on in Largs in the afternoon. But in fact, the vast majority chose Millport all but eight returned to the island in the afternoon for bike rides, beach time and crazy golf, with many enjoying a freedom on the island that they will not have in day-to-day life. And the weather was glorious all week, which added to the success of the event.

The event was attended by 18 volunteer staff and 40 young people. This was quite a lot down from previous years, reflecting clashes with other non-quaker events, but also, some had not enjoyed the previous year at Ackworth and with the move had chosen not to return. But those that did attend had a fantastic week and it is hoped that this will increase the numbers who attend in 2025.

The Trustees thank the Clerking team for all their effort and dedication to ensure a highly successful event.

Notes to the Accounts

1. From time to time the charity has benefited from legacies, funds from other Trusts or substantial donations from supportive Friends. These account for the reserves of £25,130.36 held in the Ecology Building Society. These reserves are not restricted, but by the agreement of the Trustees they may be drawn upon for the purchase of major equipment to be used for the benefit of the annual summer event, and the interest contributes to bursary support to assist some of the young people to attend the event.
2. The fees for 2024 were £400/£350 (for first/subsequent family members). Bursaries were awarded from the charity's funds to 23 young people with a total value of £2,540.



Clerk of Trustees, 28 September 2025

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Notes in support of the Statement of Accounts 31/12/24

Note 1. Core funding

Income for core funding was from the following sources:

Cumberland AM	£2,000.00
Northumbria AM	£1,507.50
Teesdale & Cleveland AM	£850.00
Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	£285.00
Scotland GM	£2,000.00
East of Scotland AM	£364.00
North of Scotland AM	£691.60
South East Scotland AM	£1,232.40
West of Scotland AM (see note 6)	£600.00
Francis Camfield Trust	£2,500.00
Anonymous trust	£1,000.00
Wensleydale & Swaledale AM Trust	£449.00
Donations	£94.00
Total	£13,573.50

Note 3 Breakdown of fees received

The full fees for the 40 young people would be £15,600: £400 x 32 (first child) + £350 x 8 (subsequent child)

Made up as: £8,435 (Family); £2,065 (Quaker Meetings); £2,160 (Wigton and Ayton Friends School Trust); £400 (Other trusts); £2,540 (NFYES Bursary)

The figure shown (£13,060) is the money received towards fees, that is the full figure less the NFYES bursary

We acknowledge with gratitude the assistance of The Wigton and Ayton Friends School Trust

Note 4 Venue cost / deposit

The figure shown (£25,238.70) is the balance of payment for 2024 (£21,963.70) plus the deposit for 2024 (£4,275.00).

Note 5 Trustee Costs

The figure shown (£769.61) includes £25.94 for a site visit, the rest is for travel to trustee meetings

Note 6 Core funding / West of Scotland AM

The £600 from West of Scotland AM does not include the £600 that was overpaid in 2023 for 2024

Note 7 Leftover consumables

An estimated £15 worth of food (tuck shop and staff room food) was donated to a food bank.

Additional assets of the charity

1. The charity holds some materials for use during the summer events. These have no financial value of any note.
2. No Gift Aid has been claimed since 2019. An estimated £500 is to be claimed.

Note 2. Bursary Fund

Donations from individuals, and other contributions where requested, are accumulated in a Bursary Fund that is used to support individuals to participate in the charity's summer programme.

The current position of this fund is as follows:

Brought forward from last year	£3,089.90
Friends of Summer Shindig	£985.00
Meetings and trusts	£0.00
Personal donations	£0.00
HMRC Gift Aid	£0.00
Staff refunds of expenses	£0.00
Ecology BS interest	£668.95
Total added this year	£1,653.95
Total awarded this year / fees	-£2,540.00
Total awarded this year / other	£0.00
Carried forward to next year	£2,203.85

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Receipts and payments account for the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

RECEIPTS	2024	2023
Donations		
From Friends meetings and Quaker trusts	12,030.50	10,065.20
From other trusts and individuals	2,528.00	5,307.90
Income from charitable activities		
Fees for Summer Shindig event	13,060.00	13,730.00
Income from sales of goods	376.97	333.12
Cash income	158.00	
Investment income		
Bank and Building Society interest	668.95	795.97
Gift Aid refunded by HMRC	0.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	28,822.42	30,232.19

PAYMENTS

Costs of charitable activities		
Accommodation	25,238.70	20,110.25
Running costs	5,536.35	8,620.71
Administration	1,258.27	1,004.10
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Goods for sale	363.23	364.42
Net into next year	260.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	32,656.55	30,099.48

Net movement of funds for the year	-3,834.13	132.71
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BALANCE SHEETCurrent account (RBS)

Balance at 1 st January	19,977.81	0.00
Plus: Transfer from previous charity NFYET	N/A	22,785.75
Plus: Movement of funds during the year	-4,503.08	-2,807.94
Balance at 31 st December	15,474.73	19,977.81
Less: Uncleared payments	0.00	0.00
Balance	15,474.73	19,977.81

Deposit account (Ecology BS)

Balance at 1 st January	24,461.41	0.00
Plus: Transfer from previous charity NFYET	N/A	23,850.06
Plus: Actual movement of funds during the year	668.95	611.35
Balance at 31 st December	25,130.36	24,461.41

<u>Total funds at 31st December</u>	40,605.09	44,439.22
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Other assets

Deposit at 31 st December (Millport FSC)	4,275.00	2,329.30
Plus: Bursary owed by a trust	400.00	
Less: Grant overpaid and carried into 2025	-140.00	

SUM OF CURRENT ASSETS	45,140.09	46,768.52
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These accounts are signed by the treasurer to the charity:



APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Northern Friends Youth Events SCIO						
	Registered charity number	SC 051778						
	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	1st	January	2024	to	31st	December	2024	
							(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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by 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*] 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - 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 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.							
Signed:					Date:	20th September 2025		
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Former Treasurer and Clerk to Trustees of South East Scotland Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Scottish Charity SCO19165							
Address:								

*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