

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC051840

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-07-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub
Firhill Stadium
80 Firhill Road
Glasgow
G20 7AL

Website <https://www.firhillyouthproject.org/>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub is set up to provide a range of accessible, affordable and sustainable opportunities for local young people to participate, coach or volunteer in rowing, kayaking and other physical activity. We do this by offering a range of sessions free of charge to both a core group of regular participants and by working with partner organisations to deliver individual sessions or short term projects tailored to their needs. The project runs April - October due to the outdoor nature of our activities and during this time we employ a lead coach, in addition to part time sessional coaches who run the activities. The operational staff are supported by a volunteer board of trustees who oversee the strategic and governance of the charity.

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

Objectives: 1. The promotion of a range of accessible, affordable, and sustainable opportunities for local young people (and on occasion the wider community) to participate, coach, or volunteer in watersports, and other sport, physical activity, and educational related opportunities at the Firhill Basin in North Glasgow. 2. The promotion of sport, physical activity, and educational related opportunities which aid in the development of key life skills, including confidence, resilience, and communication. 3. Working in partnership with other

local clubs and organisations to develop and facilitate further affordable and community driven activity via the Community Sports Hub initiative. 4. Supporting member clubs to become more sustainable to increase membership and capacity. 5. Supporting existing hub volunteers and promoting opportunities for new hub volunteers and coaches to become directly involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity in their local community. 6. Fostering, in all matters connected with sport and physical activity, links between Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO, and any other recognised body expressing a similar interest in developing sport, physical activity, and educational related opportunities in North Glasgow e.g., voluntary organisations and community groups. 7. Promoting all activities that support and progress the above-mentioned objectives.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£750	£12,302	-	4
2024-07-31	£51,627	£45,834	-	1
2023-07-31	£24,353	£19,915	-	2

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO

Scotland - Charity number SC051840

Accounts

FIRHILL YOUTH PROJECT & COMMUNITY SPORT HUB SCIO
REPORT OF TRUSTEES
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
COMPANY No SC051840





TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2024 – JULY 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period commencing July 2024 and ending July 2025.

Organisation Details

Charity Name **Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO**

Charity Number **SC051840**

Address **Firhill Stadium,**
80 Firhill Road,
Glasgow,
G20 7AL

Current Office Bearers / Trustees

Chairperson **Mike Simpson**

Secretary **Iona King**

Treasurer **Claire Hiddleston**

Trustee **Mary Rouse**

Bank **The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC,**
23 Sauchiehall Street,
Glasgow, G2 3AD



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2024 – July 2025

Governance

The Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub (FYP&CSH) operates as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), having been registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 12 July 2022. As a registered charity, the organisation is required to comply with OSCR regulations and reporting requirements.

The organisation operates under a two-tier structure of Trustees and Members and is governed in accordance with its Constitution, which acts as the organisation's governing document.

Trustees

In July 2025, the Trustees were Claire Hiddleston (Chairperson and Treasurer), Iona King (Secretary), Mary Rouse and Mike Simpson, with Mike and Mary joining in 2025.

Donna Ronald submitted her resignation as Trustee in July, and the FYP&CSH extends its gratitude to her for her dedication over recent years, including in her time as Secretary and Treasurer, and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.

Details of the current Trustees can be found on page 2.

Organisational Structure

The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees, who retain overall responsibility for governance and oversight of project delivery. The Trustees are supported by key partners including Glasgow Life and Scottish Rowing.

Operational delivery during the year was led by the Project Coordinator & Lead Coach (PC&LC), who reported to the Trustees and was responsible for community engagement, partnership development, and the coordination of programmes, activities and events in collaboration with local partners. The PC&LC was supported by paid sessional coaches and volunteers who assisted in the delivery of activities. Scottish Rowing and Glasgow Life have continued to assist FYP&CSH with operational oversight of daily programmed activity,



Aims, Objectives and Purpose

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports SCIO is a charity which aims to positively impact lives in the North Glasgow community through:

1. The promotion of a range of accessible, affordable, and sustainable opportunities for local young people (and on occasion the wider community) to participate, coach, or volunteer in rowing, kayaking, and other sport, and physical activity related opportunities at the Firhill Basin in North Glasgow.
2. The promotion of sport and physical activity related opportunities and educational activities which aid in the development of key life skills, including confidence and communication.
3. Working in partnership with other local clubs and organisations to develop and facilitate affordable and community driven activity via the Community Sports Hub initiative.
4. Supporting member clubs to become more sustainable to increase membership and capacity.
5. Supporting existing hub volunteers and promoting opportunities for new hub volunteers and coaches to become directly involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity in their local community.
6. Fostering, in all matters connected with sport and physical activity, links between Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO, and any other recognised body expressing a similar interest in developing sport and physical activity opportunities in North Glasgow e.g., voluntary organisations and community groups.
7. Promoting all activities that support and progress the above-mentioned objectives.
8. To increase young people's access to positive sporting role models who promote healthy lifestyles, resilience, and positive community values.



Funding

During the year, the project secured funding from GlasgowLife and LoveRowing, which played a key role in supporting its continued development. This funding contributed to the delivery of weekly activities and programmes, alongside the wider operational costs required to sustain the project.

The organisation is currently awaiting the outcome of several further funding applications which, if successful, will support continued programme delivery and development in the year ahead.

Activity

This year our project has continued to deliver an extensive programme of activity to individuals, groups and partners within the local community, many of which have attended for the first time through our summer camp programme and core group.

The project paused operational delivery in October 2024 following changes in staffing and Board leadership. In early 2025, activity resumed under a refreshed strategic plan, including the introduction of a seasonal delivery model (April-October) and the recruitment of a part-time Project Coordinator and Lead Coach.

Alongside these changes, the project adopted a more focused approach to delivery, placing greater emphasis on the quality and consistency of engagement with young people. This approach has been positively received by partner organisations and is intended to support the sustainability of the project and the long-term development of participants.

The FYP&CSH continued to deliver sessions in partnership with a number of well-established local organisations, while also welcoming new groups during the year, including Young Peoples Futures.

2025		2024	
Sessions	31	Sessions	62
Service Users	94	Service Users	174

The diversity of participants has been a continued strength for FYP&CSH, with 36% of participants from minority ethnic backgrounds 33% being female and 85% coming from Deciles 1 and 2 in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. The project also remains



accessible, with 13% of participants having Additional Support Needs, including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Cerebral Palsy.

Partners & Stakeholders

The FYP&CSH engaged with over twenty organisations during the year, reflecting both the continuation of valued partnerships and the establishment of new connections.

This growth was driven by an increased focus on outreach and relationship-building, with the Project Coordinator/Lead Coach visiting organisations in person and representing the FYP&CSH at local networking events, including NG Homes Network Breakfasts. These efforts have helped to raise the profile of the project, particularly among groups who were previously aware of FYP&CSH in name only, or not at all, and were unclear on how to get involved.

The FYP&CSH also strengthened its collaboration with Glasgow Kayak Club, establishing an open and effective line of communication that has already led to increased engagement, including potential cooperation on funding opportunities. Both organisations agreed that maintaining a close working partnership would be more practical and impactful than formal board representation, given existing time commitments.

We would like to recognise Partick Thistle Football Club for housing our project and providing access to indoor facilities, including the Club 71 Lounge for our 'Come & Try' event. We are particularly grateful for the support of their Stadium Manager, without whom the event would not have been possible.

FYP&CSH continues to benefit from the valued input of key partners, including Scottish Rowing and Glasgow Life, who provide essential operational guidance and support

Accounts Signed

Name: Claire Hiddleston

Position: Treasurer

Date: 18/04/26

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Hiddleston", is written below the "Signed:" label.



Firhill Youth Project & Community Sport Hub SCIO (SC 051840)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 July 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
Donations	750	0	750	0
Facility Hire	0	0	0	32,193
Grants	0	0	0	19,434
Total Receipts	750	0	750	51,627
Payments				
Costs of generating funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	12,025	277	12,302	45,834
Other payments	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	12,025	277	12,302	45,834
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(11,275)	(277)	(11,552)	5,793

Statement of Balances

As at 31 July 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank and Cash Balances				
Opening balance at 1 August 2024	20,533	9,610	30,143	24,349
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(11,275)	(277)	(11,552)	5,793
Closing balance at 31 July 2024	9,258	9,333	18,591	30,143
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds			9,258	20,533
Restricted funds			9,333	9,610
			18,591	30,143

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO

Scotland - Charity number SC051840

Accounts



FIRHILL YOUTH PROJECT & COMMUNITY SPORT HUB SCIO

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COMPANY No **SC051840**





TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2023 – JULY 2024

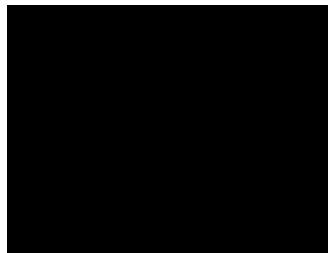
The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period commencing July 2023 and ending July 2024.

Organisation Details

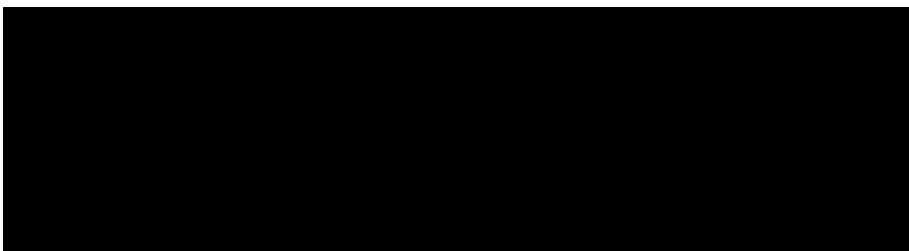
Charity Name **Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO**

Charity Number **SC051840**

Address



Current Office Bearers / Trustees



Bank

**The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC,
23 Sauchiehall Street,
Glasgow, G2 3AD**



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2022 – July 2023

Governance

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub was registered as a Scottish Charitable Organisation (Two Tier) on the 12th of July 2022 and is governed by its constitution from this date.

Trustees

The organisation/project is managed by a Board of 3 Trustees, who hold Office Bearer positions.

Organisational Structure

The Board continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the project with the support of external partners Scottish Rowing, Glasgow Life and Scottish Training Foundation.

External Funding secured from a range of funders enabled the organisation to employ one Full time Projector Co-ordinator/Lead Coach, one Part Time Assistant Coach and a number of sessional coaches to assist with programme delivery.

The project will be commencing new Strategic Planning process in October 2024.

The project is affiliated to Scottish Rowing.



Aims, Objectives and Purpose

Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports [SCIO] is a charity which aims to positively impact lives in the North Glasgow community through:

1. The promotion of a range of accessible, affordable, and sustainable opportunities for local young people (and on occasion the wider community) to participate, coach, or volunteer in rowing, kayaking, and other sport, and physical activity related opportunities at the Firhill Basin in North Glasgow.
2. The promotion of sport and physical activity related opportunities and educational activities which aid in the development of key life skills, including confidence and communication.
3. Working in partnership with other local clubs and organisations to develop and facilitate affordable and community driven activity via the Community Sports Hub initiative.
4. Supporting member clubs to become more sustainable to increase membership and capacity.
5. Supporting existing hub volunteers and promoting opportunities for new hub volunteers and coaches to become directly involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity in their local community.
6. Fostering, in all matters connected with sport and physical activity, links between Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub SCIO, and any other recognised body expressing a similar interest in developing sport and physical activity opportunities in North Glasgow e.g., voluntary organisations and community groups.
7. Promoting all activities that support and progress the above-mentioned objectives.



Funding

This year the project has generously been awarded funding from GCC Glasgow Communities Fund, Gemini Boat Race, Scottish Rowing, Glasgow Life Community Sport Hubs, TNL Awards for All and Tesco to support the efforts of the project. The funding secured continues to contribute to activity & programme delivery and all other operational aspects of the project.

Activity

This year our project has continued to deliver an extensive programme of activity to individuals, groups and partners within the local community, many of which have attended for the first time through our Community Outreach Programme/Schools (Youth and Adult) and Core Programme.

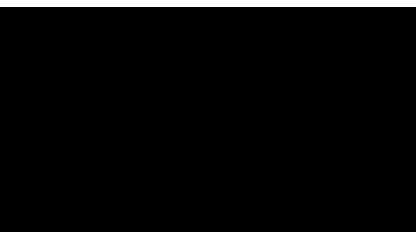
Our focus has been to provide local young people aged 11-25 with free, accessible, and sustainable opportunities to become active and stay active in their local community through rowing and accessibility to utilise their local waterway, the Forth and Clyde Canal, and surrounding green spaces including the Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve. Over 20% of our participants are from ethnic minority communities and 10% have additional support needs.

Partners & Stakeholders

The Project continues to engage with a diverse range of organisations in the local community, including schools, youth groups, community groups, housing associations and third sector organisations. We have fostered excellent working partnerships with over 20 organisations in the last year.

Scottish Rowing and Glasgow Life continue to be lead partners supporting the Charity and helping with advice and guidance.

Other key partners include Partick Thistle Football Club & Charitable Trust and Glasgow Kayak Club.



Date: 28/04/25



Firhill Youth Project & Community Sport Hub SCIO (SC 051840)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts				
Donations	0	0	0	0
Facility Hire	0	32,193	32,193	675
Grants	19,434	0	19,434	23,678
Total Receipts	19,434	32,193	51,627	24,353
Payments				
Costs of generating funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	9,647	36,187	45,834	19,915
Other payments	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	9,647	36,187	45,834	19,915
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,787	(3,994)	5,793	4,438

Statement of Balances

As at 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank and Cash Balances				
Opening balance at 1 August 2023	10,745	13,604	24,349	19,912
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,787	(3,994)	5,793	4,438
Closing balance at 31 July 2024	20,533	9,610	30,143	24,349
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds			20,533	10,745
Restricted funds			9,610	13,604
			30,143	24,349

Independent examiner's report to the board and members of

Firhill Youth Project & Community Sport Hub SCIO (SC 051840)

Scottish Charity Number ---SC051840--- **on the accounts for the year ending 31st July 2024**

Respective responsibilities of board and examiner.

The board/committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts for **Firhill Youth Project**. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required by law. The personal qualifications of the independent examiners must be of a professional nature but as the turnover is under £1 million a chartered accountant is not required.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Legal Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by **Firhill Youth Project** 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 board concerning any such matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Legal Regulations and requirements
- to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with Legal 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



Name



Date

24.04.2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

BA Business(distinction)

