

Westside Youth Project (WYP)

Scotland · Charity number SC052854

Details

Known as	WYP
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-09-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	6 The Dell Inverness IV2 4BA
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: We aim to engage and support young people in increasing their understanding of the Christian faith and in putting their faith into action. We have four areas of work: schools, churches, communities, and training and development of volunteers in youth work. We run a variety of activities such as Scripture Union Clubs in local schools, Monday Club a weekly club where primary aged pupils get involved in fun activities as well as hearing a story from the Bible, enabling and accompanying young people attend Scripture Union holidays, mentoring of teenagers through their volunteering on the Project.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: To engage and support young people in increasing their understanding of the Christian faith and in putting their faith into action. We have four areas of work: schools, churches, communities, and training and development of volunteers in youth work.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£51,714	£35,671	-	1
2024-12-31	£46,173	£12,449	-	1

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31 DECEMBER 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Westside Youth Project (WYP)

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Address

6 The Dell, Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4BA

Current Trustees

Olivia Fraser

Muriel Kelly

Elaine Kirkham Treasurer

Catherine Mackenzie

Moira McCarrell Chair

John McLachlan

Scott Polworth

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Activities

The Schools and Families Worker continues to have excellent access to the local schools, running six Scripture Union (SU) groups a week across the schools. In addition, there is regular involvement in primary classes, delivering blocks of Religious and Moral Education (RME) lessons and contributing to the RME planning in two of the primary schools. Classes from primary schools have visited the local church for activity mornings prior to Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Provision is also made in supporting friendship groups and with children needing extra support.

The weekly Monday Club which runs across the school year continues to be very popular, with over 40 primary children attending regularly and with a good number of teenage helpers. Of particular note is the response to additional adult helpers for Monday Club,

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without which the club could not have run, or at least, have run with considerably fewer children. The monthly event for families “Our Space” has continued, with a small but appreciative number of families enjoying the activities and fellowship on offer.

Good numbers of local children attended SU holidays at Easter and summer, as well as primary SU weekends in May and September. A very successful Summer Club was run from 11th – 16th August, with 75 children attending, ending with a family fun morning to which many of the children and their family members came along.

Alongside the ongoing work of the Project, several new initiatives were launched, including a fortnightly Youth Alpha course for teenagers. Following successful applications to SU Scotland’s Existing Cost Funding Grant and Ministry Impact Grant in relation to Associate Worker Trusts, grants of £1,500 to support the purchase of resources and £3,000 were awarded to support the employment of a second / sessional worker. As a direct result of this extra funding, a trial four-week Lego Club was run during October/November. The club was aimed at children for whom attendance at a ‘normal’ club might prove to be too challenging, and was so successful that it is now planned to run several four to five week blocks throughout 2026, and a part-time /sessional worker will be recruited to support this.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Demand for places at the weekly Monday Club continue at a high level, with restriction on numbers due to the ongoing challenge of recruiting sufficient volunteers to assist with the running of the club.

We continue to be encouraged by the number of pupils the Schools and Families Worker is able to engage with, including the excellent numbers attending the various clubs and residential activities which are run throughout the year, as well as the continued opportunities to be involved in the wider life of the schools.

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We have been encouraged by the success of the Lego Club trial and the partnership working which took place with another local charity. The funding obtained to purchase new equipment and fund a temporary post to help run the Lego Club during 2026 was also extremely encouraging.

We continue to be encouraged by the ongoing financial commitment of those regularly giving to the Project, providing financial stability both for the ongoing regular work and also for future planning. In addition, through specific, ring-fenced funding received, support has been able to be provided to a significant number of young people in order to attend an SU holiday/weekend.

FINANCE

Income

Our main source of funding is from regular giving by supporters of the Project, most of which is also Gift Aided. We also receive an annual gift from Kingsview APC Church.

In the first year of operation, the Trustees agreed that a significant gift received with a particular request regarding its use would be set aside to enable children to attend residential events who would not otherwise be able to do so. During the course of 2025, £3,639 has been used from that gift to enable young people to attend residential events. In addition, a further donation of £1,326.25 has been received for the same purpose.

Reserves Policy

Currently, the Trust's policy is to retain 3 months' worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Three months' expenditure currently stands at £9,000 and reserves are significantly in excess of this at over £49,000. The Trustees will continue to monitor the ongoing financial situation.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Project piloted a Lego Club for primary aged children who cannot cope with large group events. The pilot was very successful and so it has been agreed that the Lego Club will run during term times of 2026. With the successful application for funding for a member of staff to take responsibility for some of the tasks required to be carried out in the Club, and matching funding also received, it is anticipated the Lego Club will continue through to the 2026-2027 school session.

The intention is to continue to look for opportunities to develop the Project, depending on both demand and the availability of volunteer assistance.

It is hoped to develop further ways to engage with Charleston Academy.

A key focus is to encourage young people to book for 2026 SU Holidays, including providing financial support where appropriate.

A dedicated email list has been started to encourage prayer support via monthly newsletters. This has already grown and we would look to expand the distribution list as the year goes on.

Signed on behalf of the Westside Youth Project (WYP) Trustees

Moira McCarrell Chairman date 28.01.26

Elaine Kirkham Treasurer date 28.01.26

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31/12/25	Year ended 31/12/24
Receipts				
Donations	39,169.00	1,326.25	40,495.25	40,259.03
Gift-aid tax	5,534.27		5,534.27	5,487.50
Bank interest	613.73		613.73	48.90
Shared expenses (KPC)	571.16		571.16	378.34
SU Scotland grant		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
Total receipts	45,888.16	5,826.25	51,714.41	46,173.77

Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31/12/25	Year ended 31/12/24
Salary costs	29,360.51		29,360.51	10,957.27
Trust Insurance	397.14		397.14	376.11
Operating expenses	1,852.39		1,852.39	743.87
Printing	152.30		152.30	0.00
SU Camp contribution	0.00	3,639.00	3,639.00	300.00
Web-site	0.00		0.00	72.00
Out of the Box	150.00		150.00	0.00
Phone	120.49		120.49	0.00
Total Payments	32,032.83	3,639.00	35,671.83	12,449.25

Statement of Balances – As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Opening cash at bank	9,142.95	2,687.25	11,830.20	8,188.12
Savings account	37,936.90		37,936.90	25,536.40
Closing cash at bank	47,079.85	2,687.25	49767.10	33,724.52

Bank and Cash Balances – As at 31 December 2025

Bank deposit account	11,830.20
Savings account	37,936.90
Total	49,767.10

Notes to the accounts – for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the project.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year, the charity received donations of £1,326.25 towards the cost of enabling young people to attend Scripture Union camps.

3. Related party transactions

The Project's insurance policy includes Trustee indemnity insurance for all its trustees. No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2025).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Westside Youth Project (WYP), Inverness

SC052854

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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) Act 2005 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ...Elaine Watt..... Date ...26 January 2026.....

Elaine Watt
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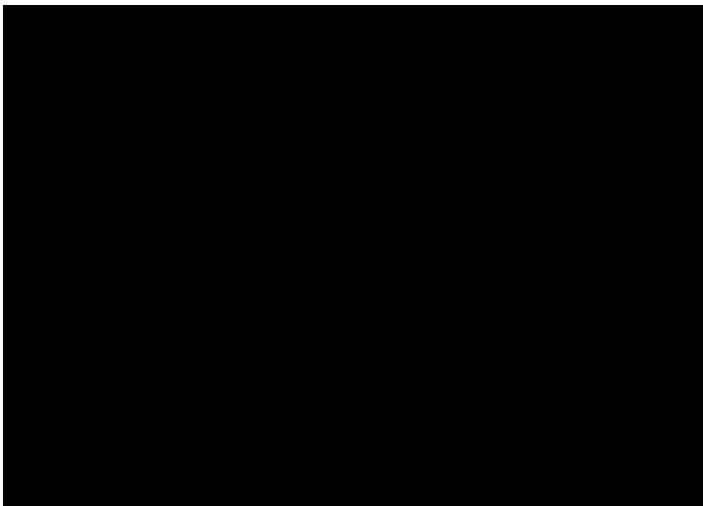
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Activities

In August 2024, the charity recruited a Schools and Families Worker who runs weekly Scripture Union groups (SUPA Clubs) in the 3 local primary schools (Kinmylies, Muirtown and Dochgarroch) and the local secondary school (Charleston Academy). Currently there are 5 primary groups and 1 secondary group, attracting on average a total of 90 pupils.

Particularly encouraging is the number of former P7 pupils who have been attending the secondary SU group in Charleston Academy.

The Schools and Families Worker is regularly invited into the schools to deliver Religious and Moral Education (RME), including a weekly series on the Fruit of the Spirit in Dochgarroch Primary School, a weekly block in Muirtown Primary School looking at famous Bible stories,

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various one-off lessons including harvest, various activity mornings in the Kinmylies church building, and regular RME in the run up to Christmas. In addition, she delivers school assemblies in Muirtown and Kinmylies Primaries once a month.

The Schools and Families Worker currently spends one afternoon per week in Muirtown Primary, generally supporting the life of the school by assisting with reading groups and with small groups of children who require more sustained support with homework activities. She also helps with a leadership group every second Friday afternoon.

With the help of volunteers, including 12 teenagers, she runs a weekly Monday Club for P2-P7 age group, with 59 children on the register and attracting around 47 each week. Virtually all of these children are from the local community. Recently started is the fortnightly Monday Club Plus for those in P7 – S3 age group, providing an opportunity for further work with and development of these young people.

During the last week of the summer holidays the Schools and Families Worker, along with a number of volunteers, ran a summer club on an Olympic theme. An evening club ran each evening for those going into P5 – S2, and a morning club from Wednesday to Friday for those going into P2 - P4. This was followed by a family fun morning on the Saturday which was very well attended by families from the community, including some with whom there had been no previous contact.

A number of local children attended weekend residential events at SU's Alltnacriche centre. 9 local children attended the primary weekend in September and 7 attended the secondary weekend in November.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Demand for places at the weekly Monday Club remain high, with the restriction on numbers only due to the ongoing challenge of recruiting sufficient volunteers to assist with the running of the club.

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Of particular encouragement are the numbers of pupils the Schools and Families Worker is able to engage with, including the excellent numbers attending the various SUPA Clubs and residential activities, and the various opportunities to engage in the wider life of the schools.

We are hugely encouraged by the ongoing financial commitment of those regularly giving to the Project, providing financial stability both for the ongoing regular work and also for future planning.

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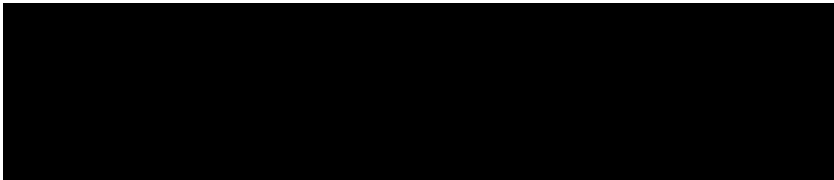
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Receipts				
Donations	35,259.03	5,000	40,259.03	0
Gift-aid tax	5,487.50		5,487.50	0
Bank interest	48.90		48.90	0
Shared expenses (KPC)	378.34		378.34	0
Total receipts	41,173.77	5,000	46,173.77	0

Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
Salary costs	10,957.27			0
Trust Insurance	376.11			0
Operating expenses	743.87			0
SU holiday contribution	300.00			
Web-site	72.00			0
Total Payments	12,449.25			0

Statement of Balances – As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Opening cash at bank	8,188.12		8,188.12	0
Savings account	20,536.40	5,000.00	25,536.40	0
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Signed [redacted] Date ...26 January 2025.....



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