

**WESTSIDE YOUTH PROJECT SCIO**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SCO52854**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL**

**STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2025**

Westside Youth Project (WYP)  
Inverness  
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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)

#### **Scottish Charity Number - SCO52854**

#### **Address**

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

### **Current Trustees**

Olivia Fraser

Muriel Kelly

Elaine Kirkham                      Treasurer

Catherine Mackenzie

Moirá McCarrell                      Chair

John McLachlan

Scott Polworth

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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Constitution**

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), first registered in its current legal form on 27 September 2023. It has a single tier structure and, as such, the Trustees are members of the charity.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Management Committee, which normally meets 3 times per year, are the charity's Trustees. Membership of the Management Committee includes members from Kinmylies Church of Scotland and Kingsview Associated Presbyterian Church (APC). Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held in February.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Charitable Purposes**

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 the training and development of volunteers in youth work.

### **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.



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
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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
<b>Receipts</b>				
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
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,888.16</b>	<b>5,826.25</b>	<b>51,714.41</b>	<b>46,173.77</b>

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

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### Statement of Balances – As at 31 December 2025

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Opening cash at bank	9,142.95	<b>2,687.25</b>	11,830.20	8,188.12
Savings account	37,936.90		37,936.90	25,536.40
<b>Closing cash at bank</b>	<b>47,079.85</b>	<b>2,687.25</b>	<b>49,767.10</b>	<b>33,724.52</b>

### Bank and Cash Balances – As at 31 December 2025

Bank deposit account	11,830.20
Savings account	37,936.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,767.10</b>



## 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**

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 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

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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.....

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