

Minna's Children [SCIO]

Scotland · Charity number SC053015

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-12-14
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 6 Birch Knowe
Bishopbriggs
Glasgow
G641TS

Website www.minnaschildren.org

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Our provides essential funds to sustain and develop the work carried out by the Stella Maris Educational Foundation ("SMEF") in Minna, Northern Nigeria.. SMEF cares for orphaned and very vulnerable children of all denominations from families blighted by poverty, disease and traumatic experiences including terrorist activity. Our objective is to help these children and young people become independent adults through the power of education, care and all necessary support for the health, wellbeing and development of each child. This charity exists to help ensure that sufficient funds are available for the continuation and improvement of these vital services and that no child in desperate need will be denied essential sanctuary and life enhancing opportunity.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: a) To support the Stella Maris Educational Foundation 'SMEF' charitable organisation in Nigeria. b) To help provide care, food, education and support for orphans and vulnerable children suffering the impacts of poverty, death of their parent(s), disease and the terrorist violence in parts of Nigeria served by SMEF. c) To raise awareness, understanding and support for the plight of Nigerian children.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Overseas only

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-03-31	£32,413	£557	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for period from 14 December 2023 to 31 March 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 14 December 2023 to 31 March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the above period.

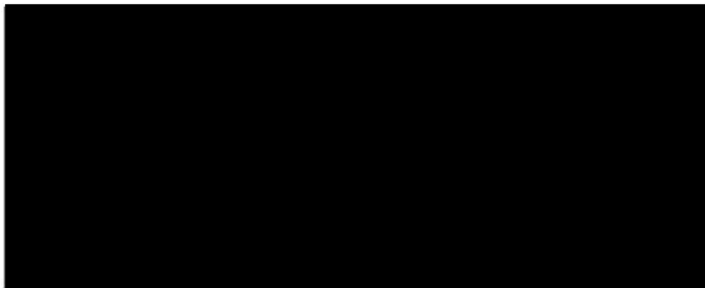
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Minna's Children SCIO

Charity No: SC053015

Registered Address: 6 Birch Knowe, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 1TS

Current Trustees:



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO) and was registered on 14 December 2023. It has a two tier structure in which the membership of the charity appoints the trustees and has other decision making powers.

Appointment of Trustees and Members

The Board of Trustees meet quarterly (or more frequently if required), and generally controls the activities of the organisation; for example, the Board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Members have the right to participate in members' meetings (including annual general meetings "AGM's") and have important powers under the constitution; for example, the members elect people to serve on the Board of Trustees and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.

Trustees are elected or re-elected at the AGM. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of seven trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

- a) To support the Stella Maris Educational Foundation "SMEF" charitable organisation in Minna, Nigeria through Minna's Children, Nigeria.
- b) To help provide care, food, education and support for orphans and vulnerable children suffering the impacts of poverty, death of their parent(s), disease and the terrorist violence in parts of Nigeria served by SMEF.
- c) To raise awareness, understanding and support for the plight of Nigerian children.

Activities

Minna's Children seeks to provide essential financial support to ensure continuation of the life changing services provided by SMEF.

The charity is mainly organised into local groups currently including Bishopbriggs, Condorrat, Langside and Renton, and these groups are fully empowered to organise fundraising events and other local social activities within the rules of the constitution.

Other activities include child sponsorship, raffles, church cafes, the "kindness for Minna" childrens' collection and easyfundraising.

Achievements and Performance

As at 31 March 2025, the charity transferred £30,091.87 directly to SMEF for the immediate benefit of the children in our care.

Since its public launch in June 2024, Minna's Children has received over 130 individual donations, of which 50 are received by monthly standing order. Some 60 donors have also gift aided their donation, and 65 people are sponsoring one or more child. Some donations have been raised from coffee mornings and other events whilst others have been received anonymously.

The charity has developed its own website and social media outlets including Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, in order to help increase public awareness. In addition, a Herald Newspaper article written by the journalist, Kevin McKenna, was published last year featuring Fr Chido and his charitable work.

Above all, the community groups formed to date have been very successful in generating interest and fundraising in their local areas.

Financial Review

The main source of funding is in the form of personal donation with gift aid attached where possible. Outgoings are very small and all are covered by donations from specific donors who have agreed to this.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to transfer all funds to SMEF as soon as possible on the basis of need and cost effectiveness; the same bank charge applies for each transfer regardless of how large or

small the amount. All donations received are first paid into the charity's current account and immediately transferred to an interest earnings account with the Bank of Scotland whilst awaiting transfer to Nigeria. Only £15 is retained in the charity's current account to cover one month's internet, website and email services; whilst an additional £15 is reserved in the savings account to cover a single bank transfer cost to SMEF.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Period Ended 31/03/2025
Receipts			
Donations	26,348	527	26,875
Fundraising	1,827	-	1,827
Gift aid	3,651	-	3,651
Bank interest		39	39
Easyfunding		19	19
Paypal		2	2
Total Receipts	31,826	587	32,413
Payments			
Transfer to Stella Maris	30,092	-	30,092
Cost of charitable activities	-	557	557
Total Payments	30,092	557	30,649
Bank Balances			
Current account	-	15	15
Savings account	1,734	15	1,749

Cost of Charitable Activities

The cost of all charitable activities falls within the category of restricted funds since specific donors have agreed to cover these costs in the knowledge that their donation, in whole or part, might not be sent to SMEF.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Period ended 31/03/2025
Foreign Bank Transfers	-	60	60
PayPal charges	-	41	41
Card readers x2	-	119	119
Stationery	-	42	42
Internet services	-	145	145
ACN conference	-	50	50
Fr Joe Mills – Launch	-	100	100
Total	-	557	557

Notes to Accounts for Period Ended 2025

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).

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. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

Transfers between funds

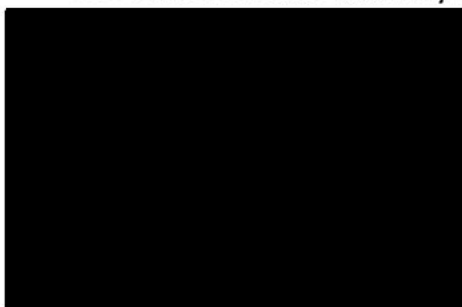
All donations received were immediately transferred from current account to an interest earning account until all monies transferred to SMEF.

Plans for Future Period

1. Increase the number of child sponsors.
2. Strengthen the Bishopbriggs community group to operate independently of St Dominic's
3. Support and encourage the essential contribution of all other existing community groups
4. Grow the number of local community groups
5. Create more visibility by organising a fund raising event at a central location (eg Eire Hall, Clyde Street) to engage people around Glasgow Cathedral and related areas.
6. Persuade more children and young adults to become involved.
7. Call on members and volunteers to spread the word and try to introduce at least one other person to the charity.
8. Promote the cost free opportunities of gift aid and easyfunding to increase funds.
9. Encourage the take up of justgiving sponsorship for Minna's Children by friends, family and others participating in sport events and challenges.
10. Pursue other creative ideas including crafts and gift cards featuring artistic work by the children.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Minna's Children SCIO for the period from 14 December 2023 to 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 respects 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 8 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.

