

Fèis Phàislig

Scotland · Charity number SC053367

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-05-17
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Flat 2/2
1 Mansionhouse Road
Paisley
PA1 3RG

Website www.feisphaislig.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Fèis Phàislig promotes participation in traditional music, Gaelic language and Scottish culture across Renfrewshire. We provide year-round opportunities for children and young people to learn, perform and engage with traditional arts through weekly music lessons, Gaelic choir, school workshops, community events, outreach projects and our annual Fèis Week programme. We also support the development of young musicians through initiatives such as the Ceilidh Trail and create opportunities for communities to experience and celebrate Gaelic culture through performances, workshops and cultural events.

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

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: The advancement of education and the advancement of the arts, heritage and culture in the Renfrewshire area. In furtherance of this: a) Cultural Promotion: Promote interest, education, and participation in Gaelic language, traditional music, and cultural heritage, with a focus on Paisley and Renfrewshire. b) Community Engagement: Plan, programme, and deliver a year-round calendar of events and activities, fostering collaboration with local musical, arts, and educational entities to enrich community engagement. c) Youth Empowerment: Provide accessible and high-quality opportunities for children and young people to experience Gaelic culture and traditional music, nurturing confidence, inclusivity, and a sense of cultural pride.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£215,964	£174,024	-	0
2024-08-31	£144,602	£134,987	-	0

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, Its Trustees and Advisors

The registered name of the charity is "Fèis Phàislig SCIO".

Fèis Phàislig SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered in Scotland (charity number SCO53367) and as such, is exempt from Income and Corporation Tax in relation to its charitable activities.

Registered Office

The registered address of the Organisation is:

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Current Trustees

The Trustees are as follows:

Karen Anderson	(Chair)
Eleanor Whiteford	(Secretary)
Lorraine MacDonald	(Treasurer)

Along with the above, the following non-executive committee members form the operational committee of the Organisation:

Jim McFarlane
Joy Dunlop
Joanna Byrne
Sarah Kidd

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

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The governing document of the Organisation is its constitution, originally adopted on 2 November 2014. Following the transition to SCIO status, a revised constitution was approved by the charity trustees on 6 October 2024 and applies from the 2024-25 financial year onwards.

Board meetings are held regularly throughout the year, particularly in the period leading up to Fèis Week, and are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and oversight of the Organisation. All trustees are entitled to attend and participate in these meetings.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Newly appointed trustees undertake an induction process, including briefings from the Chair and an overview of the Organisation's governance, activities and responsibilities. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their duties as charity trustees.

The day-to-day management and delivery of the Organisation is overseen by the Fèis Director, Grant McFarlane, who is engaged on a self-employed basis. Administrative support is provided by Anna Whiteford, who is also engaged by the Organisation on a part-time self-employed basis. Their work is supported by the operational committee, tutors and volunteers.

Grant McFarlane receives a monthly fee for his work as Fèis Director and is also engaged in additional project delivery roles, including tutoring within the Weekly Lessons programme, work as part of the Stramash for Schools tour, performances at external events and coordination of Fèis Week. Anna Whiteford receives payment for the administrative services she provides to the Organisation. Payments made for these roles are in line with rates paid to others undertaking comparable work on behalf of the Organisation.

Additional Governance Issues

All committee members and any volunteers are required by **Fèisean nan Gàidheal** to undergo checks under the *Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme* (PVG Scheme), which is administered by Disclosure Scotland. Karen Anderson is the nominated Child Protection Officer within the committee.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the umbrella body for all Fèisean, of which the Organisation is a member.

Objectives and Activities

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c) Youth Empowerment: To provide accessible, high-quality opportunities for children and young people to experience Gaelic culture and traditional music, fostering confidence, inclusivity, and cultural pride.

To achieve these aims, the organisation delivers a year-round programme of events and learning opportunities for children and young people aged 5–25 in the Renfrewshire area. This includes an annual 'Fèis Week', a programme of weekly instrumental classes, a summer 'Cèilidh Trail' for early-career musicians, and a Gaelic Choir project. Further information can be found at www.feisphaislig.com.

Strategic Report

Achievements, Performance and Plans for Future Periods

Fèis Phàislig was established in November 2014 to provide traditional music opportunities for young people in Renfrewshire. In 2025, we continued to grow our year-round programme, reaching children, young people, families, schools and communities through traditional music, Gaelic language and cultural activity across the region.

Following our transition to SCIO status in 2024, the organisation operated throughout the year under its strengthened governance structure. This provided a strong foundation for continued programme growth, improved internal systems and longer-term planning.

We are grateful for the continued support of our funders, including Fèisean nan Gàidheal, Renfrewshire Council, Creative Scotland, trusts and foundations, Local Partnerships and other local partners. Their contributions were vital in allowing us to deliver meaningful and accessible opportunities throughout the year.

We are especially thankful to our tutors, staff, board members and volunteers, whose commitment underpins the quality and success of our work. Their efforts ensure that participants continue to enjoy high-quality, welcoming and inspiring experiences.

Below are highlights of our key activities and accomplishments during the 2024-25 financial year:

Fèis Week (Seachdain na Fèise):

Fèis Week 2025 ran from 15-18 July at Johnstone High School and welcomed 197 participants across Fèis Bheag, Main Fèis and Advanced Fèis. A team of 26 tutors delivered a wide-ranging programme including traditional music, Gaelic song, art, dance, filmmaking, circus skills, chanter/whistle and bandwork. The week concluded with a lively Friday concert, showcasing participants' progress to family and friends.

Weekly Lessons (Clasaichean gach Seachdain):

Our weekly instrumental classes continued to grow during the year, with strong participation across accordion, fiddle, guitar, senior band and Fèis Bheag. The programme supported progression, confidence and ensemble playing through regular Saturday tuition, workshop days and performance opportunities. Highlights included summer and Christmas concerts, care home performances and continued development of our teaching and repertoire resources.

Schools Engagement & Outreach:

Our schools programme remained one of our largest areas of delivery. The Youth Music Initiative programme engaged 1,006 pupils across 23 schools, delivering traditional music and Gaelic sessions in partnership with Renfrewshire Council Music Service. Our ASN Traditional Music Project continued in Mary Russell School and Riverbrae School, with additional assistant tutor roles introduced. Our Stramash for Schools tour delivered 45 school visits across Renfrewshire, introducing thousands of pupils to traditional music and Gaelic language.

Ceilidh Trail:

The Ceilidh Trail returned in 2025, supporting four young musicians through rehearsal, training and a two-week performance tour. The group delivered 24 performances across libraries, care homes, community venues, festivals and collaborative events, developing skills in stagecraft, ceilidh calling, technical setup, repertoire and audience engagement.

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Gaelic Choir (Còisir Ghàidhlig):

Our Gaelic Choir continued to meet weekly and had another successful year under the leadership of Mairi MacGillivray. The choir performed at community and Fèis events and achieved notable success at Mòd Loch Abar in Fort William, winning the Under-13 Unison competition and securing three trophies. Membership grew during the year, with around 14 regular participants by the end of 2025.

Other Projects:

- Local Partnership funding supported community ceilidhs, care home performances, roadshow pop-ups and come-and-try workshops across Renfrewshire.
- Our Youth Board was established, giving young people a stronger voice in shaping events, communications and participant experience.
- Our volunteer pool grew through Caraidean na Fèise, supporting concerts, ceilidhs, community activity and behind-the-scenes delivery.
- Planning began for our 10-Year Anniversary programme, supported by Creative Scotland's Open Fund for Organisations, including preparations for a major celebration and film project in 2026.
- Our monthly newsletter, website and social media activity continued to support engagement and promote opportunities to new audiences.

As we move into 2026, we remain focused on delivering accessible, inclusive and high-quality opportunities that celebrate Scotland's traditional arts and promote Gaelic language and culture for young people across Renfrewshire and beyond. The year ahead will include the continued development of our core programmes, strengthened youth voice, deeper partnership working and the delivery of our 10-Year Anniversary programme.

Grant McFarlane
Fèis Director
May 2026

Financial Review

Financial Summary

The net incoming resources of the Organisation for the year amounted to £41,940 (2024: £9,615). Funding of £120,478 (2024: £57,828) was received from a number of public bodies and charitable organisations with related objectives, with further income of £95,486 (2024: £83,724) being generated from the Organisation's charitable activities and activities for generating funds.

Expenditure during the year has supported the key objectives of the Organisation by enabling the activities described under Achievements and Performance above.

Some of the funding received in the year is conditional on the Organisation incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable. Funds of £149,190 are held at the year end.

The statement of receipts and payments is set out on page 8.

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The level of business and the year end position of the Organisation were both entirely satisfactory and the level of retained funds are sufficient to allow the Organisation to operate for the foreseeable future.

Equal Opportunities in Employment and Disabled Employees

The Organisation is committed to ensuring that the ethos and principles of equality of opportunity and valuing diversity are embedded in all aspects of service delivery and are a guiding principle for all its activities. The Organisation strives to embrace a positive attitude towards the promotion of equality and diversity and to create a working environment which is inclusive of everyone regardless of ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, carer responsibility, race, nationality, social or economic status, trade union membership or activity.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson, Chair

29th May 2026

Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

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. 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 report

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 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 Regulationshave 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.

Jill Anderson

Jill Anderson

ICAS (Chartered Accountant)

14 Rosemont Place, Barrhead, G78 1FD

29th May 2026

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

		General Reserve	General Reserve
	Note	(Year ended 31 August 2025) £	(Year ended 31 August 2024) £
Incoming resources			
Generated Funds			
Grant/Voluntary Income	2	120,478	57,828
Activities for Generating Funds:	2		
Fèis week income		1,846	1,697
Ceilidh Trail		9,978	-
External events		12,756	5,113
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:			
Fèis subscriptions		19,619	16,605
Weekly lesson subscriptions		31,239	21,110
Ceilidh trail		-	0
Youth Music Initiative		16,269	24,597
Stramash		0	7,689
Renfrewshire Council – Early Years		0	3,000
Instrument hire		3,082	3,180
Sundry		697	3,783
Total incoming resources		215,964	141,602
Resources expended			
Charitable activities:			
Income Generation	3	170,127	134,134
Asset purchase		3,897	853
Total resources expended		174,024	134,987
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		41,940	9,615

The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.

Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson, Chair

29th May 2026

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Note	31 August 2025	31 August 2024
		£	£
Funds reconciliation			
Cash at bank and in hand (opening)		107,250	97,635
Surplus / (deficit) in the year		41,940	9,615
Cash at bank and in hand (closing)		149,190	107,250
Other assets			
Music equipment (at cost)	4	10,439	6,542
Cash at bank and in hand			
Bank deposit account		141,667	93,464
Paypal account		7,523	13,786
Total cash at bank and in hand		149,190	107,250

The financial statements on pages 9 and 10 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on **Friday 29th May 2026** and were signed on its behalf by:

Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson

Chair

The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2025

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of income received and expenditure outlaid during the year.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Organisation's financial statements except as noted below.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which provides that the Organisation will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

(a) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets bought using funds generated by the operations of the Organisation are treated as owned by the Organisation.

(b) General Reserve

This is an unrestricted reserve. Surpluses and deficits from operational activities are accounted for through the Receipts and Payments Account.

(c) Income and Expenditure Recognition Policy

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the period in which it is received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on operational programmes is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

As no system exists to directly attribute costs between charitable expenditure and income generating expenditure an estimate is made each year based on activity.

There is no apportionment of indirect costs as these are considered to be immaterial.

(d) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies that are consistent with the treatment of the Organisation as a going concern. The Organisation's available unrestricted reserves ('free' reserves) are in surplus at the year end and the Trustees are confident that sufficient funds will be available to support the Organisation throughout the period of the coming twelve months.

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2 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

	Year ended 31 August 2025	Year ended 31 August 2024
	£	£
Funding from Fèisean nan Gàidheal	23,498	20,575
Funding from Renfrewshire Council	44,012	11,617
Funding from Bord Na Gaidhlig	0	400
Funding from Postcode Trust	0	22,000
Funding from Creative Scotland	44,932	0
Other grant funding	8,036	3,236
	120,478	57,828

Activities for Generating Funds

	Year ended 31 August 2025	Year ended 31 August 2024
	£	£
Fèis Week income	1,846	1,697
External events	12,756	4,602
Ceilidh Trail	9,978	-
	24,580	6,299

Funding received

During the period, funding of £120,478 (2024 - £57,828) was received from a number of bodies in respect of operational costs, as detailed above. The funding is conditional on the Organisation incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable.

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3 Resources Expended

Charitable Activities

	Year ended 31 August 2025	Year ended 31 August 2024
	£	£
Tutor costs	98,711	71,201
Ceilidh trail expenditure	2,220	60
Annualised hours payment	33,920	25,840
External events	2,573	19,961
Materials	6,691	2,235
Venue hire	7,128	3,891
Sundry expenditure	1,708	1,122
Supplies	455	355
Website	988	298
Gifts	329	428
Memberships	323	325
Fèis week entertainment	-	-
Marketing and advertising	2,338	2,855
Repairs and maintenance	152	271
Photography	8,542	2,000
Instrument Hire	1,540	835
Professional Fees	1,288	2,350
Training	-	107
Insurance	181	-
Bank Charges	1,040	-
Total	170,127	134,134

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4 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Music Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 September 2021	5,665
Additions	-
At 31 August 2022	5,655
Additions	35
At 31 August 2023	5,690
Additions	852
At 31 August 2024	6,542
Additions	3,897
At 31 August 2025	10,439

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5 SCIO Incorporation

On 17 May 2024, Fèis Phàislig completed the transition from an unincorporated association (charity number SC045342) to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered as SC053367. All assets and liabilities of the former charity were transferred to the SCIO on that date, and the previous charity has since been formally wound up.

The figures in these financial statements have been prepared in line with OSCR's merger accounting guidance for SCIO transitions. As such, the prior year figures reflect the financial activity of both the former charity and the new SCIO across the full financial year to 31 August 2024. No separate pre- and post-incorporation comparatives have been prepared.

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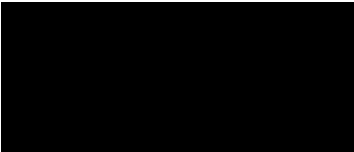
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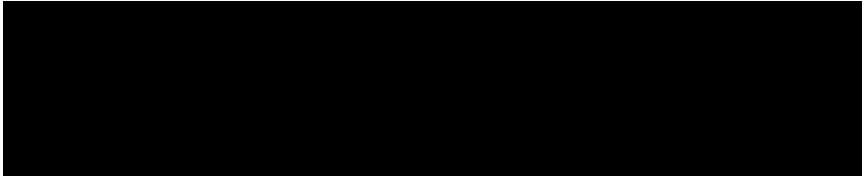
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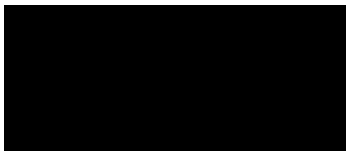


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Day-to-day operational management of the Organisation is carried out by the committee, with the assistance of volunteers.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and are not remunerated for their roles with the exception of [REDACTED]. Grant receives a monthly fee for his contracted work as Fèis Director, and is also paid for his roles as a tutor in the Weekly Lessons programme, as part of the Stramash for Schools tour, as a musician performing at external events, and as the coordinator for the Fèis Week event in July. These rates are commensurate with those paid to other tutors, musicians, and coordinators delivering similar work for the organisation.

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Strategic Report

Achievements, Performance and Plans for Future Periods

Fèis Phàislig was established in November 2014 to provide traditional music opportunities for young people in Renfrewshire. In 2024, we reached over 14,500 participants through our core programme of events and outreach, continuing our commitment to promoting traditional music and Gaelic culture across the region.

A key milestone during the year was our transition to SCIO status, strengthening the organisation's legal structure and governance, and allowing us to operate with increased resilience and sustainability.

We are grateful for the continued support of our funders, including Fèisean nan Gàidheal, Renfrewshire Council, and other local partners. Their contributions were vital in allowing us to deliver meaningful opportunities for children and young people throughout the year.

We are especially thankful to our dedicated tutors, staff, and volunteers whose work underpins the success of our projects. Their commitment ensures that every participant enjoys a high-quality and inspiring experience.

Below are highlights of our key activities and accomplishments during the 2023–24 financial year:

Fèis Week (Seachdain na Fèise):

Our eighth annual Fèis Week ran from 16–18 July 2024 at Johnstone High School. The event welcomed 173 participants across three tailored streams: Fèis Bheag (ages 5–7), Main Fèis (ages 8–18), and Advanced Fèis (S1–S6). A wide range of music and arts workshops were delivered by professional tutors, including a new Music Production strand. The week concluded with separate performances for Fèis Bheag and the Main/Advanced groups, showcasing participants' progress to an audience of over 250 family members and friends.

Weekly Lessons (Clasaichean gach Seachdain):

Our weekly instrumental classes ran from September 2023 to June 2024, welcoming 97 young people aged 5–18 – a significant increase from the previous year. The programme included accordion, fiddle, guitar, and music theory tuition, as well as our early years stream (Fèis Bheag) and Advanced Band for older learners. Highlights included end-of-term concerts and care home performances as part of our Local Partnership outreach work.

Schools Engagement & Outreach:

Our 'Stramash for Schools' tour reached 10,918 pupils across 42 schools in April–May 2024. In addition, our Youth Music Initiative (YMI) programme engaged 989 pupils across 23 schools, delivering traditional music and Gaelic sessions in tin whistle and song. Our ASN Traditional Music Project continued in two ASN schools, supporting around 60 pupils with additional needs through regular, accessible music sessions.

Gaelic Choir (Còisir Ghàidhlig):

Our Gaelic Choir met weekly and performed at a number of high-profile events, culminating in a 1st Prize win in the Unison section at the Royal National Mòd in Oban in October 2024. The project continues to provide a valuable cultural experience for around 10 young people.

Other Projects:

- Our Early Years Gaelic & Music Showcase reached 44 early years centres across Renfrewshire.
- Local Partnership funding supported intergenerational performances in care homes and community events, reaching over 1,400 attendees.

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- Our monthly newsletter and regular social media activity continue to support engagement and promote opportunities to new audiences.
- No Ceilidh Trail was delivered in 2024, allowing the organisation to focus on SCIO transition and strategic planning.

As we approach our 10th anniversary in 2025, we remain focused on delivering accessible, inclusive and high-quality opportunities that celebrate Scotland's traditional arts and promote Gaelic language and culture for young people across Renfrewshire and beyond.

Grant McFarlane
Fèis Director
January 2025

Financial Review

Financial Summary

The net incoming resources of the Organisation for the year amounted to £9,615 (2023: £56,957). Funding of £57,828 (2023: £121,460) was received from a number of public bodies and charitable organisations with related objectives, with further income of £86,774 (2023: £40,203) being generated from the Organisation's charitable activities and activities for generating funds.

Expenditure during the year has supported the key objectives of the Organisation by enabling the activities described under Achievements and Performance above.

Some of the funding received in the year is conditional on the Organisation incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable. Funds of £107,250 are held at the year end.

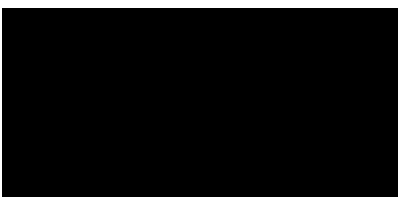
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The level of business and the year end position of the Organisation were both entirely satisfactory and the level of retained funds are sufficient to allow the Organisation to operate for the foreseeable future.

Equal Opportunities in Employment and Disabled Employees

The Organisation is committed to ensuring that the ethos and principles of equality of opportunity and valuing diversity are embedded in all aspects of service delivery and are a guiding principle for all its activities. The Organisation strives to embrace a positive attitude towards the promotion of equality and diversity and to create a working environment which is inclusive of everyone regardless of ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, carer responsibility, race, nationality, social or economic status, trade union membership or activity.

By Order of the Board of Trustees



Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

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. 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.

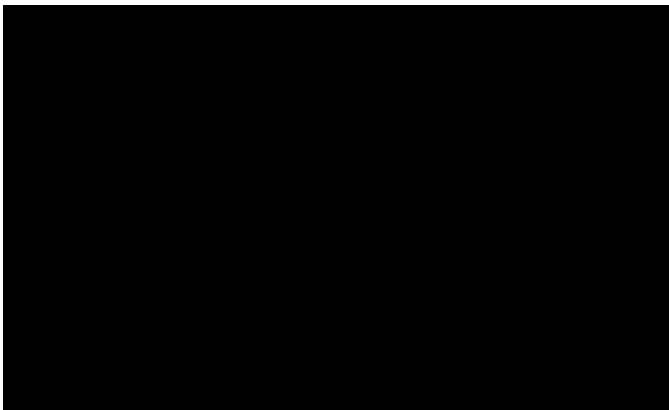
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 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 Regulationshave 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.

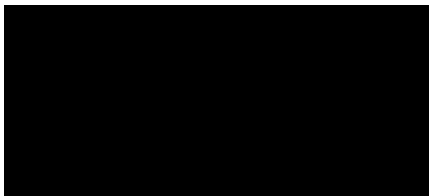


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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2024

		General Reserve	General Reserve
	Note	(Year ended 31 August 2024) £	(Year ended 31 August 2023) £
Incoming resources			
Generated Funds			
Grant/Voluntary Income	2	57,828	121,460
Activities for Generating Funds:	2		
Fèis week income		1,697	4,224
Ceilidh		-	-
External events		5,113	3,605
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:			
Fèis subscriptions		16,605	12,862
Weekly lesson subscriptions		21,110	14,214
Ceilidh trail		-	2,552
Youth Music Initiative		24,597	-
Stramash		7,689	-
Renfrewshire Council – Early Years		3,000	-
Instrument hire		3,180	2,280
Sundry		3,783	445
Total incoming resources		144,602	161,663
Resources expended			
Charitable activities:			
Income Generation	3	134,134	104,671
Asset purchase		853	35
Total resources expended		134,987	104,706
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		9,615	56,957

The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.



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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	31 August 2024	31 August 2023
		£	£
Funds reconciliation			
Cash at bank and in hand (opening)		97,635	40,678
Surplus / (deficit) in the year		9,615	56,957
Cash at bank and in hand (closing)		107,250	97,635
Other assets			
Music equipment (at cost)	4	6,542	5,690
Cash at bank and in hand			
Bank deposit account		93,464	46,310
Paypal account		13,786	51,325
Total cash at bank and in hand		107,250	97,635

The financial statements on pages 8 and 9 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on **Wednesday 28th May 2025** and were signed on its behalf by:



Chair

The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of income received and expenditure outlaid during the year.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Organisation's financial statements except as noted below.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which provides that the Organisation will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

(a) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets bought using funds generated by the operations of the Organisation are treated as owned by the Organisation.

(b) General Reserve

This is an unrestricted reserve. Surpluses and deficits from operational activities are accounted for through the Receipts and Payments Account.

(c) Income and Expenditure Recognition Policy

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the period in which it is received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on operational programmes is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

As no system exists to directly attribute costs between charitable expenditure and income generating expenditure an estimate is made each year based on activity.

There is no apportionment of indirect costs as these are considered to be immaterial.

(d) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies that are consistent with the treatment of the Organisation as a going concern. The Organisation's available unrestricted reserves ('free' reserves) are in surplus at the year end and the Trustees are confident that sufficient funds will be available to support the Organisation throughout the period of the coming twelve months.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

2 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

	Year ended 31 August 2024	Year ended 31 August 2023
	£	£
Funding from Fèisean nan Gàidheal	20,575	60,320
Funding from Renfrewshire Council	11,617	57,190
Funding from Bord Na Gaidhlig	400	-
Funding from Postcode Trust	22,000	-
Other grant funding	3,236	3,950
	57,828	121,460

Activities for Generating Funds

	Year ended 31 August 2024	Year ended 31 August 2023
	£	£
Fèis Week income	1,697	4,224
External events	4,602	3,605
	6,299	7,849

Funding received

During the period, funding of £57,828 (2023 - £121,460) was received from a number of bodies in respect of operational costs, as detailed above. The funding is conditional on the Organisation incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

3 Resources Expended

Charitable Activities

	Year ended 31 August 2024	Year ended 31 August 2023
	£	£
Tutor costs	71,201	59,796
Ceilidh trail expenditure	60	15,345
Annualised hours payment	25,840	11,128
External events	19,961	6,490
Materials	2,235	3,821
Venue hire	3,891	3,657
Sundry expenditure	1,122	2,111
Supplies	355	707
Website	298	334
Ceilidh	-	300
Refunds	-	281
Gifts	428	277
Memberships	325	170
Fèis week entertainment	-	116
Marketing and advertising	2,855	76
Repairs and maintenance	271	62
Photography	2,000	-
Instrument Hire	835	-
Professional Fees	2,350	-
Training	107	-
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	134,134	104,671

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

4 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Music Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 September 2021	5,665
Additions	-
At 31 August 2022	5,655
Additions	35
At 31 August 2023	5,690
Additions	852
At 31 August 2024	6,542

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

5 SCIO Incorporation

On 17 May 2024, Fèis Phàislig completed the transition from an unincorporated association (charity number SC045342) to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered as SC053367. All assets and liabilities of the former charity were transferred to the SCIO on that date, and the previous charity has since been formally wound up.

These financial statements have been prepared in line with OSCR's merger accounting guidance for SCIO transitions. As such, the accounts reflect the financial activity of both the former charity and the new SCIO across the full financial year to 31 August 2024. No separate pre- and post-incorporation accounts have been prepared.