# DUNDEE YOUTH FOR CHRIST (SCIO)

## Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC044896

**TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT**
**AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the period 1st June 24 to 31st May 2025**

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiners report for the year ended 31st May 2025.

**Charity Name** Dundee Youth For Christ SCIO

**Charity Number** SC044896

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| **Current Trustees** | | |
|---|---|---|
| | David Scott | Chairperson |
| | Cathy Brodie | Treasurer |
| | Becky Read | Secretary |
| | Ronan McKay | Safeguarding Officer |
| | Kate Dean | Ordinary Member (Apptd Mar 2024) |
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

## STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

**Governing Document**

Dundee Youth For Christ SCIO was registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation from 30th May 2014 and is governed by its constitution.

**Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and can be co-opted during the year. Regular Trustees meetings take place during the year.

**Organisation Structure**

There is a board of trustees including a management committee who meet regularly during the year.

## OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in appendix 1 in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Dundee and its environs.

- To advance the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges, universities and other establishments, through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved.

- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

What is Dundee Youth for Christ about?

**Aim**: is to see Dundee's young lives changed by Jesus.

Andrew Bennett the Centre Director continues to be employed 2.5 days a week and an administrator who works 3 hours a week with a team of volunteers delivers the work.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE contd

**The context**

Throughout 2024-2025, Dundee Youth for Christ continued to expand on the initiatives launched in the previous year while also introducing new activities.
In summary, Dundee Youth for Christ engaged with:

- 552 young people over the course of the year
- 25 young leaders/youth leaders
- 26 separate events during the year

The number of young people engaged grew, due to a wider variety of events. We also partnered with other youth organisations a couple of times in the city centre to offer alternative activities aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.

The Jon Jackal week was rescheduled to June, so it will be reflected in the 2025-2026 data. Preparations and groundwork for this event took place in May.

**Youth wellbeing café –** has established itself in the Wellgate centre. This year, we have supported 193 young people—an increase of about 30 from the previous year. More young people are returning, providing us with opportunities to expand our efforts and build on relationships. Next year, we plan to run sessions twice a month and grow our team to meet the increasing demand. We received funding from Dundee Community Grants this year to help support and develop our work. We work closely with Wellgate centre shops, staff, and security.

**Young Leaders Academy** – Now in its second year with a smaller cohort, participants continued to develop both leadership abilities and faith, putting their skills into practice on a mission trip to Romania and on the Dundee Youth for Christ weekend away. The programme once again received generous funding from Novum Trust, for which we are very grateful. Participants found the combination of teaching, discussion, and hands-on experience to be highly effective and valuable.

**Young people said…**

"The course was equipping, and very encouraging."
"It was a really amazing experience"

**Skills and Knowledge Gained**

Participants reported developing a stronger understanding of the importance of teamwork and learning practical skills in how to work effectively as a leader. The course provided them with valuable insights into team dynamics and leadership roles.

**Increased Confidence in Leadership**

Many participants expressed that their confidence in their own leadership abilities had grown as a result of the course. They cited the quality of the teaching and the opportunity to observe and practise effective leadership approaches as key factors contributing to this increased confidence.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE contd

### Catalyst Youth events

Over the past year, Dundee Youth for Christ has organised five Catalyst youth events for young people. These initiatives have brought together youth and leaders from nine churches throughout the region, fostering connections through activities, music, and collective exploration of the Bible. The events featured a range of speakers, and young participants contributed both as band members and in shaping event content. It is encouraging to observe consistent participation from several young people and their groups across multiple events. As attendance figures have shown a slight decline compared to last year, we are currently considering alternative event formats and scheduling options.

### Thrive – youth leaders meetings

Dundee Youth for Christ has held 11 monthly meetings with up to 6 youth leaders, now set for Friday lunchtimes to improve attendance. The sessions have covered various leadership topics, and the organization also mentors local leaders.

### Special Events through the year

### Magnitude Festival July 2024

Andrew led and trained the prayer team and Space room at Magnitude 2024, and attended the May pre-event weekend for the 2025 festival. Over the past two years, he has focused on building team continuity and drawing youth leaders from across Scotland, including Dundee. He has worked to develop a diverse team representing various ages and backgrounds to better reflect attendees and support future planning.

### September 2024 10th anniversary

Our 10th anniversary in September 2024 brought together more than 50 guests representing 15 churches from Dundee. The Chief Executive of Youth for Christ delivered an insightful talk looking at youth culture and where we are, which was followed by times of worship, prayer, and a call to increased support from attendees. Many responded with enthusiasm. Board members and administrator Amber coordinated the event, making it a memorable celebration of this significant milestone.

### Haggis Hike May 2025

As part of Youth for Christ's national fundraising initiative, we organised a Haggis Hike along the seafront, beginning at the V&A. The event successfully raised over £4,000 and provided an enjoyable experience for participants. We were pleased to collaborate with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers for this occasion. These funds will be deposited soon after the year end.

### Connecting Locally and nationally with youth work

Andrew attended the annual Youth for Christ conference in January down at Whitemoor Lakes and was inspired by the speakers and the importance of grasping the times we are living in. Andrew connected regularly with other centres in Scotland through the Together times on Thursday mornings and attended the annual focus day.

### Connecting with youth work networks

Andrew became involved with the Dundee Youth Work Network to stay updated on activities throughout the city and explore possibilities for collaboration. Participating in this group has allowed him to share his own projects and gain insights into numerous aspects of youth work. As a result, Andrew now plans to contribute to some City Centre initiatives.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE contd

**Resources and communication**

**Volunteer recruitment and development**

We expanded our volunteer team this year to replace departing students. All volunteers complete PVG checks and a youth leader application. We are considering further training, with some already provided during meetings. As our team expands it increases the possibilities of what we can deliver across the city and so look forward to develop this further.

**Communication**

Termly newsletters were sent out and shared via the website and social media. A monthly supporter prayer meeting has also been introduced.

This year, we continued to strengthen our financial foundation through both donations and grants, allowing us to sustain and expand our initiatives. We were able to keep employing a staff member to lead our charitable work working 2 days a week and also employ an administrator for 3 hours a week.

Andrew Bennett 13.10.2025

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the period are set out in the attached accounts. The total income for the year is £24,362 (2024 £20,680). The total expenditure is £24,548 (2024 £27,221). The results show a deficit of £186 (2024 deficit £6,541). Leaving unrestricted funds of £10,448 and restricted funds of £nil total funds remaining are £10,448.

## RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have been advised that they need to consider a reserves policy for the future running of the charity this will be discussed at the next meeting of Trustees.

## FUTURE EVENTS

We have been promised new matched funding by the Peter Vardy Foundation (a maximum of £15,000 per annum) and, with relevance to this annual report, we successfully raised £10,000 of that in the first 6 months.

## APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on the 18th of November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



18th November 2025

**David Scott** **Date**

**Dundee Youth For Christ Organisation, SCIO No. SC044896**

**DUNDEE YOUTH FOR CHRIST SCIO SC044896**
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st May 2025 which are set out on pages 8-12.

**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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of the 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 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 and 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 following requirements have not been met: - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section44 (1) (a) or the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - To prepare accounts with accord with the accounting record and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

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

18/11/2025 Date of signing

S Godsall Independent Examiner

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## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

| | 2025 £ Unrestricted | 2025 £ Restricted | 2025 £ Total | 2024 £ Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | |
| Grants | 2,000 | 2,000 | **4,000** | **11,377** |
| Donations | 20,362 | - | **20,362** | **9,303** |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS** | 22,362 | 2,000 | **24,362** | **20,680** |
| **Payments** | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 21,805 | 2,455 | **24,260** | **26,933** |
| Governance | | | | |
| Independent Examination | 288 | - | **288** | **288** |
| **TOTAL PAYMENTS** | 22,093 | 2,455 | **24,548** | **27,221** |
| **Surplus/Deficit for period** | 269 | - 455 | - **186** | - **6,541** |

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES

| | 2025 £ Unrestricted | 2025 £ Restricted | 2025 £ Total | 2024 £ Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Funds Reconciliation** | | | | |
| Balance as at 01 June 2024 | 10,179 | 455 | **10,634** | **17,175** |
| Surplus/Deficit | 269 | - 455 | - **186** | - **6,541** |
| **Balance as at 31 May 2025** | 10,448 | - | **10,448** | **10,634** |
| **Bank & Cash Balances** | | | | |
| Balance Main Account | 10,448 | - | **10,448** | **12,152** |
| | 10,448 | - | **10,448** | **12,152** |

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on the 18th of November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**David Scott** **Date** 18/11/25

**Chairperson**

## 1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with:

a) The Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

## 2. Fund Accounting

a) Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the committee in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

c) Any purposes are set out below in the further notes

## 3. Taxation

a) The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities

b) The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

## 4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

a) There has not been any payments to trustees or related parties.

b) No travelling expenses were reimbursed to trustees this year

## 5. Staffing

a) There are 2 staff members

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS cont'd

| 1. Grants | 2025 Unrestricted | 2025 Restricted | 2025 Total | 2024 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Novum Trust | 0 | 2,000 | **2,000** | **102** |
| Dundee City Council-Equip | 0 | 0 | **0** | **850** |
| Dundee City Council – Wellbeing café | 0 | 0 | **0** | **4,425** |
| William Sword – Well Being Café | 0 | 0 | **0** | **1,000** |
| Dundee & Angus Foodbank | 2,000 | 0 | **2,000** | **5,000** |
| Dundee City Council | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** |
| | 2,000 | 2,000 | **4,000** | **11,377** |

| 2. Donations | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dundee Community Group | 500 | 0 | **500** | **0** |
| Broughty Ferry Presbyterian Church | 500 | 0 | **500** | **0** |
| Dundee ELIM | 500 | 0 | **500** | **0** |
| FLOC | 140 | 0 | **140** | **0** |
| Donations | 16,828 | 0 | **16,828** | **9,303** |
| HMRC Gift Aid Claim | 1,894 | 0 | **1,894** | **0** |
| | 20,362 | 0 | **20,362** | **9,303** |

| 3. Charitable Activities | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Contribution to Central Fund | 0 | 0 | **0** | **1,856** |
| Salaries & On Costs | 15,869 | 1,801 | **17,670** | **15,671** |
| Travel | 481 | 0 | **481** | **602** |
| Insurance | 17 | 0 | **17** | **0** |
| Miscellaneous | 2,346 | 0 | **2,346** | **920** |
| Refreshments | 854 | 0 | **854** | **737** |
| Equipment & Events | 1,434 | 654 | **2,088** | **6,306** |
| Advertising | 504 | 0 | **504** | **631** |
| Supervision | 300 | 0 | **300** | **210** |
| | 21,805 | 2,455 | **24,260** | **26,993** |

## 4. Movement in Funds

| | As at 01/06/2024 £ | Receipts £ | Payments £ | As at 31/05/2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted Funds** | | | | |
| **General Fund** | **10,179** | **22,362** | **22,093** | **10,448** |
| | **10,179** | **22,362** | **22,093** | **10,448** |
| **Restricted Funds** | | | | |
| **Well Being Café** | **455** | **2,000** | **2,455** | **0** |
| | **10,634** | **2,000** | **2,455** | **0** |
| **Total Funds** | **10,634** | **24,362** | **24,548** | **10,448** |

**Purpose of Funds**

| | |
|---|---|
| **General Fund** | **Unrestricted funds for any charitable purpose** |
| **Restricted** | **Restricted by funder or specific request from donators** |