

Christian Values in Education Project

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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Christian Values in Education Project

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

The Christian Values in Education Project (known as CVE Scotland) was established by Constitution on 24 September 2014 and amended with the approval of OSCR in August 2016. It is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) No. SC045125.

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Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are:

- the advancement of education through identifying, resourcing, enabling and disseminating best practice by teachers and community partners, which empowers children and young people in critically understanding a range of beliefs, values and practices;
- the advancement of citizenship and community development by supporting organisations and churches to take up opportunities to serve schools in a relevant and effective manner which will benefit children and young people and enhance the curriculum, through the development and teaching of civic values and the encouragement of both adults and young people in voluntary community activity; and
- the advancement of religion by fulfilling the above purposes within a framework of Christian faith and values, working in active engagement with a range of organisations and churches and at all times within the Scottish Government guidelines for education for young people aged 3-18.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Megan Patterson	Chair
Steve McLeister	Vice-chair/Secretary
Iain Macleod	Treasurer
Marjorie Paton	
Sandra Sutherland	
Kirsteen Maclean	(appointed 13 November 2023)
(Vacant)	SU Scotland representative
Zonya Bewick	(appointed as Trustee/SU Scotland representative on 13 November 2023; resigned 26 August 2024)
Dave Rickards	(resigned as Trustee/SU Scotland representative on 19 August 2023)

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the existing Trustees. The Board must include at least one serving or retired Primary Head Teacher, one serving or retired Secondary Head Teacher and a representative of Scripture Union Scotland.

Unless otherwise agreed, a Trustee shall hold office for a period ending on the fifth AGM following their appointment. A Trustee must not hold office continuously for more than eight years. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities. Trustees met regularly throughout the year.

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Activities and achievements

Overview

The charity's vision statement remains, **"Supporting school staff, chaplains and families to communicate the Christian faith, so that children and young people can make informed choices about beliefs and values"**. In fulfilling this vision, we focus primarily on encouraging and supporting Christians working in schools, but we also work to support those of any faith working in schools by making resources available for RME lessons, cross-curricular lessons, Time for Reflection etc. We continue to believe that Christian values have a significant place in Scottish education, not least because of the Christian values on which the Scottish education system was built.

Communication, Networking and Support

During the year the Management Committee, staff and other volunteers worked to raise the profile of the charity, bringing greater awareness to school staff and school visitors, of the support on offer from the charity. A communications strategy was developed and there has been a streamlining of email communications which address current topics or issues in education to help school staff, visitors and families. Such themes covered in 2023-24 include 'It Takes a Village', mental health and wellbeing and social justice issues.

Online quarterly prayer events were established to help school staff network, enable prayer for them and issues specific to Scottish education, as well as those within the themed newsletters. The resources and news sections of our website continue to be well visited, especially for seasonal resources, blogs and to find out more about what the charity does.

The charity has continued to network with other organisations to further our aims and became a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Our Chair, Megan Patterson, attended various events to represent CVE Scotland including the STARME Festival of Learning (run by the Scottish Teachers Association of RME), the Unite for Education Conference, the Caritas Award Ceremony and the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

CVE Scotland has also continued supporting specific groups involved in producing resources with Christian values for Scottish schools. Wider discussions have also taken place with UK-wide charities and organisations to develop Scotland-specific materials.

School Chaplaincy

The school chaplaincy project has delivered another successful Time for Reflection course module at the Scottish Baptist College (University of the West of Scotland) as well as one-off training events in person and online. The charity has provided resources for school chaplains and physical copies are popular again post-Covid restrictions.

The school chaplaincy project leader, Rev Dr Steve Younger, continues to contribute research and articles to journals and teach at UK and European-wide conferences, including the Day for Children's Spirituality conference in the Netherlands.

Back to School with God

The charity is involved in the year-round, regular meetings to develop and produce the 'Back to School with God' service materials, together with SU Scotland and SU Northern Ireland, which are used throughout the UK and beyond, with over 350 churches registering to use the free materials. August 2023's theme was 'Be Strong and Brave' based on Joshua Chapter 1.

Holding this event during a Sunday church service is seen as a practical way to encourage children, young people and school staff at the start of a new school year, and to show them that God and His Church are interested in their everyday lives.

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Activities and achievements (continued)

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Project

This Project entered its second year. Following research and feedback, resources for Third and Fourth Levels and Senior Phase have been produced and made available for downloading on the CVE Scotland website for the Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum. Final work on the First and Second Level resources is currently underway.

RSHP advice has been given to individuals, churches and organisations, including phone calls, emails and training events. There has been a specific online training event held by CVE Scotland to explain and equip school staff and others to use the charity's RSHP resources. Detailed advice was provided for the Scottish Government's Consultation on the revised guidance on the teaching of RSHP in schools in autumn 2023.

Personnel

The Management Committee met regularly throughout the year with a smaller planning group dealing with operational issues meeting between Management Committee meetings.

The charity is extremely grateful to all the Trustees and other volunteers who help by giving their time, skills and advice throughout the year in many capacities such as serving on the Management Committee, IT support, Social Media and events.

With regards to personnel, our Senior Administrator resigned her position at the end of June 2024 and the charity are very grateful for all her hard work and efforts over the last 5 years. Interviews for her replacement were held in May 2024 and the successful candidate will start in August 2024.

With the RSHP Project coming to a close, the contract for our RSHP Project Leader came to an end.

CVE Scotland Trustees, staff and volunteers joined in the Thanksgiving service for our previous Chair, Andy Bathgate, who sadly passed away in October 2023. He was our first Chair and served faithfully until his retirement in 2022. The charity recognises that they owe so much of who they are and what they do as a charity to him and give thanks for his Godly leadership.

Financial review

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 5 to 8. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 5 reflects a deficit for the year of £37,565 (2023: surplus of £34,090). Total reserves, including restricted funds, amounted to £15,930 (2023: £53,495).

The Trustees are grateful for financial support from charitable trusts, churches and individual donors during the year.

Reserves

The Trustees seek to hold funds in reserve to cover six months' unrestricted salary costs plus one year's operating costs. Based on the budget for 2024/25 this amounted to £10,500. Reserves held at the year-end are not sufficient to cover this but we received a donation after year end of £18,000 which has enabled us to rebuild our general funds.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Megan Patterson
Chair

Christian Values in Education Project SCIO

Report of the Independent Examiner for the year ended 30 June 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 Trusted Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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

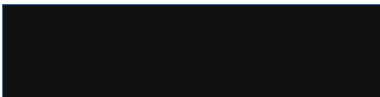
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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 (as amended), and
 - ⌚ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

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.



Alison Franks CA
Director
Cornerstone Accounting Ltd

Date: 22 November 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Receipts							
Trust donations		6,000	11,000	17,000	-	-	-
Church donations		3,703	720	4,423	3,370	26,140	29,510
Individual donations		2,578	565	3,143	920	3,257	4,177
Grants		-	-	-	8,000	40,000	48,000
Resources income		43	-	43	18	-	18
Bank interest		747	-	747	388	-	388
Total receipts		13,071	12,285	25,356	12,696	69,397	82,093
Payments							
Salary costs		13,370	43,065	56,435	12,566	32,202	44,768
IT Support		1,342	-	1,342	-	-	-
Insurance		751	-	751	548	-	548
Administration costs		613	200	813	924	-	924
Publicity materials		762	-	762	-	-	-
Catering, conferences and travel		128	155	283	-	-	-
Memberships and subscriptions		125	-	125	-	-	-
Grants and donations	2	500	1,500	2,000	-	1,500	1,500
Independent examination		350	-	350	200	-	200
Bank charges		60	-	60	63	-	63
Total payments		18,001	44,920	62,921	14,301	33,702	48,003
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(4,930)	(32,635)	(37,565)	(1,605)	35,695	34,090
Transfer between funds		(5,936)	5,936	-	(6,456)	6,456	-
Surplus/(deficit) after transfers		(10,866)	(26,699)	(37,565)	(8,061)	42,151	34,090
Total funds brought forward		11,344	42,151	53,495	19,405	-	19,405
Total funds carried forward		478	15,452	15,930	11,344	42,151	53,495

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

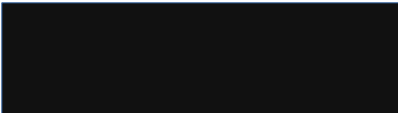
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Statement of Balances

As at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Opening balance £	Deficit for year £	Closing balance £	Opening balance £	Surplus for year £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand							
Current accounts		53,495	(37,565)	15,930	19,405	34,090	53,495
Total cash at bank and in hand		53,495	(37,565)	15,930	19,405	34,090	53,495
Represented by:							
Unrestricted fund							
General fund	3			478			11,344
Restricted funds							
Chaplaincy project fund	4			4,500			-
Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund	4			10,952			42,151
Total funds				15,930			53,495
Statement of assets at 30 June				2024			2023
				£			£
Gift aid due				1,022			693
				1,022			693
Statement of liabilities at 30 June				2024			2023
				£			£
Grant to be returned				4,500			-
Independent examination fee				420			350
HMRC and pension costs due				1,939			2,317
Staff expenses due				-			155
				6,859			2,822

The financial statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:


Megan Patterson
Chair

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 5, funds are defined as

Unrestricted funds comprise donations, grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Grants and donations

Grants and donations in the year include the following:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Scottish Baptist College - bursary for students of Time for Reflection -	1,500	1,500
Schools chaplaincy module		
Scripture Union Scotland	500	-
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>

3. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 30.6.24
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	11,344	13,071	(18,001)	(5,936)	478
Total unrestricted funds	<u>11,344</u>	<u>13,071</u>	<u>(18,001)</u>	<u>(5,936)</u>	<u>478</u>

Explanation of funds

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

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4. Restricted funds

	Balance at 01.07.23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30.6.24 £
Chaplaincy project fund	-	6,000	(7,436)	5,936	4,500
Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund	42,151	6,285	(37,484)	-	10,952
Total restricted funds	42,151	12,285	(44,920)	5,936	15,452

Explanation of funds

The *Chaplaincy project fund* represents grants received to support the development of resources for Assembly/Religious Observance/Time for Reflection and Discussion. The balance of £4,500 on this fund at year-end is due to be returned to the funder due to the cancellation of the course at the Scottish Baptist College.

The *Relationships, sexual health and parenthood fund* represents funding received and spent specifically on supporting the development of resources for RSHP teaching in schools.

5. Trustee and related party remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration from the Charity (2023: nil). Marjorie Paton was reimbursed £46 for travel costs to the AGM; and Sandra Sutherland was reimbursed £117 for membership fees and rail travel.

Zonya Bewick is a member of the Senior Staff team at Scripture Union Scotland. CVE Scotland made a donation to that organisation of £500 as a thank you for their support.

6. Donated facilities, goods and services

We are most grateful for the support provided by Scripture Union Scotland with office space, HR and payroll services and for the provision of meeting space by the Free Church of Scotland.