

Charity Registration No. SC050590 (Scotland)

YOUNG SPEAKERS SCOTLAND
(A SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Gurvinder Brar	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
	Wendy Bellars	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
	Jennifer Broadley	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
	Charles Holmes	(Appointed 7 January 2021)
	Elsbeth Hough	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
	Dr Helen Wright	(Appointed 23 November 2020)

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YOUNG SPEAKERS SCOTLAND (A SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION) TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's written constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Young Speakers Scotland is a Scottish educational charity that aims to improve the lives of Scotland's young people. Our goal is to advance and promote the education and communication skills of children in Scotland, particularly those from disadvantaged circumstances, in order to lessen the poverty-related attainment gap and increase the employability of young people. We do this through a variety of debating and public speaking programmes, competitions and events.

Young Speakers Scotland (YSS) is a successor organisation to the English-Speaking Union Scotland, building on the ESU's work and expanding its charitable purpose. In November 2020, YSS was established as a Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO), SC050590.

Achievements and performance

In its first part-year of operation, YSS has undertaken a successful fund-raising drive, and established its own website – the latter taking longer than expected despite professional input, but being a very worthwhile undertaking. Workshops and competitions have been run online because of Covid19 but plans are underway for in-person events in 2022 including a Summer Camp which is part of the development of our flagship Speak Up Scotland programme.

A part-time assistant has been employed to work alongside the Programmes Director; it is intended that a new post be created in the coming year, in order to facilitate and promote the increased opportunities offered by the expanding Speak Up Scotland programme.

Education is at the very heart of our work. At YSS, we believe that the school a young person attends should never dictate their chance of success. For that reason, our work is focused on expanding access to extracurricular debating and public speaking to all schools in Scotland, no matter where they are located. Our events have included schools from as far south as Dumfries and Galloway and as far north as Thurso, and from the central belt to Scotland's islands.

As mentioned above, events this year have been conducted online because of Covid19 restrictions. This new format has proved popular and enabled geographically distanced beneficiaries to share in the same experience.

Our programmes supplement the school curriculum by equipping young people to think critically, speak confidently and work as a team; all in an enjoyable and supportive learning environment. Pupils who take part in debating and public speaking show a marked improvement in these and other skills.

Our work is varied and consists of workshops at schools, training for teachers and a wide variety of competitions and events. We are proud to partner with the Scottish Government and Parliament as well as a range of Scottish third sector organisations.

Financial review

Incoming resources in the period totalled £20,000. Resources expended in the period totalled £15,998.

The charity's funds at the balance sheet date totalled £4,002.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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The trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meet the trust's ongoing liabilities and to protect the long-term future of its activities and assets. The trust's reserves policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves sufficient to ensure the availability of sufficient working funds in hand. The trust is committed to securing increased funding for operational activities.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), governed by a written constitution. The charity was registered on 23 November 2020.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Gurvinder Brar	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
Wendy Bellars	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
Jennifer Broadley	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
Charles Holmes	(Appointed 7 January 2021)
Elsbeth Hough	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
Alex Orr	(Appointed 23 November 2020 and resigned 7 May 2021)
Dr Helen Wright	(Appointed 23 November 2020)
Cameron Wyllie	(Appointed 23 November 2020 and resigned 1 July 2021)

The individuals who signed the charity trustee declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the organisation were deemed to have been appointed by the members as charity trustees with effect from the date of incorporation of the organisation.

The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity. All of the trustees are members of the charity and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Gurvinder Brar
Chair

Date: 25 - 02 - 2022

**YOUNG SPEAKERS SCOTLAND
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF YOUNG SPEAKERS SCOTLAND**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 July 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (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 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

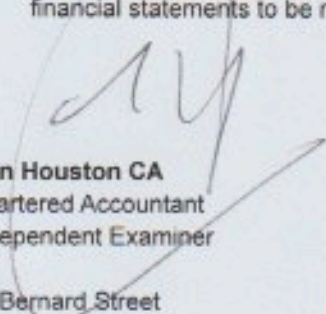
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 18/12/22

YOUNG SPEAKERS SCOTLAND
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>		
Donations and legacies	3	20,000
<u>Expenditure on:</u>		
Charitable activities	4	15,998
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		4,002
Fund balances at 23 November 2020		-
Fund balances at 31 July 2021		4,002


The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	7		1,950
Current assets			
Debtors	8	17,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,500	
		<u>20,000</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(17,948)	
Net current assets			<u>2,052</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>4,002</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds			<u>4,002</u>
			<u>4,002</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23-02-2022


 Gurvinder Brar
 Chair

