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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	9	2024	To	31	8	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Scotland - Russia Forum
SRF
SCO38728
c/o CEES, 8 Lilybank Gardens
University of Glasgow
Glasgow
Postcode G12 8QQ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Dane	Treasurer		
2	Jennifer Scarce			
3	Margaret Tejerizo	Chair		
4	Ewan Paterson	Secretary		
5	Elizabeth White		October 2024	
6	Mario Relich		April 2025	
7	Howard Amos		September 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Tom Hubbard	Resigned June 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Scotland-Russia Forum (SRF) is a charitable incorporated association and governance arrangements are set out in its Constitution. Recognition as a Scottish Charity was gained on 20 September 2007. The SRF was incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 20 May 2016. The structure of the SRF consists of its members who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any AGM) and have important powers to appoint members of the Board as well as taking decisions on changes to the Constitution itself; the Board also holds regular meetings and generally controls the activities of the SRF. For example, the Board is responsible for controlling and monitoring the financial position of the SRF. The minimum number of board members is 3 and the maximum is 8. .
Trustee recruitment and appointment	At the SRF's AGM, the Board also has the power to co-opt other members of the SRF as Trustees. One third of the Trustees stand down at each AGM and any member may stand for election in their place. Voting and terms of office are governed by the Constitution, which was most recently altered on 22 June 2022 and can be found at: https://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/uploads/6/0/0/6/60006689/srf_scio_constitution_2022.pdf

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The SRF's purpose is to advance education through the promotion of a clear understanding in Scotland of Russia and the countries of the former Soviet Union, of the respective ways of life, history, heritage and the cultural and commercial activities and the voluntary services of the said countries through the creation of educational and cultural contacts of all kinds between and among the peoples of these countries. The SRF organises lectures, publishes its journal "The Forum" and circulates a monthly bulletin by e-mail and provides key information about its activities on its webpage. Wherever possible, it promotes Russian studies in schools, colleges and universities, and runs adult language classes both formal and informal. Members also have access to CEES (Centre for East European Studies) seminars and to other relevant cultural activities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	1. We have continued with our monthly "Cultural Conversations" series on-line and in person. A wide range of relevant topics has been covered. 2. The monthly in person "Chain Chat" series has continued and has increased its membership. Monthly Russian Language Meet-up Sessions have also been held on-line and have been most successful. 3. The SRF Chekhov Project continues, and plans are in place for a publication. 4. The Forum magazine is published in December and in June; it is available on-line and via paper copy. 5. Classes in Russian at all levels from Beginner to Advanced have been organised.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

1. The continuing war between Russia and Ukraine has meant that yet again during the past months we have had to examine carefully our aims and objectives for the SRF. Trustees and members alike agreed that we should continue to promote as our main purpose the culture and language of Russia and countries of the former Soviet Union and be always guided by our Constitution.
2. Our "Chai n Chat" series, which meets monthly in Edinburgh, has had a very successful season. Thanks are due to Elizabeth White.
3. Our monthly "Cultural Conversations" series has also been successful, and we have offered members a very wide range of topics – linguistic, historical and cultural.
4. Members continue to receive a monthly Bulletin giving details of events, items of interest and news.
5. Our last AGM was an in-person event held in Quaker Rooms, Edinburgh.
6. SRF Treasurer Graham Dane has been running very successful monthly Russian/English Language Exchange Sessions on Zoom.
7. Work is well under way to renew the SRF Webpage and Social media facilities. Thanks are due to SRF Treasurer Graham Dane and to SRF Secretary Ewan Paterson.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of SRF to hold reserves of not less than two year's income.

Details of any deficit

No deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Ewan Paterson</i> <i>Margaret Tejerizo</i>	
Full name(s)	Ewan Paterson Margaret Tejerizo	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary Chair	
Date	28/04/2026	