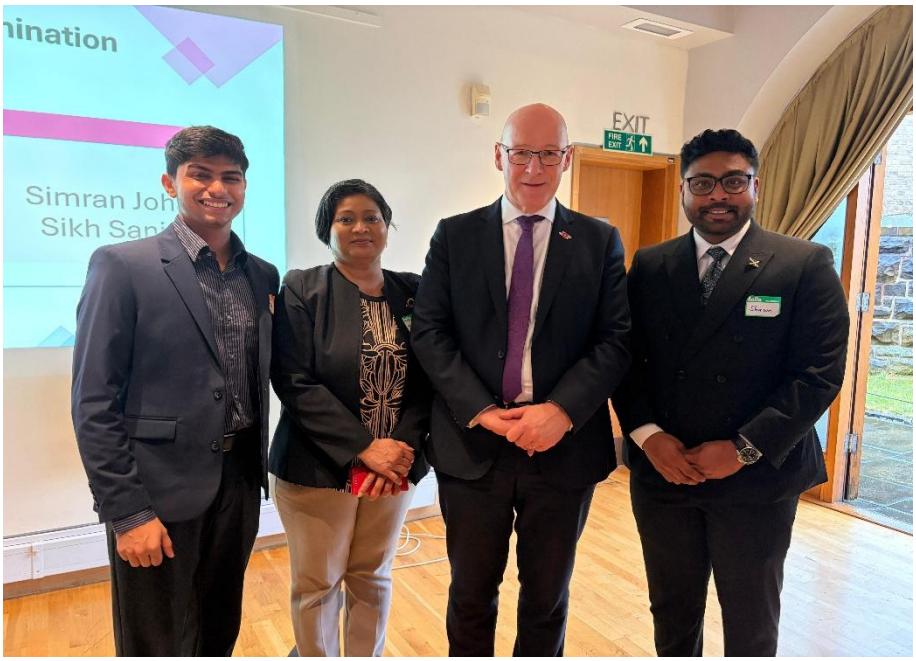
Springburn Unity Network (SC052977)

Trustees' Third Annual Report

For the period: July 2025 – June 2026



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Introduction

Springburn Unity Network was established by a mother and son duo, drawing from their own lived experiences as migrants in Scotland. Both founders are proud recipients of multiple awards in Scotland, with their achievements featured in several local publications. These articles and recognitions can be found on the organisation's social media platforms.

Springburn Unity Network (SUN) is a vibrant, community-driven organisation based in Springburn, Glasgow, dedicated to promoting unity, inclusion, and meaningful participation among people from all walks of life. At its core, SUN is guided by a clear and purposeful mission: to bring individuals together, particularly those from marginalised and underrepresented groups, and create opportunities that strengthen community ties while addressing the inequalities that affect local residents.

SUN places a strong emphasis on empowerment. Rather than simply providing support, SUN seeks to equip individuals with the tools, confidence, and opportunities they need to take control of their own circumstances. This includes fostering skills development, encouraging leadership, and promoting active citizenship. By involving community members in decision-making and activities, SUN ensures that its work remains relevant, responsive, and truly community-led. We are incredibly grateful to our funders, partners, volunteers, supporters and the communities we serve for making 2025/2026 another year of success.

Our Vision

To build an inclusive, empowered, and sustainable community where every individual is valued and given the opportunity to flourish, while fostering unity by embracing people from all backgrounds and areas of life.

Our Mission

To advance social inclusion, strengthen unity and intercultural understanding, and empower local communities through education, the arts, skills development, environmental responsibility, and collaborative initiatives.

Appointment of trustees

The management committee, which functions as the charity's board of trustees, convenes every three months. Membership is open to individuals from the local community and surrounding areas. Trustees who have worked with or volunteered for SUN for at least four months are elected at the Annual General Meeting in September. The committee must include a minimum of four and a maximum of seven trustees.

Projects and Achievements

1. Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026

Funded by: Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund

The first event, **The Commonwealth Experience**, took place on 6 June 2026. The event celebrated the different cultures of the Commonwealth through food, traditional clothing and art created by young people. The event included a multicultural food tasting representing 10 Commonwealth countries, a display of traditional clothing from 10 Commonwealth countries, giving people the opportunity to learn about different cultures and traditions. The launch of a youth-led art exhibition representing all 56 Commonwealth countries. The artwork showed butterflies flying towards Glasgow, symbolising unity, diversity, hope and friendship through the Commonwealth Games. A total of **160 people** attended the event.





The second event, **Rhythm of the Commonwealth**, took place on 20 June 2026. It celebrated the music, dance and performance traditions of different Commonwealth cultures. The event included a range of traditional and modern performances, including: A Scottish pipe band procession organised in partnership with **Piping Live Scotland**, leading people from Springburn Unity Network's community space to the event venue, a traditional Scottish ceilidh led by the **Glasgow Folk Music Workshop**, **Chinese fan** and **synchronised line dancing**, an **Indian dhol** drumming performance by **Gurumari**, a dragon and lion dance by the **Glasgow Hong Lok Dragon and Lion Dance Troupe**, solo musical performances by members of the community, a traditional Malaysian **Zapin** dance performance. Approximately **200 people** attended the event.







The final event took place on **18 July 2026** and focused on encouraging people to take part in sport and supporting the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.
A group of **15 cyclists** took part in a **15-kilometre community cycle ride** from Springburn to the **Emirates Arena**. To celebrate the Commonwealth, each bicycle displayed flags representing all **56 Commonwealth countries**. This created a colourful and eye-catching procession through Glasgow.

Overall, the cycle ride successfully combined sport, community participation and pride in Glasgow. It also showed Springburn's support for the Commonwealth Games and encouraged people to be more active and involved in their community. Food was provided by **Lunch Glasgow**.



2. Environmental Care Team Activities

Our Kid's Environmental Care Team took part in a series of clean-up days, recycling workshops, and community gardening initiatives. These activities not only enhanced local green spaces but also provided valuable education for participants and younger generations on sustainability and environmental stewardship, while fostering greater awareness and appreciation for caring for our green world.

Outcomes:

- Cleaner public spaces and reduced litter
- Empowered and educated younger generations and community members about environmental care and sustainability
- Encouraged greater participation in ongoing sustainability efforts and strengthened civic awareness

We are proud that these initiatives brought neighbours closer together, fostering a shared sense of pride and responsibility for our local environment.





3. Cognitive Adult's Art class

Funded by: GCVS

We provide a cognitive adults' art and craft class for people who may be living alone or experiencing social isolation. The sessions provide a friendly and supportive environment where participants can build friendships, meet new people and develop their creativity and practical art and craft skills. Through regular group activities, we encourage people to connect with others, build confidence and develop resilience. The sessions also support positive mental health and emotional wellbeing by providing opportunities for social interaction, creativity, self-expression and a sense of belonging.





4. Youth Group

This year, we formed our **Unified Pulse Youth Group**, bringing together young people aged 13–24. We support and encourage young people to take an active role in their community by identifying local needs, planning their own projects, making decisions and delivering activities that respond to those needs.

Through this hands-on experience, young people are developing valuable leadership, communication, teamwork, organisation and decision-making skills. They are also gaining practical experience in project planning and facilitation, building their confidence and creating meaningful experiences that can strengthen their CVs and support their future education, training and employment opportunities.





5. Youth Group's Outdoor Activities

Funded by: The Robertson Trust

We established our youth group to provide young people with opportunities to develop practical outdoor and personal development skills. As part of this, the group spent three days at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, taking part in a range of physical and challenging activities. The experience encouraged teamwork, communication, problem-solving and leadership, while helping young people build confidence, resilience and stronger relationships with one another.





6. Celebrations of Festival of Colours 2026

Funded by: Glasgow City Council Area Partnership

Our second annual **Festival of Colours** took place this year at Springburn Auditorium, bringing local people and families together to celebrate community, diversity and togetherness through a vibrant programme of activities and entertainment. This joyful celebration symbolised love, equality, the arrival of spring, and the beauty of cultural traditions. It was held alongside Thailand's Songkran festival, creating a wonderful opportunity to promote unity within the Springburn community.





7. Adult's Dance Class

Funded by: GCVS

Glasgow Chinese Recreation Centre partnered with us to deliver adult dance classes for vulnerable people who may be experiencing isolation within the community. The sessions provide a welcoming and supportive environment where participants can meet new people, build friendships and become more confident in taking part in group activities. Through regular participation in dance and physical activity, participants are encouraged to improve their self-confidence, stay active and support their physical and mental health and overall wellbeing.



8. Men's Group Outing

Funded by: Loch Lomond RSPB

We took our Men's Group to Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park to explore the natural environment and learn more about the history and heritage of Loch Lomond. During the visit, participants learned about the wildlife and animals that live in the area, as well as the diverse landscape and natural features of Scotland. The experience provided an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, learn together and strengthen social connections within the group.





9. We continue to offer Basic IT classes based on individual requests. Anyone interested in learning can book an appointment in advance. Once the appointment is confirmed, we arrange for an IT teacher to be available according to the participant's scheduled time.
Funded by: The Merchant City



10. In July 2025, in collaboration with other organisations across G21 and G22, we successfully established the **Springburn Anti-Racism Group (SARG)**. The group focuses on tackling all forms of racism, hate crime, and discrimination affecting communities in the surrounding areas. On 4 April 2026, we successfully organised a **Hate Crime Workshop** in partnership with Police Scotland and the Springburn Anti-Racism Group. The workshop aimed to increase awareness and understanding of current racism and hate crime issues affecting vulnerable people and migrant communities across G21 and G22, while also exploring practical ways to address and tackle these challenges.



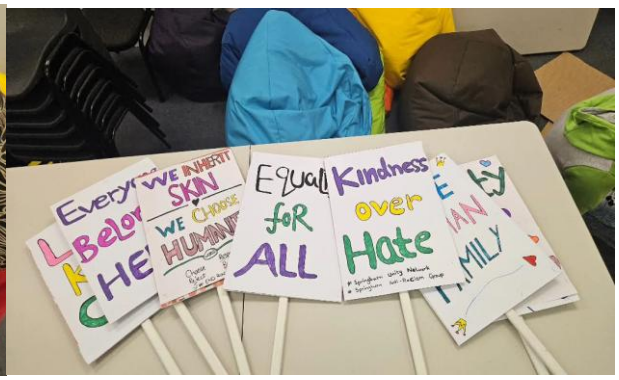
11. Our first international collaboration began with a visit from 13 Malaysian diplomats to our organisation. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for meaningful discussions, the exchange of ideas, and sharing experiences. We also explored potential opportunities for future collaboration and partnership between Malaysia and Scotland.



12. In response to the ongoing racism and discrimination issues across the UK, we have been encouraging and supporting our Youth Group to participate in anti-racism rallies, marches, and awareness-raising activities. Through their involvement, we aim to empower young people to become future leaders and advocates who can support vulnerable communities and help challenge all forms of racism and discrimination.

We also provide guidance, resources, and a safe space for young people to design and create their own placards using their own words, ideas, and creativity. Through these activities, they are able to express their views, raise awareness, and communicate powerful messages about equality, inclusion, and the importance of standing together against racism.





13. Financial review

Our primary funding comes from grants, supplemented by small donations and fundraising. Total income for the year was **£129,657.80** and total expenditure **£65,919.24** and the balance at end of June 2024 resulting **£63,751.38**

Reserves policy

This policy outlines our approach to holding and managing financial reserves to ensure the long-term sustainability and effective operation of the charity. It supports financial planning and protects the organisation against unforeseen financial difficulties.

Definition of Reserves

For the purposes of this policy, reserves are defined as unrestricted funds that are freely available for general use. They exclude restricted funds, endowment funds, and designated funds earmarked for specific future use.

Reasons for Holding Reserves

We hold reserves to:

- Ensure the continuity of our essential services in the event of short-term income disruption.
- Provide a financial buffer against unexpected expenses or emergencies.
- Invest in future development opportunities or strategic projects that align with our charitable aims.
- Meet legal or contractual obligations (e.g., redundancy payments or lease agreements).

Monitoring and Review

The level of reserves is monitored regularly by the Treasurer/Finance Officer and reported to the Board of Trustees. The reserves policy is reviewed annually as part of the budget-setting and financial planning process or more frequently if circumstances change significantly.

Approval and Review

This policy approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th of June 2026 and will be reviewed annually or as required.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30th September 2026 and is signed on their behalf by: Mala Jayhindaran

Mala Jayhindaran Chairperson

Notes to the accounts – for the year ended 30th June 2026

Basic of accounting – These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 30/06/2026
Receipts			
Opening balance 01/07/2025		**£35,754.74**	**£35,754.74**
Grants	£47,000.00	£45,934.40	£92,934.40
Fund raising	£124.99		£124.99
Returns	£593.67		£593.67
Venue hire	£250.00		£250.00
Donations	£0.00		£0.00
Total receipts	**£47,968.66**	**£81,689.14**	**£129,657.80**

Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2026
Travel expenses	£1,200.00	£5,549.40	£6,749.40
food & drinks	£5,235.00	£7,481.73	£12,716.73
Insurance	£479.72	-	£479.72
Office resources	£8,740.65	£3,211.10	£11,951.75
Staff wages	£15,360.00	£2,939.50	£18,299.50
Wi-Fi	£544.80	-	£544.80
Volunteer's exp	£1,130.00	£5,223.02	£6,353.02
Cash Payments	-	£4,330.00	£4,330.00
Gas & electricity	£4,494.32	-	£4,494.32
Total	**£37,184.49**	**£28,734.75**	**£65,919.24**

Statement of Balance - As at 30/06/2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2026
Opening cash at bank	0	0	£12.82
Closing cash at bank	**£10,784.17**	**£52,954.39**	**£63,751.38**

Saving Account: May 26 – June 26

Income	**May 26**	**June 26**
Opening balance	£10.00	£100.00
Fundraising	-	£330.00
Pollok CU	£90.00	
Trade Union	-	£90.00
Interest	-	£0.02
Total	**£100.00**	**£520.02**

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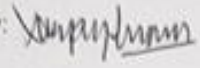
This report was approved by the Trustees on the 30th September 2026 and is signed on their behalf by:

Prepared by:  Mala Jayhindaran Chairperson

Checked and approved by the Auditor:  Rickey Pooran.

Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Springburn Unity Network

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended June 2026.

Respective responsibility of Auditor

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the term of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) 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 Auditor's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 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 view given by the accounts.

Auditor's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 30th June 2026

Recent Achievements and Future Plans

This year has been full of growth and new opportunities for Springburn Unity Network. We successfully hosted several new initiatives, including a **Children's Mini Club, Youth Group**, **Adult's Dance Group, Cognitive Art Workshops** and **Speaking Circle** including **ESOL Classes** and opened our space for other organisations to deliver their own activities, such as SARG, Jobs & Business Glasgow, The Home Office, Energy Advisory, Keep Scotland Beautiful and RSPB.

We also welcomed more volunteers to our team and Placement student's allowing us to expand our services compared to last year. With additional funding secured, we were able to continue running our community space and deliver a wider range of projects and events. The feedback we receive consistently highlights the positive impact of our work. A special highlight this year has been the contribution of our talented volunteers and Trustees. To give back to our members and the wider community, we organised **family outings to Balloch Castle, Falkirk, RSPB, visiting historical places and fun days at Springburn Park.**

Our mission extends beyond organising events, we are dedicated to celebrating the hidden talents within our community, providing individuals with opportunities to showcase their skills and gain recognition on a larger platform. Looking ahead, we have many more exciting ideas in development, though some are on hold while we await responses from potential funders. Securing sufficient funding remains our biggest challenge. Nevertheless, we remain committed to expanding our reach, building stronger partnerships, and continuing to support inclusive community development both locally and internationally. We are also exploring opportunities for future global collaborations. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all funders, partners, volunteers, and community members who have made this year such a success. All project updates, reports, and media coverage can be found on our website and social media pages, where we have also updated the full list of our funders and supporters for easier access.