



CHARITY NAME : CROMAR FUTURE GROUP

OTHER NAMES USED : Future Group, CFG, Everything Electronic Youth Club, Everything Electronic On-line (AKA as The Pizza Coding Club)

CHARITY NUMBER : SC047033 The charity is constituted as a SCIO. Its principal address is : Reekitlane, Coull, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4TR

LIST OF CURRENT TRUSTEES AND THEIR OFFICES :

The current Trustees are David Ellis, Lesley Ellis, David Harper, Imogen Pole, and Ken Douglas.

Lesley Ellis is the Charity's safeguarding representative.

The minimum number of trustees is three and the maximum number is eleven. Applications for potential trustees (individuals over 16 years and corporate bodies) who support the aim and goals of the charity are welcomed. Trustees are recruited from the charity's active volunteers or by invitation. New trustees are appointed by the Board. No external organisation has a special role in the appointment of trustees.

OFFICE BEARERS :

Convener : Lesley Ellis

Treasurer : David Ellis

Secretary : Ken Douglas

CHARITABLE PURPOSES :

1. The advancement of scientific and technological education
2. The advancement of science
3. In furtherance of these objects, our activities will include:
 - 3.1 making science and technology talks and activities available locally, either provided by ourselves or by our partners
 - 3.2 promoting science and technology locally and facilitating contacts between educators, researchers and the local Community
 - 3.3 promoting the establishment of after-school and adult science and technology clubs

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES :

The Charity focused on three primary pillars of community engagement:

- School Support: Providing specialized science support to local schools upon request.
- Youth Digital Literacy: Training local youngsters (ages 8–18) in digital skills, including coding, filmmaking, digital art, and electronics.
- Club Delivery: Running weekly youth clubs during term time, an in-person Club and for those unable to get to us, an online club.

The charity successfully delivered its core objectives, achieving significant impact across several disciplines:

1. Electronics and Mechanical Engineering



- Members of the Everything Electronics Youth Club undertook the "Goblin Car" project, utilizing a standard kit from the Greenpower Trust. Participants (ages 8–11) and learned electronics and mechanical engineering by assembling and tweaking the electric-powered vehicle.
- Competitive Success: After practice sessions at Aboyne airfield, the team achieved third place in the slalom at a competitive racing event.
- Legacy Projects: Two members had previously developed an electronic "welly boot," which entered and won a local competition and was an international runner-up.

2. Digital Arts and Coding

- Global Coding: Our coders entered a competition with over 1,900 international entries. While they did not win, they gained invaluable experience and received detailed professional feedback.
- Filmmaking: Two films were submitted to the Scottish Youth Film Foundation's competition. Both reached the finals and were screened publicly, representing a high level of achievement for the youngest age group. One of these youngsters then went on to become a winner in her age group in a later competition.

3. Scottish AI Research with YouthLink



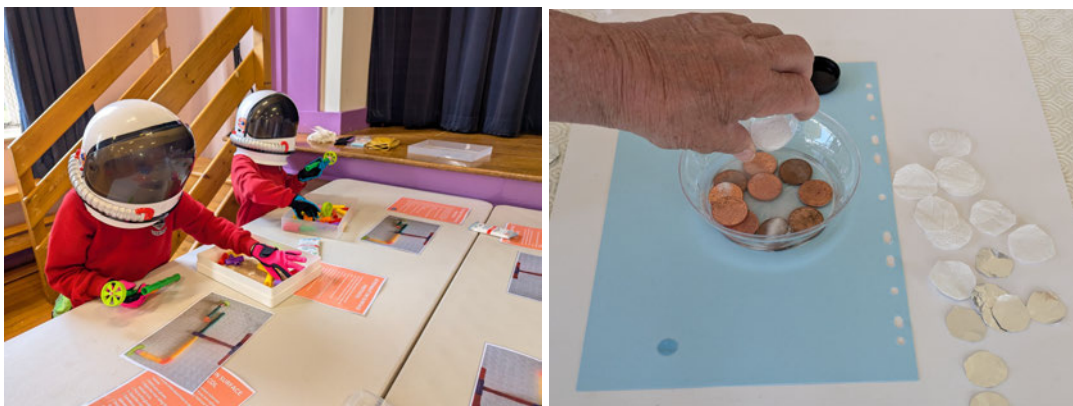
Cromar Future Group was one of only two organizations selected to conduct a research project for YouthLink Scotland regarding the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on youth.

- Outputs: The group provided national guidance on AI prompt engineering for youth workers.
- We conducted a formal survey of youth opinions on AI and developed workshop materials for national use.

The speed at which AI has been adopted by major industry players has significant implications for the future job market for our youngsters. This challenge was highlighted during our research project, and we are now treating AI as both a critical issue to address, and a major opportunity for our curriculum.

4. Primary School Science Support

We have refined a "hands-on" delivery model for science teaching for use by our teachers in our local school.



- Mars Recruitment Simulation: We ran immersive sessions at Tarland and Logie Coldstone schools, teaching the complexities of space colonization and the details of Mars and its environment.

- Science Kits: We provided Tarland Primary with tailored kits and instructional slides covering sound waves, solubility, buoyancy, chemical reactions, making batteries and electric circuits.
- Coding Foundations: We delivered the first Scratch coding course for Towie School, building teacher confidence to continue the curriculum independently.

5. Community Activity

- Computer loan scheme : On behalf of the Scottish Government, we applied for and now run the local computer loan scheme. During this period we distributed all bar one of the 10 computers which were available under this scheme.
- Tarland Show : We were invited to participate in the annual Tarland Show and took the Goblin car, a 3D printer demonstrated by one of our members and some material on climate change.
- Douneside Christmas Tree Festival : We participated in this fundraising event by decorating a Xmas tree in the winter festival event. Visitors interacted with an electronic display linked to the Xmas lights. We thank the MacRobert Trust for our chance to be part of this and for their generosity in donating £500 to the Charity as a result.

RESERVES AND DEFICITS :

The Charity plans not to maintain reserves except as necessary to fund cash flow for day to day activities. The Charity does not plan to run a deficit but this may occur in some financial years where confirmed donations or grants have not yet been received by year end. In 2025 there was no deficit at year end.

The Charity successfully built up its bank balance during this year after it fell too low for comfort in 2024.

VOLUNTEERS

The charity is dependent on volunteers for the delivery of most of its activities and routine programmes.

For public events professional organisations may be used. Where the Charity has no suitable tutor, the Charity may pay a suitable contractor.

Volunteers donate their time and they pay their own expenses. The Charity reimburses any training costs incurred with its agreement. All regular volunteers interfacing with children are PVG checked and encouraged to gain a First Aid certificate.

All our Clubs can be attended by parents as well as the child. This is both for practical reasons, our hall is often some distance from their home, but it also allows them to participate and help the child.

The Charity receives donated equipment from time to time.

SPONSORS :

The Charity wishes to thank all of its sponsors, both public and private for their donations. It allows us to provide our activities free of charge. This year we received funds from Meet and Code, The Jennie S Gordon Foundation and the MacRobert Trust, together with individual donations from parents and other individual supporters.

SIGNATURES :

Lesley Ellis

Date : 20/8/26

Ken Douglas

Date : 20/8/26