

Andrew Gillespie Trust SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report

Period From 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025



Andrew Gillespie Trust

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1. Lauren Gillespie, Chair
2. Ross Cameron
3. Ryan Canning
4. Andrew Bevan, Treasurer
5. Charlie Bevan, Secretary



Introduction and Background

The mission of the Andrew Gillespie Trust is to encourage collaborative learning for architecture students who want to make the world a physically better place. To enable this, we fund Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage, a scholarship grant for a group of three or four students to travel and see the completed works of one architect or architectural practice. Following their travels and through collective reflection, the students will together generate works of art charting their pilgrimage experience and learning.

Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage is the vision of Andrew Gillespie, who himself benefitted professionally and personally from architectural pilgrimages as a student, practising architect, and tutor of Architectural Design. Andrew was an especially passionate and talented Architect. Despite his relatively short career, he was an important part of some of the most interesting architectural practices and projects in Scotland. He also had a natural affinity for teaching and mentoring, which he utilised while tutoring students of architecture at the University of Strathclyde. Throughout his studies and professional career, he enjoyed several Architectural pilgrimages around the world. He reflected on all of these pilgrimages as hugely beneficial, but realised he gained more from the trips when he was with others. As his career progressed he became insistent that Architects learn more and produce better outcomes when they work collaboratively, rather than in isolation.

It was this belief that catalysed his idea for Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage. Andrew wanted to enable students to experience architecture around the world as he had- within a group of peers that fostered curiosity, experimentation, and development.

Andrew died from metastatic acral melanoma in May 2023. He spent time during his last months developing and communicating his vision for Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage and asked his loved ones to carry this forward on his behalf. He asked the five current Trustees to act in this role specifically, gave us as much information as he could about his idea, and then trusted us to carry this forward to the best of our abilities. Despite the level of commitment we were undertaking and the

responsibility we knew it would entail, it was an easy decision for each of us and an honour we hold deeply.

Following Andrew's death in May 2023, we as Trustees began the process to fulfil our collective promise to him. In October 2023 we received confirmation that we were a registered Scottish Charity with OSCR. This report details our second full year as an organisation. We continue to feel enormous pride and deep gratitude for all we have achieved in our first two years.

Throughout the last year we have remained focussed on taking the necessary steps to realise our vision, further our mission, and fulfil the charitable purposes detailed in our Constitution. All of this has been done in line with our governing structure as a registered charity. We have sought to maintain transparency, accountability, and integrity as an organisation, and feel confident that our activities have been in line with these goals.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Andrew Gillespie Trust was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) in October 2023. The charity was established using a Constitution as our governing document. Our Constitution details our charitable purposes, our structure, and how we will operate. As Trustees we collectively ensure that we are complying with our governing document at all times.

Governance and Management

The structure of the organisation consists of the board, who hold regular meetings and generally control the activities of the organisation. The board is comprised of charity trustees. Trustees can be appointed at any time.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All five Trustees were recruited by Andrew Gillespie. Each Trustee brings a unique perspective and skillset to the organisation. The trustee group was appointed as part of the establishment of the Charity in

October 2023; the trustees remained the same throughout the current reporting period.

Objectives and activities

The organisation's purposes are:

- (a) the advancement of education,
- (b) the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science

The way we as an organisation achieve these objectives is by funding a travel grant called Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage (CPP). In its current form, this is a grant up to £3,000 and is available to one group of three or four students of Architecture at the University of Strathclyde. The aim of CPP is to enable students to travel and see the completed works of an architect or architectural practice.

The pilgrimage itself is designed by the student group. Each spring we accept applications from current students; following review of the applications and interviews with a shortlist of candidates, we select one group and offer them the travel grant. As part of accepting the grant, the group agrees to provide one photo essay and a minimum of five collaborative 'outputs' to the charity which captures their learning from the pilgrimage; the charity reserves the right to use these pieces as we see fit, most likely for fundraising purposes.

Through the funding of CPP, we as a charity provide a group of students the opportunity to grow their knowledge about architecture, develop their own skills and techniques, inspire their creativity and curiosity, and learn from their peers in a collaborative setting.

The growth of each recipient of CPP has a knock-on effect on the advancement of architecture, as each individual will bring their skills and knowledge to their studies, professional careers, and personal endeavours. In this way we are supporting the individuals but also the wider community who will no doubt benefit as well.

Achievements and Public Benefit

The second year of the Andrew Gillespie Trust saw the charity build on the strong foundations established during its first year. Throughout the reporting period, the Trustees remained focused on advancing the Trust's charitable purposes through the promotion of education and the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and architecture. This was achieved primarily through the continued delivery of the Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage grant programme, alongside activities that engaged supporters and shared the outcomes of the students' work.

Winter

The year began with the Trust's inaugural exhibition and fundraising evening, showcasing the work produced by the first recipients of the Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage following their study trip to Spain and France. Through original artwork, drawings, and a photographic essay, the exhibition enabled the public to engage with the students' learning while celebrating Andrew Gillespie's vision for collaborative architectural education. The event raised over £4,500, which was matched by an anonymous donor, generating more than £9,000 to support future grants.

The Trustees also launched applications for the 2025 Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage, working with the University of Strathclyde to promote the opportunity to architecture students.



Spring

Following a competitive application and interview process, the Trustees selected Keir Eadie, Blair Ramage and Erin Kielty to receive the 2025 Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage grant. Their proposal to study the work of Carlo Scarpa across Northern Italy demonstrated the collaborative approach, curiosity, and educational value that the Trust seeks to encourage. Preparations for the pilgrimage took place during this period while the Trustees continued to engage with supporters through regular communications.



Summer

The second Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage took place during the summer, with the students travelling across Northern Italy to study Carlo Scarpa's architecture first-hand. Experiencing these buildings in their cultural context provided an invaluable educational opportunity, while regular updates shared through the Trust's communication channels allowed supporters to follow the journey and engage with the project as it developed.



In June 2025, the Trustees held a dedicated strategy away day to reflect on the Trust's progress and plan for its future. The session revisited Andrew Gillespie's original vision, ensuring it continues to guide the Trust's development and decision-making as the charity grows. Trustees also reviewed governance arrangements and began developing a long-term investment strategy to support the charity's financial sustainability and future impact.

Autumn

Following their return, the students produced a collection of collaborative artworks and a publication reflecting on their learning and experiences. Preparations then began for the Trust's second annual exhibition and fundraising event, providing another opportunity to share the educational and creative outcomes of the Pilgrimage with the wider community while raising funds to sustain future grants.

By the end of the reporting period, the Trust had successfully delivered its second year of grant funding, further demonstrating how the Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage advances education while promoting creativity, architectural heritage and collaborative artistic practice. The continued generosity of donors and supporters has enabled the Trust to strengthen its impact and establish a sustainable platform for future years.



Financial review

During the current reporting period we as an organisation had a total income of £20,141.05 (2024: £31,679.01). This was mostly raised from private donations by individuals. We also raised a small amount from bank interest paid for our current cash funds.

We had a total expenditure of £4,462.73 (2024: £4,024.86). The majority of this was spent on funding our main activity- Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage, a travel grant which totals £3,000 and was awarded to one group of three individuals. In addition to this we had some regular running costs including banking fees, website domain fees, and subscription fee for a mailing list management tool. A larger expenditure was made to host our first fundraising and exhibition event in November 2024. This included the venue costs, printing costs for materials, and some miscellaneous supplies. We also hired a professional accountant to help us complete our annual accounts for the year.

Unrestricted Funds at the year-end were £43,332.47 (2024: £27,654.15).

Statement of the charity's reserves

During the reporting period the Trustees agreed the principles of a long-term investment strategy and recognised the need for a formal reserves policy. The Trustees intend to adopt a written reserves policy during the next financial year, ensuring sufficient unrestricted funds are retained to meet planned grant commitments and operating costs while allowing surplus funds to be invested in support of the charity's long-term sustainability.

Details of any deficit

We as an organisation did not have any deficit during the current reporting period.

Future plans

Our plans for the next year are to continue in pursuing our stated charitable objectives. This will include:

- Continuing to raise funds.
 - The trustees intend to focus on individual donors and small businesses, and we hope to begin considering partnerships with larger Architectural firms.
 - We will hold an exhibition and fundraising event to highlight the first year of the Trust and the first group to receive the Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage grant.
- Build on key relationships
 - Continue developing partnerships with universities, architectural practices and supporters to increase awareness of Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage.
- Action our long-term investment strategy and begin investing funds.
 - This is provided for in our constitution and will be done in conjunction with professional input. We will include a reserve policy to ensure we are always able to fulfil our core activities.
- Fund a further Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage.
 - We hope to refine our application process and again hold interviews with a shortlist of applicants. The successful group will travel for CPP in summer 2026.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Lauren Gillespie

Print name

Lauren Gillespie

Designation

Trustee

Date

7 July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Andrew Gillespie Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2025 which are set out on pages 13.

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 Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charities trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 9, 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. 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (*other than disclosed below*)

1. which gives me reasonable causes 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met. or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kenneth A Roy

Kenneth A Roy
Member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants
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Date 13 July 2026

Andrew Gillespie Trust SCIO**Scottish Charity Number SC052886****Financial Statement for the period ended 31 October 2025**

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS REPORT	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations Received	19,603.61	30,035.30
Grants Received	-	1,500.00
Interest Received	537.44	143.71
Total Receipts	20,141.05	31,679.01
Payments		
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Scholarship Grants	3,000.00	3,000.00
Annual Reception Costs	503.51	901.52
Website & marketing costs	144.72	77.34
Bank Charges	60.00	46.00
Printing	304.50	-
Independent Examination	450.00	-
Total Payments	4,462.73	4,024.86
Surplus for the year	15,678.32	27,654.15
Opening Balance Nov 2024	27,654.15	-
Closing Balance Oct 2025	43,332.47	27,654.15

Statement of Balances on 31 October 2025	2025	2024
	£	£
CAF Cash Bank Account	11,887.61	12,523.44
CAF Gold Deposit Account	31,444.86	15,130.71
	43,332.47	27,654.15

The notes on page 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 7 July 2026 and signed on their behalf.

Lauren Gillespie

Lauren Gillespie
Chair of Trustees
Andrew Gillespie Trust SCIO

Notes to the Accounts for the Period Ended 31 October 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

- The accounts have been prepared on receipts and payments basis in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Nature and purpose of funds

- All funds are unrestricted and may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the organisation.

2 Transactions with Trustees

Trustees receive no remuneration or expenses.

3 Analysis of Donations & Grants Received

	2025	2024
Donations from Individuals	19,603.61	29,035.30
Donations from Companies	-	1,000
Grants from Trusts	-	1,500
Total Donations and Grants Received	19,603.61	31,521.36

4 Analysis of Grants made

	2025	2024
Collaborative Practice Pilgrimage 2025	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	3,000.00	3,000.00