

Dumfries & Galloway Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Plus (SCIO)

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

Dumfries & Galloway Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Plus (SCIO)

Charity number

SC045377

Address

Hestan Southwest, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TA.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year, and following the year end, were as follows:-

Robert Phillips

Josep Soler-Monells

Tracy Barron

Jo McKellar

Sandra Dickson

Nicola Shennan

Malcolm Struthers

Angel Robinson

Appointed 24th June 2025

Appointed 25th August 2025

Appointed 28th August 2025

Resigned 30th May 2025

Resigned 15th August 2025

Resigned 8th November 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

We run a continuous programme of adverts for the recruitment of Charity Trustees. These are delivered by direct marketing, our partners such as the Third Sector D & G, social platforms, our newsletters and website. As an organisation it is very important that we reach as far and wide into the community to deliver our services, events and activities; for this we require voices from the community who will support, drive and promote the organisation. Members who have skill in various fields come together as Charity Trustees to fulfil the roles. Those who are to be considered for the role, meet with the existing Board of Trustees and following a successful interview they will undergo Trustee training from the Third Section D and G, PVG Application, and then taking their place as an active member of the Board of Charity Trustees.

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the purposes and administration arrangements set out in the OSCR approved Constitution.

Objectives and Activities

As recorded in the Constitution, the purposes of the Charity are for the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation and the promotion of equality and diversity.

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Charitable Purposes

Within Dumfries & Galloway and surrounding regions and other rural areas, we will promote equality and diversity, and advance human rights by:

Supporting LGBT Plus* adults and older people, their families, friends, supporters, and allies to live happier, safer, more active and healthier lives and engage more confidently with their communities.

Working with organisations and communities so they can better support, include and value LGBT Plus adults, older people and families.

**LGBT plus in this instance refers to individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, or otherwise affected by issues of gender identity and /or sexual orientation.*

Strategic Outcomes

Ours strategic (and intermediate) outcomes outline the ways in which we hope that our work will impact positively on LGBT Plus adults, older people and families over the next 11 years. With this in mind, and through our ambitious programme of work, we aim that LGBT Plus adults, older people and families will, under the following outcomes:

1. Personal Wellbeing: be happier, safer, healthier, more confident, and better able to enact their rights.
2. Social Wellbeing: engage more confidently with their communities, and will be better integrated into the social, leisure, and cultural life of Dumfries and Galloway.
3. Volunteering, Activism and Capacity Building: participate more as active citizens and will have their voice heard in policy and service development at local and national level.
4. Inclusive Communities: be visible across Dumfries and Galloway, and will feel supported, included, and valued by organisation and the communities to which they belong.
5. Effective Organizations: be served by an effective, value driven organisation, which demonstrates best practice in all aspects of leadership, management, and business support. EMPOWER- ENHANCE-ENABLE-ENGAGE.

The main activities we undertake to help us achieve our outcomes include:

- 1 2 1 support sessions (face to face, online and via telephone)
- Advocacy and advice
- 1 2 1 Counsellor Services
- Training (Level 1 "Awareness", Level 2 "Applied and Bespoke")
- Group Work (with transgender people, older people, intergenerational, carers 'paid and unpaid' and those with more complex needs)
- Phone Befriending Service & check in service (for hybrid support)
- Issue bases seminars/workshops
- Social activities
- Events, such as Pride, Agricultural shows
- Volunteering opportunities (Outreach Team)
- Activism and representation at local and national levels
- Networking and partnership working across the region, Cumbria and the Borders
- Interagency/Partnership work on Equality and Diversity.

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Our Funders and Supporters

Dumfries & Galloway LGBT Plus would like to thank the following funders for their support in the past year. Without their continuing support, guidance, and funding we would not be able to help our communities in the way we do today.

Helping us deliver support, events, volunteer opportunities and training across the region.

National Lottery Community Fund & Funds for All, The Robertson Trust, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Foundation Scotland, Bank of Scotland Foundation, NHS Endowment Fund, Impact Funders.

Donations

Donations have been allocated into either our long-term welfare fund, and this allows us to support those in need, or in crises with additional support, such as supermarket vouchers, food, meals, phone vouchers and "Warm Spaces" and out Pride Fund, depending on the choice of the donor.

Donations have come in many forms, such as personal donations, and those left to the organisation by individuals and families as a bequest.

Along with the sale of our 'Rainbow Lottery', of which 50% of ticket sales are given to our Organisation. Along with donations received by our outreach team activities across the region over the year.

Our Office Space in Dumfries "The Centre"

The Centre, having all the internal advantages, also has the natural beauty of trees, plants and open spaces, it's a natural place to work.

Having the gardens close by, we are able to deliver our "Walk and Talks" sessions, health walks, along with picnics.

We also have access to the many events laid on over the year in the grounds, from Opera to Picnics, from music events to world class cycling events.

The space outside is as important as the inside and forms itself into a very large office space amongst the trees and nature, helping improve lives. Our Breathing Space and Centre.

Our Office Space In Stranraer "The Hub"

Our Stranraer Office and West Hub, located next to the Harbour at Burns House.

Running twice weekly, on Tuesdays 10 till 1pm, is a safe space in Burns House for social get-togethers, groups, workshops, health walks and 1-2-1 support delivery sessions.

Achievements and Performance

Digital Outreach

- We have 260 Followers on Instagram.
- We have 2155 Followers on Facebook.
- The Newsletter audience has a circulation of 331 and 238 are subscribers.
- Texting Service has 159 subscribers.

Other Media

- We have released 2 press releases in relation to LGBT events/services covering issues such as suicide, IDAHOBIT, Hate Crime, Pride, Equality and Worlds Aids Day.
- Staff have taken part in 2 radio interviews to LGBT+ issues. Along with a film shoot for suicide awareness within the farming community.
- The Organisation took over the D&G website of Greatest Hits Radio with 3 separate weeks showing the organisation and the services on offer.

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Capacity Building and Virtual Outreach

Attended the Stranraer, Oban, Cumbria and Whitehaven Pride events, promoted International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) events, the World Aids Day with a film event at the RBCFT in Dumfries, and the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Along with all other national and international LGBT awareness days delivered online via social media and groups in Stranraer, Newton Stewart and Dumfries.

In addition, we attended national level meetings and events across Scotland.

Partnerships Working

We have built links with many organisation's throughout the region: D&G Carers Centre D&G Advocacy Service, NHS D&G, Change In Mind, Financial Inclusion and Assessment Team (FIAT), CHSS (Chest, Heart Stroke Scotland) D&G Health Improvement, Capability Scotland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Drug and Alcohol service partnership, BBV, D&G Sexual Health, CTC, to name but a few. Staff and our volunteer community champions attend strategic meetings. We currently have volunteer champions representing the organisation on the D&G Equality & Diversity board, D&G Equality Partnership, The ITV Border Equality & Diversity board, Scottish Government LGBT Cross Party Working Group.

The Equality Partnership and the Diversity Working Group

D&G LGBT Plus are part of the D&G Equality Commission, made up of DG Voice, Third Sector D&G and DGMA.

We have attended 82 core meetings & Impact Assessments, both in the Commission Partnership and with the Diversity Working Group.

Delivered 7 training sessions around equality awareness.

Training and Awareness

Dumfries and Galloway LGBT Plus Training and Awareness offers two levels of training:

1. Level 1: LGBT Awareness Training

This training focuses on creating awareness and understanding of LGBT issues. It covers fundamental concepts, terminology, historical context, and challenges faced by the LGBT community. The goal is to foster empathy, reduce stereotypes and promote inclusivity.

2. Level 2: LGBT Applied Training

Building upon the foundation provided in Level 1, Level 2 training delves deeper into practical applications of knowledge and skills related to supporting and advocating for the LGBT community. It covers topics such as allyship, creating inclusive environments, addressing discrimination and promoting equality in various settings.

The overall aim of Dumfries and Galloway LGBT Plus Training and Awareness is to enhance inclusivity, foster equality and promote a more accepting and supportive community for LGBT individuals in the region.

Over the funding period we delivered 14 training sessions to several organisations across D&G.
Level 1 duration 1.5 hours Level 2 duration 6 hours

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Support and Group Work

We have delivered:

- 1935 hours of support and counselling
- 308 hours of Group work across the region
- 312 hours of Intern Counsellor work in Dumfries

Support is delivered with 1-2-1 sessions and a blended approach, face-to-face sessions are carried out at our Dumfries and Stranraer Offices, along with partner referral spaces.

The sessions included support, advocacy, advice, guidance, along with signposting to other partners and agencies

Stranraer Drop-In (The Potting Shed) Library and Film Group

Running weekly from 10 till 12pm, forming a social space for a 'cuppa and chat', if weather permitting a walk around the shoreline, along with a LGBT+ film showing on the last Thursday of each month.

Regional Satellite Offices

Ran in Castle Douglas, Whithorn and Wigtown, Annan, Newton Stewart and Whithorn.

Outreach

The Outreach team is made up of trained volunteers and staff, this reporting period the team visited:

- 2 Agricultural shows (Wigtown and Dumfries)
- 4 College events (Stranraer and Dumfries)
- 6 Health and Wellbeing events (Stranraer and Dumfries)
- 2 Cancer Awareness event (Stranraer & Dumfries)
- 3 Pride Events
- 15 Partnership events (Networking)
- 1 Trans Mini Conference

Other Events

Our Staff and Volunteers attended the Scottish Government LGBT Cross Party group meetings, the Equality Network meetings.

LGBT History Month, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and Visibility, World Aid Day, D & G Colleges LGBT+ Tea Parties, and Prides.

Stranraer Pride

Stranraer Pride 2025 has been a celebration filled with colour, courage, and community spirit, and it simply wouldn't have been possible without the incredible people who brought it to life. To every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and heart: thank you. Your dedication is what turns a small coastal town into a place of visibility, joy, and welcome for all.

And to everyone who joined us on the day, whether you watched, danced, supported from the sidelines, or simply showed up as your brilliant self, thank you for making Pride in Stranraer a space where everyone can belong. Your presence sends a powerful message that equality, kindness, and solidarity matter here.

Together, we've created something beautiful in Stranraer. Here's to community, to pride, and to the people who make both possible.

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Volunteers

Our volunteer activities have continued to grow across the region, with our volunteers delivering an impressive 1,248 hours of support. Alongside this, they have represented the organisation at numerous partnership meetings, both in person and online.

Much of this work has been driven by our Outreach Team, supported by our Drop-Ins, Meet Ups, and Walking Groups, all of which help us stay connected with communities across Dumfries & Galloway.

We also want to express our sincere thanks to the volunteers who serve on our Board of Charity Trustees. Their dedication, expertise, and willingness to give their time freely ensures strong governance and help us deliver meaningful impact for the community.

Financial review

There was a total deficit of £13,507. Total reserves held at the year end amounted to £114,913 with £101,152 relating to restricted funds and £13,761 relating to unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

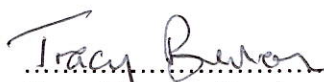
Dumfries and Galloway LGBT Plus will seek to build reserves, the aim of which will be to:

- Allow us to meet our financial obligations for a minimum of 3 months
- Save for capital expenditure
- Invest in key projects or activities as agreed by the Board

These reserves are accumulated from our unrestricted monies.

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


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Tracy Barron - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year 31st March 2026 set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 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 Report

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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) 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 9 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.



Stephen D Harman BA CA
Carson & Trotter
Chartered Accountants
123 Irish Street
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28th July 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026	2025
	£	£	Total	Total
<u>Receipts</u>			£	£
Donations	528	-	528	1,700
Grants (Note 2)	500	153,592	154,092	139,628
Fundraising	931	-	931	268
Events	367	-	367	685
Receipts from charitable activities	-	-	-	790
Total Receipts	2,326	153,592	155,918	143,071
<u>Payments</u>				
Staffing	5,411	92,615	98,026	78,279
Staff travel	-	5,868	5,868	3,997
Training and development	2,547	798	3,345	725
Volunteer expenses and PVG costs	-	831	831	5,681
Services	109	9,211	9,320	9,366
Activities	546	6,516	7,062	6,143
Premises	3,153	34,209	37,362	34,141
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Printing, stationery and office costs	156	6,571	6,727	8,074
Bank charges	6	128	134	170
Governance costs:				
Independent examiner's fees	-	750	750	690
Total payments	11,928	157,497	169,425	147,266
Net (payments)/receipts	(9,602)	(3,905)	(13,507)	(4,195)
Transfers (Note 3)	619	(619)	-	-
Reserves brought forward (Note 3)	22,744	105,676	128,420	132,615
Reserves carried forward (Note 3)	13,761	101,152	114,913	128,420

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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
<u>Bank and cash in hand</u>		
Opening balances	128,420	132,615
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>(13,507)</u>	<u>(4,195)</u>
Closing balances	<u>114,913</u>	<u>128,420</u>

Assets - Restricted Fund

	<u>Original Cost</u>	
	2026	2025
Laptop	239	239
Vacuum cleaner	108	108
Office furniture for new office	330	330
Shelving	120	120
Office furniture	757	757
Laptops (3)	1,500	1,500
Training DVD	400	400
Television for Training	500	500
Laptops (2)	998	998
Tablets (5)	1,980	1,980
Hard Drives (2)	162	162
Lenovo Tablets (5)	200	200
	<u>7,294</u>	<u>7,294</u>

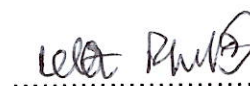
Liabilities - General Fund

	2026	2025
Independent Examiner's fee	<u>792</u>	<u>750</u>

The charity has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 28th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by


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Tracy Barron
Trustee


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Robert Phillips
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

2. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
	2026	2026	2026	2025
NHS Endowment Fund	-	4,460	4,460	-
Impact Funders	-	5,989	5,989	-
Coastal Funding	-	4,275	4,275	-
Bank of Scotland	-	-	-	18,352
Galloway & South Biosphere	-	-	-	340
D & G Equality Commission	-	22,363	22,363	22,364
National Lottery Community Fund	-	100,000	100,000	64,627
Robertson Trust	-	-	-	14,000
Foundation Scotland - Windfarm 25	500	-	500	4,650
Mental Health Fund	-	-	-	8,654
National Lottery – Reaching out	-	-	-	5,411
D&GC Dumfries Pride	-	-	-	1,200
National Lottery – Stranraer Pride	-	10,560	10,560	-
Wigtown Area	-	1,000	1,000	-
Kilgallich Wind Farm – Foundation Scotland	-	4,944	4,944	-
	500	153,592	154,092	139,628

3. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 31/03/2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank of Scotland	14,133	-	(14,133)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	13,141	100,000	(62,964)	-	50,177
Robertson Trust	3,163	-	(3,163)	-	-
Stranraer Office/Hub	15,180	-	(6,511)	-	8,669
PRIDE Stranraer	3,100	-	-	(3,100)	-
D&G Equality Commission	38,928	22,364	(44,649)	-	16,643
Potting Shed/Reaching Out	17,476	-	(6,883)	-	10,593
PRIDE Dumfries	555	-	(555)	-	-
Coastal Funding D&G	-	4,275	(6,756)	2,481	-
Impact Funders	-	5,989	(5,952)	-	37
Wigtown Area Funding	-	1,000	(927)	-	73
NHS Endowment Funding	-	4,460	(4,377)	-	83
National Lottery Stranraer Pride	-	10,560	(426)	-	10,134
Kilgallich Wind Farm	-	4,944	(201)	-	4,743
	105,676	153,592	(157,497)	(619)	101,152

