

Trustees Annual Report

for

j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO
for the period

to 30th April 2025



Scottish Charity No: SC045538

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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO

Scottish Charity No: SC045538

The Charites Principal Address:

Norcroft
Loftbrae Park
Gargunnock
STIRLING
FK8 3DH

Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Chairperson
Trustee
Trustee

Calvin Clarke
Susan Henderson
Akiko Tomitaka

Names of other trustees during the period:

There were none

Independent Examiner:

Sue Bennett ACIE
21 Dounehill
JEDBURGH
TD8 6LJ

Bankers:

Virgin Money
56 Murray Place
STIRLING
FK8 2BX

Virgin Money
(On line Deposit Savings Account)

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

j8 Educational Partnership is a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which was granted charitable status on 8th April 2015 and is governed by its constitution.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

At each AGM, all of the charity trustees must retire from office - but may then be re-elected under clause 27. A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -

- 1.1 he/she/it advises the Board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she/it does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
- 1.2 an election process was held at the AGM and he/she/it was not among those elected/re-elected through that process; or
- 1.3 a resolution under sub-clauses 28.5, 28.6, 28.7, 28.8 was put to the AGM and was carried.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO are the following: -

- The advancement of education

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

To advance education through research by school pupils into the barriers to education within specific communities in the developing world, additionally to research solutions and to then take appropriate action to reduce these barriers.

Achievement & Performance for 2025

j8 Educational Partnership's charitable purpose is the advancement of education, initially through research by school students within specific communities into the local barriers to education, and their solutions, so that appropriate action can be taken to reduce these barriers. j8 links schools in the UK with schools in other countries in order that they can work in partnership to increase the opportunities for education in both communities.

With this in mind during this reporting period:

partnership activities have been active between schools in the UK and schools abroad.

These schools are:

UK secondary schools

- ❖ Hutchesons' Grammar School
- ❖ Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

UK primary schools

- ❖ Battlefield PS, Glasgow
- ❖ Burgh PS, Rutherglen
- ❖ Forthview PS, Edinburgh
- ❖ Killin PS
- ❖ Stromness PS, Orkney
- ❖ St. Vincent's PS, Glasgow
- ❖ Victoria PS, Edinburgh

Malawi secondary schools

- Liwonde Secondary School, Liwonde, Malawi
- Katoto high School, Mzuzu, Malawi
- Namandanje secondary school, Namandanje
- Chingale Secondary School, Chingale

Malawi primary schools

- Balaka PS, Balaka
- Bandawe PS, Bandawe
- Beehive school, Mzuzu
- Chingale PS, Chingale
- Mombe PS, Mombe
- Nkasaulo PS, Pongolani

Montserrat primary schools

- Brades PS
- Lookout PS

India secondary school

- Dr N.S.A.M. High School, Nitte, India

During this school year the secondary school groups have linked up with their counterparts in Malawi in order to compare the main barriers to a successful education for all children and take measures to increase such access. To that end:

1. Secondary students set up new literacy links with several PS in Scotland, Malawi and the island of Montserrat in the Eastern Caribbean and continued their links with some

Achievement & Performance cont'd

of the existing PS.

2. The secondary students took part in fundraising activities, including the making and selling of Christmas wreaths, sold at the schools' Christmas Fayres.
3. The secondary students worked with their local PS to set up and manage Literacy Links between the PS here and their partner primary schools in Malawi and Montserrat. Literacy links were started in 2021, as improved literacy was identified as a significant way of increasing the attainment of the children in all the schools, and increasing their interest levels. The Scottish teachers and their pupils are all very enthusiastic about these links. The pupils quickly regard their overseas partners as friends, on an equal basis and the links do much to advance global citizenship. Their economic poverty does not enter their thinking, unlike for the secondary school activities where it is front and centre. The Malawi schools are equally keen but still face difficulties in sending letters and printing those received. The Montserrat teachers have struggled to engage with the links.

Also, in March 2025, two trustees were given the opportunity to talk to Dunblane and Bridge of Allan Rotary Club about the work of j8. The explanation of the rationale behind j8 seemed well-received and the talk gave us the opportunity to increase the awareness of the different j8 activities.

FINANCES 2024/25

The secondary students have been involved in some fund-raising this year at Christmas time. No external funding has been obtained, nor have there been any donations. Parents in Malawi find it increasingly difficult to afford school fees and, more than ever before, schools are reporting that hunger is a reason why many children do not attend school.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

The reserves at the end of the year were £10,050.64 (2024: £10,710.40). The charity has no employees or buildings which has meant that the trustees have decided that no formal reserves policy is in place, however, the trustees will continue to monitor as the charity grows.

Investment Policy:

The trustees have a duty to seek out suitable sources of income generation. The trustees also consider that it is prudent to accumulate funds for reserves to carry out the charity's aims and meet their annual obligations for Student fees.

The Trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity. To meet these ends the Trustees have invested in a deposit savings account with Virgin Money which accumulates interest to increase the current reserves.

Details of any deficit:

There was a financial deficit this year, the Trustees will continue to monitor the balances going forward.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C Clarke
Chairperson

Dated:

Receipts & Payments Account
Year Ended 30th April 2025

	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Income	2	551.94	0.00	551.94	592.00
Bank Interest		228.50	0.00	228.50	305.31
Total Receipts		780.44	0.00	780.44	898.19
Payments					
Expenses from Charitable Activities	3	1,290.20	0.00	1,290.20	2,028.38
Expenses from Fundraising Activities	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.59
Independent Examination		150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Total Payments		1,440.20	0.00	1,440.20	2,332.97
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(659.76)	0.00	(659.76)	(1,434.78)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(659.76)	0.00	(659.76)	(1,434.78)

Statement of Balances as at 30 th April 2025	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year	10,710.40	0.00	10,710.40	12,145.18
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(659.76)	0.00	(659.76)	(1,434.78)
Balances at End of Year	10,050.64	0.00	10,050.64	10,710.40

Other Assets				
See note 7			129.00	0.00

Liabilities
 No Outstanding Liabilities

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....
 Trustee

Dated.....

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
1 Donations				
MasterCard	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.88</u>

2 Fundraising Income

Winter Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Coffee Sales & Cake & Tombola	0.00	0.00	0.00	352.00
J8 Namandanje	170.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
Gaelic School	381.94	0.00	381.94	0.00
	<u>551.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>551.94</u>	<u>592.00</u>

3 Expenses from Charitable Activities

Student Fees	567.16	0.00	567.16	974.97
Uniforms & Books	400.38	0.00	400.38	801.98
Scanning & Printing	193.66	0.00	193.66	192.93
Tanzania Passport	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.50
Printer – Brother MFC-J534DWE	129.00	0.00	129.00	0.00
	<u>1,290.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,290.20</u>	<u>2,028.38</u>

4 Expenses from Fundraising Activities

Coffee & Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.59
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>154.59</u>

Notes to the Accountants cont'd

5 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

6 Nature & Purpose of Funds

General/Unrestricted Funds - Funds that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds – There are no restricted funds to carry forward.

The Charities funds are unrestricted and made up as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Virgin Business Account	1,201.26	0.00	
M-Plus Current Account	6.93	0.00	
M-Plus Saver Account	8,842.45	0.00	
Total	10,050.64	0.00	10,050.64

7 Assets

As at the 30th April the Charity holds one asset a Brother Printer value £129.00

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of j8 Educational Partnerships SCIO
Registered charity number SC045538
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 30th April 2025
Set out on Pages 8 to 10

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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 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:
 - 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Sue Bennett 21 Dounehill Jedburgh

Date:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:
ACIE & Dip Business & Finance