

Trustees of the Edinburgh South Asian Association

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Trustees of the Edinburgh South Asian Association (TESAA)

Charity No: SCO53260

Address: c/o Roger Jeffery, 11/2 Brandon Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DX

Current Trustees

Roger Jeffery	Chair
Pankaj Pankaj	Treasurer
Bashabi Fraser	Secretary
Arnab Bhattacharya	
Felicity Vidya	
Mehendale	
Jonathan Spencer	
Crispin Bates	
Jeevan Sharma	
Jayalakshmi Garrabost	

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

TESAA is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 11 March 2024. It was granted charitable status by OSCR on 7 April 2024.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in June. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three and not more than nine elected trustees.

Management

The trustees are responsible for TESAA's strategic direction and governance.

Charitable Purposes

Our charity was established as the continuation of the trustees of the Edinburgh Indian Association (EIA). The EIA was established in 1883 and was an important contributor to the well-being of students at the University of Edinburgh for some 60 years. It ceased functioning as a student body after the Second World War, when numbers of students from

the Indian sub-continent dropped below numbers sufficient to sustain such an association. The name and the reserves of the EIA were taken over by a body representing the interests of people of Indian heritage living in Edinburgh, and it functioned in this way until the late 1990s. By the 2010s the EIA was moribund, with no activities, no elections to its committee, and no public presence. Faced with the situation the Trustees of the EIA assessed what should be done with the reserves it held on behalf of the EIA.

The Trustees agreed that these funds should be made available to benefit contemporary students in Edinburgh of South Asian heritage. To take account of changes since the EIA had been founded, the title was changed from 'India' to 'South Asia' to encourage students from what are now the countries of Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, as well as India, and students who identify as of South Asian heritage but who may have been born or educated elsewhere.

Activities in 2025

So far we have been working to build links with appropriate student associations, and with any students who might be willing and able to advance our purposes by organising events that meet our purposes. In 2025 we organised an event for new students of South Asian heritage at the four relevant universities – Edinburgh Napier, Heriot-Watt, Queen Margaret, and the University of Edinburgh. Approximately 50 students attended, and the event received financial support from the Consulate-General of India in Scotland and from the Consulate of Pakistan in Glasgow. We also supported an illustrated talk given in the Hawthornden Lecture Theatre at National Galleries Scotland, by a visiting speaker, Professor Salima Hashmi, on ['The role of women in the development of South Asian culture'](#) on Sunday 22 June. We sponsored 14 students to attend this event free of charge. On 30 September we also co-sponsored a presentation and talks during [a visit from Weavers Studio, Kolkata](#), held at the Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh.

Financial Review

We received a transfer of £28,927.70, which consisted of the whole of the funds remaining with the Edinburgh Indian Association and the Trustees of the Edinburgh Indian Association. These funds are all unrestricted. Gross expenditure in 2025 was £140, consisting of payments to National Galleries Scotland for 14 tickets to allow free attendance by students of South Asian heritage to the lecture by Professor Salima Hashmi. At the end of the financial year our current account with the Co-operative Bank held the balance of £28,787.70.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of the Edinburgh South Asian Association currently have no dedicated funding stream and depend on moneys derived from the preceding body, the Trustees of the Edinburgh Indian Association. Until a programme of events can be developed that can be partly or wholly funded from other sources, the Trustees plan to spend the annual income from investments held in its names to fulfil its goals. Therefore, all the funds currently held by the Trustees are regarded as reserves. In order to maintain the charity over the medium term (10 years), a maximum expenditure of twice the annual income is envisaged, keeping the remainder on reserve in order to generate this income.

Statement of Receipts and Payments – For the Year Ended 31 December 2025¹

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
Transfer from Edinburgh Indian Association	²	28,927.70	0	28,927.70
Bank interest		0	0	0
Receipts from Charitable activities		0	0	0
Total Receipts		28,927.70	0	28,927.70
Payments				
Purchase of tickets for students to attend lecture		140	0	140
Total Payments³		140	0	140
Surplus (Deficit) for year		28,787.70	0	28,787.70

Statement of Balances – As at 31 December 2025

Cash at Bank	28,787.70	28,787.70
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Bank and cash balances

Bank current account	28,787.70
Bank Deposit account	0
Cash in Hand	0

Other assets

0

Liabilities

0

Basis of Accounting

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

2. This transfer was once-off.

3. £500 was paid out as honorarium for Professor Hashmi, and we were reimbursed by the Edinburgh College of Art.

These Notes form an integral part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Roger Jeffery
Chair

Pankaj Pankaj
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of "The Trustees of the Edinburgh South Asian Association" SC053260

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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

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
 - 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.

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Date: 23 September 2026