Forth Valley Inclusion

Scottish Charity Number SC042540

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period April 1st 2024 - March 31st 2025

Trustees' Report

For the period April 1st 2024 - March 31st 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Forth Valley Inclusion (formerly known as Stirling Interfaith Community Justice Group (SCIO)).

The charity had been using the name Forth Valley Inclusion as its operating name since 2021. Following the agreement of Members, in October 2023 OSCR gave approval to the formal change of the name of the charity from Stirling Interfaith Community Justice Group to Forth Valley Inclusion.

Charity Number

SC042540

Registered Address

Correspondence Address

Trustees



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 23 June 2011 and which has been revised since then. The latest version, Version 5, was adopted October 2023 following the change of name of the charity. The Charity was granted charitable status by OSCR on 26 August 2011.

General Structure

The structure of the organisation consists of:

The Members – who have the right to attend members' meetings (including the annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the Board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.

The Board – who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

The constitution provides that trustees may be nominated by members, which includes existing trustees. When a vacancy occurs members are invited to nominate potential trustees for the board. Election of trustees takes place at the AGM. Where particular skills are absent from the board's skill mix this is brought to the attention of the membership. Potential board members may be invited initially as observers to board meetings. The constitution also allows the board to appoint any member to be a trustee at any time.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.
- To promote the welfare and to relieve the needs of families and individuals adversely
 affected by imprisonment and community sentencing believing that with the help of the
 faith communities men and women can be encouraged and supported to turn their lives
 around.

Achievements and Performance for the period April 1st 2024 - March 31st 2025

During the period covered by this report the organisation continued to operate two prison family visitor centres:

i) A visitor centre, at HMP and YOI Stirling, which opened in June 2023, and previously at HMP and YOI Cornton Vale, on the same site in Stirling, Scotland. The visitor centre at HMP & YOI Cornton Vale had been operational since 26th August 2013. ii) A visitor centre at HMP Glenochil. The centre has been operational since 3rd April 2017.

The aim of both centres is to provide a supportive, friendly and welcoming environment for friends and families visiting a prisoner. Support is provided by centre staff and trained volunteers to ensure experiences of prison visiting are less stressful and more positive than they would be otherwise, thereby encouraging more frequent visits and maintaining family ties. The intention is that this will increase the stability of children's lives and reduce the risks of children themselves engaging in antisocial behaviours and suffering mental health issues later in life. We hope to achieve positive long-term outcomes for all of the family. In the long term it is hoped that these improved family ties will contribute to reductions in re-offending with positive implications for the wider community.

The organisation received funding from the Scottish Government through the Prison Visitor Centre Core Funding Programme for the operation of both centres. The charity participates in national networks bringing together representatives from Prison Visitor Centres across Scotland to discuss progress and share good practice.

Both centres were operated in partnership with the Scottish Prison Service. Service Level Agreements between each prison and Forth Valley Inclusion (FVI) set out the aims and objectives of each centre, the management and governance arrangements and the responsibilities of each partner.

Under the Agreements the Scottish Prison Service has particular responsibilities in relation to the provision and maintenance of the premises where the visitor centres are based. At both prisons the visitor centre is located within the prison at the front of house before visitors go through security. FVI has responsibility for the employment of staff and volunteers and the day to day running of the centres. In relation to this, the charity utilised the funding secured from the Scottish Government towards the costs of employing staff for the centres.

During the period to March 31st 2025, the organisation engaged one new project worker, and there were six employees (2 full-time, 4 part-time) at the year end.

The organisation continues to engage a consultant to undertake Business Management activities for a few hours a week on a self-employed basis.

To enable coverage of all visitor sessions at the prisons we are reliant on the support of a pool of trained and committed volunteers without whom the centres could not operate. There are 8 volunteers across the two Centres at March 2025. Volunteer recruitment is ongoing.

The role of staff and volunteers is to listen, offer a kindly ear and provide support and information as appropriate. A pleasant, warm, supportive atmosphere has been created to encourage families to feel relaxed and valued.

The Prison Visitor Centre at HMP and YOI Stirling

HMP & YOI Stirling is the national facility for female offenders for both remand and convicted prisoners. Prisoners, and their visitors, come from all over Scotland.

The Visitor Centre operates a 6 day a week service to support all visiting sessions at the prison.

During the period April 2024 – March 2025 there were 1063 visits at the Centre – 943 adult visits and 120 children's visits. The table below shows the breakdown by month and the percentage of visitors attending the prison who used the Centre as well as figures for the previous year

Visitors to Hub	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Sub- totals	Total
Adults	65	83	31	57	87	117	94	119	81	57	52	100	943	
Children	1	2	1	16	22	5	13	12	16	6	5	22	121	1064
% of attending visitors who used the Centre	46%	67%	29%	72%	69%	68%	70%	73%	81%	50%	45%	83%		
Visitors to Hub	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Sub- totals	Total
Adults	-	-	0	17	38	20	5	7	54	25	101	45	312	
Children	-	-	0	6	11	2	0	0	26	2	5	6	58	370

NB Figures don't include children's visits that take place every week throughout the year alternating between Saturdays and Sundays. Over the year, an average of 7 children's visits are attended each month. The figures don't include additional events.

Prisoner numbers at HMP and YOI Cornton Vale had been reduced over the past few years during development of a new prison on the same site and the prison closed in May 2023. The new prison HMP and YOI Stirling opened in June 2023 with a reduced capacity compared to HMP Cornton Vale as part of a new approach to women in prison. The visitor centre moved to a new purpose built facility within the new prison. The facilities include a café style seating area, kitchen area, breakfast bar and children's play area. From these new premises, staff and volunteers have continued to provide a range of support to the family and friends of prisoners at the new prison.

The Visitor Centre at HMP Glenochil

HMP Glenochil manages adult male offenders who are short term offenders, long term offenders, and life sentence offenders. The prison gives priority to prisoners from Forth Valley and Fife. It is one of the major sites in Scotland for managing sex offenders and those with an Order of Lifelong Restriction (OLR).

The facilities at the Visitor Centre at HMP Glenochil include a café style seating area, kitchen area, breakfast bar and children's play area. The centre opened in April 2017.

The Visitor Centre operates a 7 day a week service to support all visiting sessions at the prison.

During the period April 2024 – March 2025 there were 7036 visits at the Centre – 5681 adult visits and 1355 children's visits. The table below shows the breakdown by month and figures for the previous year.

	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Sub- totals	Total
Adults	434	372	403	430	391	455	413	404	660	509	506	704	5681	1
Children	125	88	72	127	84	102	97	85	194	107	106	168	1355	7036
Visitors to Centre	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24		Sub- totals	Total

Adults	436	648	419	653	471	477	486	331	468	460	330		5505	
Children	110	127	111	198	122	102	118	91	116	93	92	57	1337	6842

NB Figures do not include Children's Visits. We hold 104 children's visits throughout the year for both halls in HMP Glenochil. Our average attendance for children's visits is 26 children each weekend.

Visitor centre staff and volunteers have continued to provide a range of support to the family and friends of prisoners. The focus of events and activities included healthy eating, wellbeing, and notable days such as Halloween, St Andrews Day and Easter. At Christmas events took place and gifts were distributed.

First time visitors are provided with a first time visitors pack. Support has included phone calls to and from families and referrals for family support in the community. The SPS had provided on line 'virtual visits' while physical visits were restricted. These visits have continued. The visitor centre staff have supported families with accessing these.

At Glenochil, the team continue to run dad's wellbeing groups. These groups are essential to the work of the Centres, as they give an opportunity to better support families and to help children through the trauma of having an incarcerated parent.

The team at Glenochil also attend the prison's induction session. This is attended on a weekly basis and staff attend for both halls.

Staff attend children's visits in the main visits room. The team provide a wide range of art and craft activities and events to promote and enhance family relationships/bonding.

Performance Monitoring and Evaluation

The charity has systems in place to monitor and evaluate performance including systems for receiving feedback from service users. The National Performance Framework for Prison Visitor Centres in Scotland which outlines 'expected' and 'desirable' levels of various standards of service provision to be delivered by projects funded through the Scottish Government Prison Visitor Centre Core Funding Programme. In relation to this the charity currently meets the 'desirable' levels of service at both centres.

Financial Review

Our income this year has come from grants received from the Scottish Government and the National Lottery and from donations received from supporters. Expenditure throughout the year has related to salary costs and to the development and running costs for the centres and related activities.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to have available funds to cover any unforeseen issues and unexpected expenditure and to support a transition to new sources of funding if current funding sources are no longer available. Funds at the end of March 2025, not restricted to specific activities, were £56,973 which is in line with this policy.

Plans for Future Periods

For the foreseeable future the charity intends to continue to deliver services at the two centres and develop and expand the range of services and activities on offer in line with our overall charitable purposes.

Final words

Following a period of significant change for the charity in the previous year this has been a period of consolidation, overseen by a new Visitor Centre Manager

The Board would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for their commitment and hard work and to thank our funders and strategic partners for their support. We continue to be grateful to all those who use the Visitor Centres for their positive engagement and feedback.

Approved by the trustees on 16th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Dan Gunn

Chair

Date: 29 08 25

Independent Examiner's Report

For the period April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Forth Valley Inclusion

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025, which are set out in the Appendix to this report.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a-c) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44) (1) (c) of the 2005 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 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 of the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with 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 Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 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.



Date: 6TM SEPTEMBER 2025



Independent Examiner's Report for the period April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025

Disclosure Section

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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	Recei	pts and	payme	ents	acce	ounts	
		Penod start of	late			Period end da	ite
For the period	Day	Month	Year	$\int_{\mathbf{to}} \mathbf{to} $	Day	Month	Year
from	1	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of re	eceipts and p	payments				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1,386	720			2,106	2,679
Legacies					-	
Grants		135,804			135,804	127,640
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable						
activities					-	447
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A1 Sub total	1,386	136,524		•	137,910	130,766
A2 Receipts from asset &						
investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	•	•	•		•	
Total receipts	1,386	136,524			137,910	130,766
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities						
Gross trading payments			\vdash	-	•	
Investment management costs			\vdash	-		
Payments relating directly to charitable			\vdash	-	•	-
activities	2,117	121,036		4	123,153	122,533
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination		720			720	720
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total	2,117	121,756			123,873	123,253
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
Investment movements Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments		660	—		660	
					•	
A4 Sub total		660	•	•	660	•
Total payments	2,117	122,416			124,533	123,253
Net receipts / (payments)	(731)	14,108			13,377	7,513
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year						
	(731)	14,108			13,377	7,513

APPENDIX 2

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Section B Statemen	it of balances						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	57,704	7,226	to nearest £	to nearest E	64,930	57,417
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(731)	14,108			13,377	7,513
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments	56,973	21,334		•	78,307	64,930
	account(s))						
	Details			Fund to which	asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments						-	
					Total	-	
	Details		Fund to which	asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
DA OIL	Details				to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Laptop		Restrict	ed funds	660		
						7.	
				Total	660		
	Details			Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Pensions creditor			Restricted	d funding	585	491
	Accruals			Restricted	d funding	225	4,712
							\vdash
					Total	810	5,203
	Details			Fund to which I	lability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities							
							\vdash
					Total		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of approval
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C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)	The grants from the Scottish Government have been given for specific purposes i.e develor of the Visitor's Centres. Some donations have been given for specific purposes such as profile of the unrestricted. Unrestricted funds are those that are used at the discretion of furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for	esents for children. f the trustees in
	Type of activity or project supported Individual / Number of grainstitution made	nts £
C2 Grants	To	stal
C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	o a x
C3b Trustee remuneration - details	Authority under which paid	Ε
C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
C4b Trustee expenses - details	Number of trustees	£
	Transaction Nature of relationship Nature of transaction	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons		
C6 Other information	There was £58.42 in cash at the year end.	

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations from individuals, churches and others Prison Fellowship	1,386	720			1,386 720	2,029 650
Total	1,386	720		•	2,106	2,679

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Scottish Government		111,000
National Lottery		24,804
Stirling Council & UK Justice Centre		
Cash for Kids & Stirling Voluntary Enterprise		
Total	•	135,804

Total current neriod to nearest £	Total last nerind to nearest £
111,000	112,980
24,804	
	2,596
	12,064
135,804	127,640

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Coffee morning					-	447
						\vdash
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total			-			447

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
		to nearest £				
Insurance		1,133			1,133	998
Payroll costs		885			885	811
Wages and National Insurance	2,117	105,829			107,946	99,987
Centre and Office Costs		12,949			12,949	17,834
Staff and volunteer expenses					-	2,443
Recruitment		240			240	460
Total	2,117	121,036	•		123,153	122,533

Additional analysis (2)									
5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds									
	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter	Unrestricted fond 3 - enter	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter					
	name of fund	name of fund	name of fund	name of fund					
	below	below	below	below	Total	Total			
	General Funds				unrestricted	unrestricted			
					funds	funds last period			
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Receipts Donations	1,386				1,386	2,029			
Legacies	1,300				1,000	2,020			
						-			
Grants Receipts from fundraising activities	-					447			
-									
Gross trading receipts									
Income from investments other than land and buildings		-							
Rents from land & buildings Gross receipts from other charitable activities				-	-				
Sub total	1,386				1,386	2,476			
Sub total	1,500				-	27.1.0			
Receipts from asset & investment sales									
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-				
Proceeds from sale of investments					-				
Sub total		-							
Total receipts	4 200				1,386	2,476			
Total receipts	1,386		•	-	1,500	2,410			
Payments									
Expenses for fundraising activities					-				
Gross trading payments					·				
Investment management costs					-				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	2,117				2,117				
Grants and donations					-				
Governance costs:					-				
Audit / independent examination					-				
Preparation of annual accounts									
Legal costs					-				
					-				
0	0.447				2,117				
Sub total	2,117	•	•	•	2,117				
Payments relating to asset and investment									
movements									
Purchases of fixed assets					-				
Purchase of investments					-				
Sub total									
Total payments	2,117	-			2,117				
Net receipts / (payments)	(731)				(731)	2,476			
Transfers to / (from) funds									
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(731)	•	•	•	(731)	2,476			
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Nature and purpose of funds									
The unrestricted funds represent income received with r	no restrictions that c	an be spent as the t	rustees see fit.						
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Additional analysis (3) 6 Breakdown of restricted funds Restricted fund Restricted fund Restricted fund Restricted fund 2 - enter name of 3 - enter name of 4 - enter name of 1 - enter name of fund below fund below fund below fund below Scottish National Lottery Total restricted Total restricted Prison Government Fellowship funds funds last period Receipts 650 Donations 720 720 Legacies 24,804 127,640 111,000 135,804 Grants Receipts from fundraising activities Gross trading receipts Income from investments other than land and buildings Rents from land & buildings Gross receipts from other charitable activities 111,000 24,804 720 128,290 Sub total 136,524 Receipts from asset & investment sales Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Proceeds from sale of investments Sub total Total receipts 111,000 24,804 128,290 **Payments** Expenses for fundraising activities Gross trading payments Investment management costs Payments relating directly to charitable activities 113,015 7,301 720 121,036 122,533 Grants and donations Governance costs: Audit / independent examination 720 720 720 Preparation of annual accounts Legal costs Sub total 113,735 7,301 720 121,756 123,253 Payments relating to asset and investment movements Purchases of fixed assets 660 660 Purchase of investments Sub total 660 660 Total payments 114,395 7,301 122,416 123,253 Net receipts / (payments) 5,037 14,108 (3,395) 17,503 Transfers to / (from) funds 5,037 Surplus / (deficit) for year (3,395) 17,503 14,108 Nature and purpose of funds The Scottish Government grant and the National Lottery grant are restricted to the costs incurred in the operation of the Visitor Centres. The Donation from Prison Fellowship was given for specific purposes such as events, children's activities and gifts.