

NORTHERN FRIENDS YOUTH EVENTS SCIO

Scottish Charity No: SC051778

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT: 01.01.2025 - 31.12.2025

Trustees

<i>James McLeod (QiS)</i>	<i>appointed Mar 2020, term ended December 2025</i>
<i>Genevieve Orr (QiS)</i>	<i>appointed Jan 2019</i>
<i>Jennifer Warden (Teesdale AM)</i>	<i>appointed Oct 2022</i>
<i>Chris Watson (Cumbria AM)</i>	<i>appointed Dec 2023</i>
<i>Tom Lemmy (Cumbria AM)</i>	<i>appointed Feb 2024, stepped down March 2025</i>
<i>Gavin Waterston (QiS)</i>	<i>appointed Oct 2024, stepped down July 2025</i>
<i>Pam Currie (QiS)</i>	<i>appointed March 2025</i>
<i>Mark Ballard (South East Scotland AM)</i>	<i>appointed July 2025</i>
<i>Sally Allen (Northumbria AM)</i>	<i>appointed September 2025</i>

Contact Address

Clerk of Trustees

James McLeod, 5 Catherine Street, Dumfries, DG1 1JA (to December 2025)

Pam Currie, 25 Kelburn St, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0DU (from January 2026)

Treasurer

Kenneth Latham, 8 Sloan Street, Edinburgh, EH6 8JP

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by Quakers in Scotland, Northumbria Area Meeting and Teesdale & Cleveland Area Meeting and Cumberland Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), or their successor bodies, in accordance with our governing Constitution. Trustees are normally appointed for a period of three years and may be reappointed for a second term. Trustees may also be appointed directly by the Trustees. There must always be between 4 and 8 Trustees.

Under the terms of the Constitution, it is not required that the Treasurer of the SCIO be a Trustee, and the Trustees may co-opt a Treasurer from outside the body of Trustees. Although not applicable to this year, Ken Latham remains Treasurer although his term as Trustee ended on 31 December 2024.

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Constitution registered on 08 June 2022.

Trustees are appointed as described in above. The operation of the SCIO and the Trustees is overseen by one of the appointing Area / General Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (referred to as the Sponsoring AM/GM) on a three-year rotating basis. The Clerk to the Trustees will always come from the Sponsoring AM/GM. The Sponsoring group during the period to which this report relates is Scotland General Meeting.

Purposes of the Charity

The furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain particularly by organising events for young people to promote the education of the ideals which uphold the Quaker testimonies of equality, peace, simplicity and truth.

Activities of the Charity during the period 1.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

Summer Shindig 2025

The event was held at FSC Millport from Saturday 26 July to Saturday 2 August 2025. Elliot Kirk was Clerk. Gemma McLeod and Alex Orr were Co-coordinators with Helen Robbie as Assistant Co-Ordinator. Alex Orr also acted as Safeguarding Coordinator. Lilith Allen was Young Persons Needs' Coordinator.

The training weekend at Bonaly, south of Edinburgh was successful, the team 'came together', jobs were allocated and staff left with a clear idea of what was expected, the support that was available to them and their role at the event. We were in the fortunate position of having an experienced Working Party, with everyone having served on the Working Party before, in the same or very similar roles. This set up worked well in planning and running the event, making the clerking and co-ordinating roles more sustainable, better meeting YP needs (particularly first aid/additional support needs). A larger Staff team also meant that a new staff role group was created. The Nurturing and Stewardship group was a group of staff who didn't have full discussion, activity or family group responsibilities and instead supported the staff team in a variety of the regular roles that needed to be completed during the week. This innovation served the staff team as a whole by making completing responsibilities clearer and easier, served the individual staff as it allowed the more introverted staff members to moderate how

many groups they had, and served the Working Party by reducing the amount of in-week coordination needed.

We enjoyed three very different Community sessions this year relating to our theme of 'Encouraging differences'. We continued to consider the spirituality and worship elements of the week, making use of the Arc Room (with stained glass and a cathedral ceiling) for epilogue. Thursday's creative listening was extended into an optional silent, reflective campfire with several young people staying right through until bedtime.

The Wednesday trips were very similar to the previous year, albeit smoother from experience. All YPs travelled to Vikingaar in Largs in the morning to swim, with those aged 13 and over offered the option of staying on in Largs for the afternoon and the rest returning to Millport. Most took the latter option with only a few young people staying in Largs all day. YPs were given suggestions of activities to do in both locations and we hired bikes in Millport to cycle either around the island or to Fintry Bay and back. Those who did not cycle spent time at the beach, crazy golf and shops. While the weather this year was not quite as spectacular as last year, the Wednesday was fortunately broadly sunny, and this certainly helped the Wednesday afternoon options – a back up of movies at FSC was not needed. The trips fitted well with the atmosphere of the event and were well received.

The event was attended by 22 volunteer staff and 54 young people, a return to 2023 numbers after a dip in 2024. We had made the decision to extend the age range for the event to 17 years old but had a very small number of 17 year old participants (this was expected due to the low numbers of 16 year olds in 2024). The minimum age for staff has in turn increased to 19 years old.

The Trustees thank the Clerking team for all their effort and dedication to ensure a highly successful event.

Notes to the Accounts

1. From time to time the charity has benefited from legacies, funds from other Trusts or substantial donations from supportive Friends. These account for the reserves of £15,516.49 held in the Ecology Building Society. These reserves are not restricted, but by the agreement of the Trustees they may be drawn upon for the purchase of major equipment to be used for the benefit of the annual summer event, and the interest contributes to bursary support to assist some of the young people to attend the event.

2. The fees for 2025 were £500/£450 (for first/subsequent family members). Bursaries were awarded from the charity's funds to 25 young people with a total value of £2,870.

Pam Currie

Signed by Pam Currie, NFYE SCIO Clerk of Trustees, 17 September 2026