PARENTS FOR FUTURE SCOTLAND

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

A world that is climate-safe for everyone's children. Forever



About Us

We began five years ago with a group of Scottish parents who were worried about our children's futures and the future of all children. In the main we didn't know each other, or have climate credentials, but we knew we needed to act.

When we acted we realised that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. We want to share this feeling of empowerment with all parents, especially those whose voices are least often heard and who are most affected by climate change.

We need not be alone. We need not be scared. We can create a beautiful, liveable planet for our kids and all kids. Together.

We became a charity two years ago.

We are ordinary families joining with other ordinary families and creating change. There is a power and magic in this that encapsulates the very essence of life, love and care. We hope that our members, partner organisations, funders, self-employed staff and anyone who has helped us along the way feels that magic and understands their own part in creating it.



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1. Sapna Agarwal
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5. Rory Crawford
6. Hollie Armstrong
7. Lauren MacDonald

Our Charitable Objectives

We have 3 key aims:
4.1 The advancement of education in Scotland among families/communities through the provision of resources and information, both formal and informal, on matters relating to the environment and climate change.
4.2 The advancement of human rights in Scotland through helping families and communities unite in understanding and pursue their human rights related to preventing the harms of climate change and supporting them to take part in non-party political campaigning.
4.3 The advancement of citizenship by skilling up volunteers to create their own non-party political campaigns/undertake actions relating to the environment which promotes and protects the rights of their own communities.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Parents for Future Scotland (PFFS) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and therefore its governing document is presented in the form of a constitution. This outlines our charitable purpose and the rules for trustees and members.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

We have onboarded one new trustee in the year 2025/2026, Lauren MacDonald. Lauren has a background in campaigning, in particular on fossil fuels, and has been a fantastic addition to the team.
We are currently putting together a strategy for board recruitment which will enable us to build power in the organisation in line with our charitable aims.

Our Work

Clean Air In Scottish Schools

Ensuring every child in Scotland has a safe commute to school, free from air pollution



Brief overview

We worked in 22 schools in Glasgow and Edinburgh delivering our clear air programme, which consists of:

- One term's worth of education packs for children
- Parent-to-parent workshops
- A City Chambers event where children and parents ask office bearers for changes to combat air pollution
- Support in the setting up of walking and cycling buses to commute to school (where children and parents meet at a central point and walk/cycle to school together on a predetermined route, sometimes with "stops" to pick up more families en-route)

Education packs

Linking to the Curriculum for Excellence, we provided schools with one term's worth of educational resources, which helps children understand air pollution, its effects and what they can do about it.



Parent-to-parent workshops

We delivered workshops to parents that create a warm, open space to better understand air pollution and how to combat it. We talked about what the kids had learned, parents' hopes and fears, and imagined a future without air pollution. We thought through systemic changes that could help combat air pollution, and gathered information to support the establishment of walking/cycling buses.



City chambers events

Five hundred children, parents, office bearers and partners attended our air pollution events in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Children and parents presented legislative changes they would like to see in order to combat air pollution and asked for their council to enact these changes.



Active travel

This was the first year that we have supported school communities to set up walking and cycling buses. We gathered interested parents, plotted routes, did risk assessments and were on the ground every morning as they launched, providing hands-on support. We learned that these are difficult to establish and require long-term funding to ensure parent communities are sufficiently supported in areas with fewer resources. They are also powerful community groups that bring joy to families and community members alike!



Highlights

1,560 kids undertook in-depth air pollution education, kick starting eco groups, growing schemes and introducing air pollution monitors in schools

180 parents engaged in air pollution conversations, with 75% improving their understanding of air pollution + its effects

22 schools took part in Glasgow and Edinburgh

Quotes

After the walking bus I feel happy. It's good to be out in the fresh air!– Calum age 6

Last week after the bike bus, I was in a great mood all day, I kept wondering what was making me so chipper and realised it was the bike bus starting the day. It was like a shot of joy and energy – mum of 2

Cycling on the actual bike bus is amazing – Nia, age 7

Clear Air Programme Campaign Win!

In 2024 children and parents from across 40 schools in Glasgow said they wanted Active Travel Coordinators (ATCs) to help clean up Glasgow's air. ATCs are paid posts which help children get to and from school actively. They presented this to the council at our city chambers event.



Incredibly this past year we were granted funding from Low Emission Zone fines in order to pilot this programme, which resulted in 9 walking/cycling buses being set up in 3 schools.

Funding was short-term, however, and this is long-term work. We had 4 months to implement the scheme while schools were open, going into the winter months. While it was successful, the schemes are not yet embedded in the communities. We are continuing to pull on other funds to keep this pilot going.



Global Majority Climate Voices Programme

Centring the voices of communities who are most affected by climate change but who are least often heard



Brief overview

Working in partnership with 12 charities, we listened to refugee, asylum seeking and migrant populations about their lived experiences of climate change. We worked to centre these voices in the broader climate movement.

- Bespoke climate workshops written session by session which follow communities' interests and lived experience of climate change.
- Supporting people to take action in their local spheres or support our movement with their skills.
- We worked with a range of communities across Glasgow, with participants from Pakistan, Iran, Africa, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, India, China and Malaysia.

Workshop content



Our first workshop with new communities would begin with a "walk and talk" session where we got to know the group, their interests and their perspectives on climate change. We then wrote a workshop which aligned with the groups' interests for the following week. Each session in the series was delivered based on the last, creating a bespoke set of workshops for each group.



Communities shared stories of their lived experiences of climate change and their knowledge. Within sessions we explored both individual and systemic actions people could take. This work culminated with a gathering of all the communities we had worked with to discuss reflections and next steps. There was a sense people wanted to take this further through joining up with other groups. Communities wanted accessible collective actions which would make them feel heard by those in power, which we are working on in 2026/7.

Highlights

85% will make changes in their communities/daily lives.

280 people took part in 39 workshops.

26 people went onto volunteer within the movement, building their skills and our capacity, centring these important voices in our movement.

79% reported increased skills and knowledge to take action.

81% reported improved understanding of climate change and its impact.

Sara's Story

I come from a place where climate change is no longer a distant idea, but a reality we see and live every day. In Egypt, we face rising temperatures, water scarcity, and growing pressure on land and agriculture. And there is something we do not talk about enough: climate change is also a story of migration. When land becomes less productive and water is scarce, people are forced to move – sometimes within their own country, and sometimes across borders.

Migration is not always a choice; very often, it is a way to adapt. To feel what this truly means, I want to take you to my favourite city: Alexandria – the Pearl of the Mediterranean. Once a great centre of learning and culture, it has always been a city of sea breeze, libraries and long walks on the corniche. Today, that same city is on the frontline of the climate crisis. Coasts are eroding, storms batter the shore, and rising seas and land instability put homes and heritage at risk. When I hear about neighbourhoods that could one day be flooded, I feel as if I am grieving a person I love and I find myself wondering: will my favourite streets still exist when I am old?

.....Our communities did the least to cause this crisis, yet we are often on the frontlines and too often left out of the solutions. That is why, for me, climate resilience begins with solidarity.....It is about how communities respond.....My own experience has shown me that when people understand the science and feel heard in their own language, communities can move from anxiety to action.



Sara first met us at MILK Cafe two years ago, where she joined a climate session and quickly became a facilitator, translating in Arabic. Sara undertook Community Organising training with us and joined our comms team to help create content which was accessible to all communities. She did this keynote speech at our Global Majority Voices event, and shortly after got a job working in the Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations.

Just Transition

Ensuring Scotland is one of the first "oil rich" nations to have a swift and just transition away from fossil fuels



Brief overview

Our work this year has mainly targeted Stop Rosebank and non-party political campaigning at Scottish elections. While this work has taken place across Scotland, we are particularly strong in Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh. We have also focussed on training our movement in community organising techniques to help families have a voice on climate matters.

ROSEBANK

Working in partnership, we have prioritised the Stop Rosebank campaign this year. If Rosebank does not go ahead, it could be the beginning of the end of fossil fuel production in the UK, which could set an example globally.

Families joined us for a Stop Rosebank picnic in June outside the Scottish Parliament. Families also joined us for the Stop Rosebank rally in Glasgow (September), when they helped hand out flyers and talked to passersby about Rosebank. We invited parents for a hot drink and crafting beforehand in a local cafe, to help them feel looked after and keep their children entertained. Our campaigner spoke at the rally about the responsibility on parents to take action as part of the social contract to look after each others' children – referencing the impact on the climate and also the role of fossil fuel giants in human rights abuses in Palestine.



For social media, we devised a campaign for parents with a guide to help them. This initiative was in response to a request from a parent who wanted us to put pressure on members of the Scottish Affairs Committee (SAC). The request was simply: ask your child to make a sign with the name of one of the SAC members and then post on social media, tagging them into the post. The campaign coincided nicely with the 'Scotland's Climate March' on the 15th of November, when we asked children to make signs and, with their parents' permission, photographed and videoed them. We then posted these on our social media accounts. Some of the children were featured with their Stop Rosebank placards on the Glasgow Times.

Our North East communities produced a consultation piece on Rosebank and asked other North East communities to sign it. They gathered 28 organisational signatures including healthcare workers, farmers associations and community energy schemes (not the usual suspects).
We supported parents to write articles throughout the year, which portrayed their personal experiences and fears surrounding fossil fuels. We then developed a guide for parents on letter writing based on an article written by one of our members which was published in the Shetland Times.
Members have engaged over 20 MPs / MSPs about Rosebank oil field, with 12 meetings taking place.



ELECTIONS

- During the manifesto period, parents sent tailored emails/letters to 18 MSPs/prospective candidates
- We trained parents in meeting with their MP / MSP with partners or in walk and talk sessions.
- We attended hustings in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Highlights

38 email actions and meetings with MSPs/MPs in the run up to local elections and through Stop Rosebank.

Glasgow City Council signed the fossil Fuel Treaty, which we actively campaigned for.

In advance of COP30 and working alongside the Climate Coalition and Friends of the Earth Scotland, we ran a stall and took part in the Migrant & Racial Justice bloc in Scotland's Climate March. 23 Global Majority women joined us, for many of whom it was their first march.

20 people received community organising training to build their skills/capacities to create change.

28 organisations in the North East signed onto our North East communities Rosebank petition to the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning, based in Aberdeen.

Shetland Times newspaper article (extract)

Becoming a parent brought the expected: sleepless nights, clothes always covered in snot or porridge, and a new found knowledge of Bluey.

What was less expected was that creating a small human would exacerbate my concern and fear about the future of the planet exponentially. The sudden and deep realisation that during my son's lifetime the climate crisis would have a profound impact on the state of the world has brought a level of grief and fear I was not prepared for.

This, combined with the need to find community as a new mother, led me to Parents for Future Scotland.

Parents for Future Scotland is campaigning against the drilling of new oil and gas like the proposed Rosebank oilfield in the Atlantic Ocean, west of Shetland. The UK government is currently deciding whether to allow this new project to go ahead. To permit this would betray our children and future generations, as it would be incompatible with current UK climate goals and would release a staggering amount of CO2.

Becky Baird (Shetland Times 2nd November 2025)

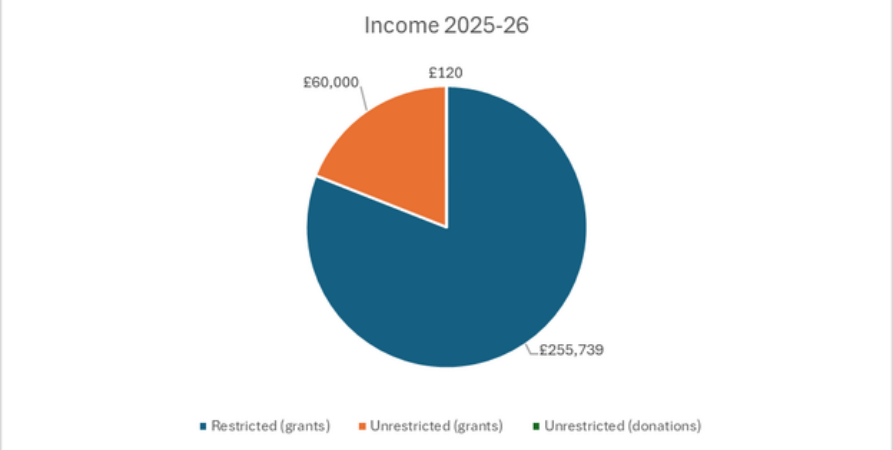


Finance

In its second year as a charity, Parents for Future Scotland has been the recipient of different grant funds as the primary source of income, along with a small number of donations. Our opening balance was £66,627.

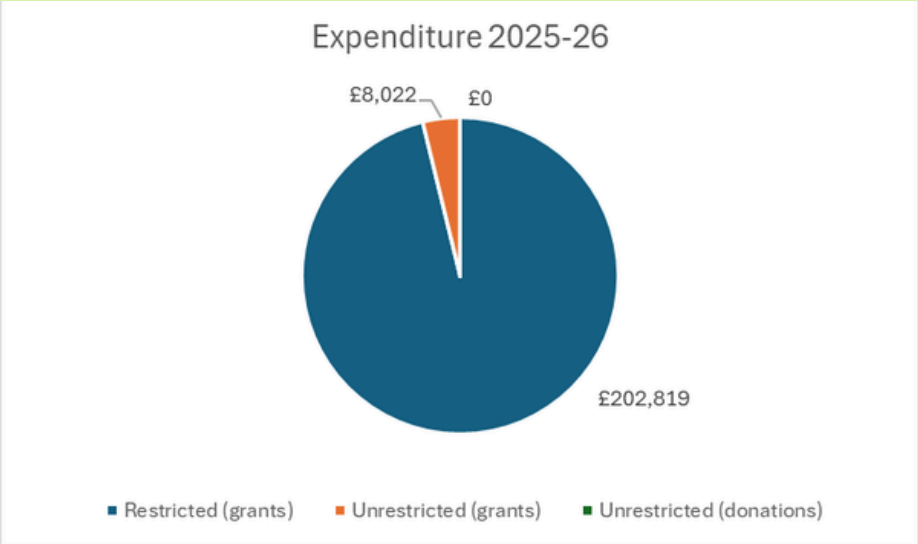
Income

The funds received, along with their purpose/restrictions (in brackets) were:
Glasgow Climate Action Hub (flexible climate talks with communities whose voices are least often heard): £30,650
Energy Transition Fund (support parent communities in non-party political campaigning for a just transition away from fossil fuels and build the movement): £36,534
Paths for All Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund (increase active travel by engaging 40 schools in Glasgow in our air pollution programme): £5,000
Paths for All Community Project Transition Fund (increase active travel by engaging 20 schools in Edinburgh in our air pollution programme): £6,975
Uplift (support parent communities in non-party political campaigning for a just transition away from fossil fuels): £42,600
Wheels in Motion (Create 5 new bike buses in Glasgow): £9,992
Glasgow Low Emission Zone Community Support Fund (Pilot Active Travel Coordinators in schools in Glasgow): £32,628
People and Place Edinburgh (Support active travel in schools in Edinburgh): £28,161
People and Place Glasgow (Support active travel in schools in Glasgow): £14,739
Volunteer Support Fund (Support our Global Majority community to actively volunteer within the movement): £6,000
National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (In partnership with MILK cafe support women to take action on climate change and improve their wellbeing): £20,000
Green Community Grants – Postcode Green Trust (increase community organising skills within the movement): £21,960
Civic Power (restricted, community organising training session for 20 people): £500
Civic Power (unrestricted funds):£60,000
Donations received (all unrestricted) totalled £120
Total income for the period was: £315,859, of which £255,739 is restricted funding and £60,120 is unrestricted.



Expenditure

Total expenditure in this period was £210,841, primarily for delivery of work under our restricted grants listed above (96% of expenditure).



Statementof the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees regularly review reserves, using the reserves policy to support both the financial strategy and the strategic plan. A risk-based approach is used to calculate an optimal amount of reserves that looks at reliability of income, costs for reorganisation of activities, and specific liabilities. Amounts are included for risks we are aware of as well as contingencies to allow Parents for Future Scotland to cope with unexpected costs and opportunities.

We principally hold reserves to:

- protect the continuity of Parents for Future Scotland's work against uncertain future income streams
- provide the capital needed to finance investment in operations
- provide funds to replace assets
- to cover for specific liabilities and identifiable risks
- to allow Parents for Future Scotland to respond to unexpected opportunities that can further our mission
- to allow Parents for Future Scotland to meet contractual obligations.

As in our first year of operations as a charity, Parents for Future Scotland have no fixed costs due to all workers being self-employed, no buildings and no standing expenditure. However, we will continue to build reserves in order to give us flexibility and to pursue best practice. The trustees have set optimal reserves at £12,500 (which equates to approximately one month's unrestricted expenditure). Given the expansion of the charity's work in the past year, the trustees intend to review the existing reserves policy. An increased optimal reserve figure will be a key consideration in light of the increased monthly running costs associated with this expansion.

As at 28th February 2026, the level of free reserves (i.e. our total unrestricted funds) stood at £70,187, above our existing optimal reserves figure and in line with three months' running costs at the tail-end of the reporting period. The vast majority of this (97%) consists of an unrestricted grant, for which there is planned expenditure, and the remainder of which is donations. We are continuing to develop a funding plan with donations as a core plank – particularly regular giving – as the basis of our reserves.

There were no deficits on any of our funds.

What's Next?

When a group grows from the grassroots it can take time to understand who and what you are and articulate this well. This year we began some of this work and next year we will continue to clarify our direction, theory of change and methods of building power

We will work at building the capacity of parents taking part in the air pollution programme to support and lead air pollution activities in their own communities. We will also support them to take on lead roles within the movement itself, helping us build and grow our skills.

Our Global Majority Climate Voices programme will focus on creating a 'climate charter' or agreement with the city council. This will underpin the minimum standards the council will commit to in terms of protecting and supporting migrant communities in Glasgow from climate change. Our engagement with groups over the past two years has pointed to the fact that these communities do not feel that they are listened to. In 2026 – 2027 we will join migrant populations across Glasgow and together initiate dialogue with the council that is constructive, hopeful and empowering and we aim for this to culminate in a written agreement. We will also continue to centre these voices within the movement generally, creating opportunities for communities to speak and be heard in the climate sphere.

We plan to take on a campaigner and build on the work of our Community Organiser in order to empower our community with the skills and knowledge necessary to create change. We plan to create two national campaigns around the just transition and transport which will give the movement focus, at the same time as supporting families with their own local campaigns.

Declaration

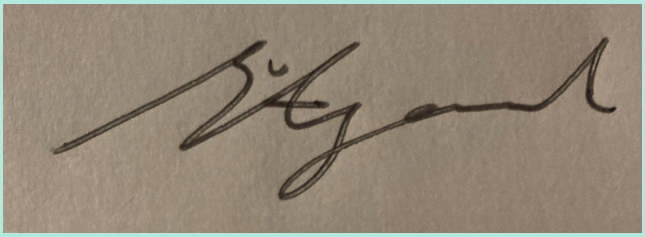
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name

Sapna Agarwal

Designation

Chair



Date

24th June 2026