

Scottish Charity No: SC 026864

Peace & Justice

Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative information
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Registered Address:

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Scottish Charity Number:

SC 026864

Management Committee (Trustees):

The following were members of the management committee (trustees of the charity)

Current Trustees

Struan Kennedy	(Convener; appointed EGM April 2025)
Jan Benvie	(Secretary)
Julian Goodare	(Treasurer; appointed EGM April 2025)
Agatha Kai-Kai	

Trustees who resigned during the year:

David Somervell
David McColl

Independent examiner:

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Annual Report of the Trustees

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with accounting regulations for Scottish charities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Peace & Justice (formerly Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre) is an unincorporated body, established by constitution in 2010, and is registered as a Scottish Charity (SC 026864). The management of Peace & Justice is entrusted to a Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Committee during the year. Further reference and administrative information, including the names of trustees, is shown on page 2.

Charitable Purposes

The principal objects of the Centre are:

i. To promote understanding of methods of conflict resolution, the maintenance of human rights, and the environmental conditions needed for a sustainable world order, doing so by the provision of an information and educational resource centre for the general public and for various charitable bodies that work in the same fields.

ii. to promote the above objects in a way which maintains ethnic, religious, gender and party-political neutrality.

And our Values: Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution, Alternatives to War, Human Rights, Ecological Responsibility.

The objects, powers and restrictions are set out in full in the constitution.

Review of Activities

P&J has a new website (which is still under construction) - https://peaceandjustice.scot/
We are also currently having some problems with our webmail, but you can contact us at peaceandjusticescotland@gmail.com

Period of Dormancy

Much of 2025 was a period of dormancy for Peace & Justice (P&J), but we did continue some activities and also our involvement within the wider peace movement (see below). In early 2025, with a lack of trustees and no paid staff, it was felt that the organisation was at a crossroads. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Saturday 12 April to consider if there was a way ahead for P&J.

The EGM agreed that the Opposing War Memorial Project was sustainable and could go ahead separately, and appointed Heather Kiernan, our former convener of trustees, to head up and coordinate a group, drawn from all the organisations involved in the project in the past. P&J continues as fundholders (holding restricted funds of £41,474).
The EGM also agreed to have a period of dormancy for three months, during which a group of interim trustees would engage with the membership, clarify and refine the function and the roles of trustees, and offer suggestions about activities in which the organisation should be engaged. This initial period was extended and a second EGM was then held on 30 November when a new Board of Trustees was appointed.

We still need more Trustees and Volunteers to support the vital work of P&J.

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Annual Report of the Trustees (continued)

Review of Activities (continued)

Joint premises at Words & actions for peace and partnership with Secure Scotland



Throughout 2025 P&J continued to be based at Words & Actions for Peace (WandA) at 58 Ratcliffe Terrace, EH9 1ST and throughout the period of dormancy continued to share responsibility together with Secure Scotland (SeScot) for keeping the space open and welcoming members of the public, Monday – Friday, 10am till 4pm. **Being a 'welcomer' at WandA is another opportunity for volunteering.**

(image: outside WandA on the anniversary of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.) Both P&J and SecScot are partners 0f the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Nuclearban.scot

Our ongoing partnership with Secure Scotland led to some shared events in 2025

Throughout the year we held monthly free *Sunday lunches* at the premises, 12 to 2pm on the last Sunday of the month - an open event offering a simple (home-made) bread & soup lunch along with discussion about the work of the centre and a general friendly chat.



The *joint newsletter* has continued to be very popular – now named Occasional News – offering articles from a wide range of contributors active within the peace movement. Website and other IT issues meant that some editions have only been available by post or to be picked up at the centre, but we plan to email future editions out to all members.

In 2025 we again held a candlelit vigil in WandA on October 7th, jointly organised by Scottish Palestinian Forum, SeScot and P&J, recognising that events in Palestine and Israel had left many people distressed and exhausted.

P&J involvement with the wider peace movement



On a cold, stormy Sunday (23/2), accompanied by singing from Protest in Harmony, P&J members, along with others, processed from St Giles up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle, to mark the *Global Day of Action* to close military bases.

On 21 March (and again on 22 September), along with other ICAN partners, we held a *Don't Bank on The Bomb* vigil outside RBS - now part of NatWest Group - urging the bank to divest from manufacturers of nuclear weapons of mass destruction - outlawed by the UN Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.





Then on 2 August, P&J joined the peace vigil at Faslane, led by various faith groups, to mark the 80th anniversary of atomic bombs being dropped on Japan and in opposition to nuclear weapons.

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CO Memorial Day & Alternative Remembrance



As in previous years we held an event to mark *Conscientious Objector Memorial Day* on 15 May 2025. We gathered at the Peace Tree, site of the future Opposing War Memorial, for songs from Protest in Harmony, then processed, still singing, to the Quaker Meeting House. There we remembered not only the Scottish COs from World Wars 1 & 2, but also the many imprisoned this century around the world, and heard (by video) from the Israeli Refuser Solidarity Network.



Unfortunately later in 2025 the Peace Tree was vandalised and damaged, resulting in its removal. Communication continues with Edinburgh Council to arrange for a replacement tree to be planted. We improvised for our Alternative Remembrance Day event in November, which also included a well-attended event at the Quaker Meeting House, with original poems from Jim Aitken, Simon Barrow and Majk Stokes. Members of the audience also shared poems, remembrances and songs, and we concluded the event with a beautiful, but sad video 'The War is Over' **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DVAo9npWMs**, a short poetry film based on a poem by Ajmer Rode, that shows there is no difference between defeat and victory in a war. The poem sends a powerful anti-war message, much needed in the present day war-torn world.

Our final event of the year followed our EGM on 30 November, when we heard about the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine Israel. (https://quaker.org.uk/action/palestine-and-israel/eappi)

Please do be in touch if you would like to find out more about becoming a Trustee or Volunteer to support the vital work of Peace & Justice

https://peaceandjustice.scot/ peaceandjusticescotland@gmail.com

Financial Review

Receipts and payments during the year are set out in the statement on page 7. There were net receipts of £1,008 in the year, compared to net payments of £267 in the previous year. Overall income and expenditure were greatly reduced due to period of dormancy mentioned above.

We are very grateful to all who support the charity through donations and monthly standing orders.

Details of the balances at the start and end of the year are shown on page 8. Balances of £62,679 are carried forward with £41,474 of this held for restricted funds.

Details of the movement on funds are shown in note 6 on page 10. Restricted fund balances carried forward amount to £41,474 including £40,316 for the OWM project, and £798 for the Cranes project.

Unrestricted funds of £21,205 are carried forward – all held in designated funds.

Approved by the Trustees on 25 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee **Date:** ***25 April 2026***

Report of the Independent Examiner
To the Trustees of Peace & Justice

I report on the accounts of Peace & Justice (the charity) for the year to 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 7 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) Act 2005 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 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, 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.



John Paul FCIE **Date: 25 April 2026**

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts:		£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		5,174	-	**5,174**	5,522
Grants	**3**	-	-	**-**	27,634
Donations & fund-raising	**4**	918	-	**918**	1,670
Gift aid		-	-	**-**	-
Fee income		-	-	**-**	800
Bank interest		403	-	**403**	617
Other income		-	-	**-**	63
Total receipts		6,495	-	**6,495**	36,306
Payments:					
Staff costs		882	-	**882**	22,757
Peace-building direct costs		-	-	**-**	10,456
Resource Materials		-	-	**-**	544
Partnership with Secure Scotland		248	-	**248**	-
Events, publicity and printing		225	-	**225**	421
Rent		3,000	-	**3,000**	-
Office expenses		792	-	**792**	617
Insurance		-	-	**-**	1,343
Other expenses		340	-	**340**	435
Total payments		5,487	-	**5,487**	36,573
Net receipts / (payments) in year		1,008	-	**1,008**	(267)
Transfers		-	-	**-**	-
Net movement in year		1,008	-	**1,008**	(267)
Balance brought forward		20,197	41,474	**61,671**	61,938
Balance carried forward		21,205	41,474	**62,679**	61,671

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation:				
Opening funds	20,197	41,474	**61,671**	61,938
Net movement in year	1,008	-	**1,008**	(267)
Closing funds	21,205	41,474	**62,679**	61,671
Closing bank & cash balances:				
Current bank account	11,432	-	**11,432**	10,822
Deposit bank account	9,693	41,474	**51,167**	50,764
PayPal balance	80	-	**80**	85
Total closing bank & cash balances	21,205	41,474	**62,679**	61,671

	2025	2024
Liabilities:	£	£
Accountancy & independent examination	**600**	900
HMRC - payroll liabilities	**-**	1,083
Pension liability	**-**	125
	600	2,108

Approved by the Trustees on 25 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Date: 25 April 2026

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts
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1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in furtherance of any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. *Designated funds* are set aside out of unrestricted funds for particular purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Details of each fund are shown in note 6 below.

3. Grants	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
for Peace-building projects				
Awards for All	-	-	**-**	10,000
Aviva Community Fund	-	-	**-**	1,314
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	-	**-**	2,000
Scottish Episcopal Church	-	-	**-**	5,350
Faithful Welcome	-	-	**-**	500
Southall Trust	-	-	**-**	1,970
for Core costs				
Pumphouse	-	-	**-**	4,000
EVOC	-	-	**-**	2,500
	-	-	**-**	27,634

4. Donations & fund-raising	£	£	£	£
for general purposes	918	-	**918**	1,670
	918	-	**918**	1,670

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remumeration was paid to trustees in the current year and no expenses reimbursed.

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6. Movement in Funds	At 1.1.25	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31.12.25
Restricted funds:	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Opposing War Memorial	40,316	-	-	-	**40,316**
Cranes project	798	-	-	-	**798**
Weave Community	360	-	-	-	**360**
Total restricted	41,474	-	-	-	**41,474**
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds					
Legacy Fund	1,249	-	-	-	**1,249**
Peace-building projects	18,948	6,495	(5,487)		**19,956**
Total Designated funds	20,197	6,495	(5,487)	-	**21,205**
General fund	-	-	-	-	**-**
Total unrestricted	20,197	6,495	(5,487)	-	**21,205**
Total funds	61,671	6,495	(5,487)	-	**62,679**

Notes:

The role of the Centre as custodian of funds for the Scottish Peace Network ceased in 2018 with the transfer of remaining funds to the SPN. The Centre holds a small fund (£360) on behalf of the Weave Community Edinburgh.

The *designated legacy fund* arises from a legacy of £50,000 received in 2017 plus a final payment of £9,321 received in 2018.