REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC050145

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

<u>for</u>

Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Re-Act: Refugee Action Scotland is a volunteer-run charity that was launched in 2015. Originating in Edinburgh, we are now present in Fife and Falkirk.

We work to support refugee families (New Scots) upon their arrival in, and while adjusting to, life in Scotland

The Objectives of Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO are:

- the advancement of education
- the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended
- the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO will promote, advance and further its charitable purposes, by delivering services and activities itself or providing a platform to support individuals or other organisations which provide a public benefit ordinarily in Scotland.

In providing its activities, the Charity Trustees will set out (ordinarily with a medium to long term outlook) a strategic theme to the SCIO's activities to provide focus on a theme to assist the SCIO to best create Charitable impact in society and for its members.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

WELCOME PACKS GROUP

This group has grown to 1.9k members this year. Members provide Welcome Packs and contents to children and young people from 0-18 years arriving in Edinburgh, and also donate other items, such as clothes, toys and baby equipment.

This year we have given out 115 packs to children from the following countries:

Sudan: 31 Afghanistan: 28 Ukraine: 9 Syria: 7 Somalia: 5

Vietnam: 3

Other: 32 - including Hong Kong, India, Iran, Iraq and Nigeria.

Although we have given out fewer Welcome Packs than last year, newly-arrived families have needed more additional support. Most families received toys and clothes, including warm coats, for the children. Many received baby equipment such as prams, cots, high chairs and household items.

We have started receiving requests from support workers at Edinburgh Council for unaccompanied minors aged 16 and 17, mostly from Vietnam. We provided 5 Welcome Packs for this group who also received clothes, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils and rice cookers.

Most backpacks and contents are donated by group members. However, this year we also received funding from the Whole Family Equality Project and the Corra Foundation. We also had another donation of backpacks, water bottles, stationery and toiletries from the Amnesty International Group at Mary Erskine's School.

STARTING SCHOOL PACKS

We provided 13 Starting School Packs to Syrian children starting primary school in August 2023. These backpacks contained everything needed for school: pens, pencils, notebooks, water bottle, snack box and a book about starting school. Each child received a coat and Edinburgh residents also received a school uniform.

BABIES

Welcome Pack for new babies consist of pram, crib or Moses basket, swing or bouncy chair, bath, play mat, changing bag, clothes, nappies and toys.

We provided packs for 25 babies this year from the following countries:

Syria: 15 (including twins)

Afghanistan: 3 Ukraine: 2

and one each from Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia and Sudan.

This year we have dealt with several requests for help for pregnant women escaping domestic violence who have no access to public funds. As well as New Baby Welcome Packs we have provided e-gift vouchers to 4 women - these are donated by group members and enable women to buy things they need from local supermarkets.

NAPPIRUNZ

Although they have had problems with flooded premises, Nappirunz has assisted us in providing nappies for babies receiving New Baby Welcome Packs as well as for older babies and toddlers.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

As we now support so many families of different nationalities it was not possible to provide individual Christmas presents for children this year.

BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

We provided 5 bikes with helmets to children this year, along with Welcome Packs. In addition to this we referred 16 children to Bikes for Refugees.

34 scooters were given to newly-arrived children - these were donated by group members.

4 children were given skateboards donated by group members. Boards for Bairns provided another 7 to children from Ukraine, Sudan and Afghanistan.

EDINBURGH SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

The School Uniform Bank also suffered from flooded premises this year but managed to provide 19 uniforms before this happened: 8 to Syrian children, 10 to Afghan children and one to a Ukrainian boy.

WELCOME TO EDINBURGH BOOKLET

We continue to include these booklets in Welcome Packs and have had the Dari and Pashto versions reprinted to meet demand from children from Afghanistan.

SUDAN

Our biggest increase this year has been in arrival from Sudan of families fleeing the war. Many of these families were able to bring very little so were in need of a lot of support.

THE GREAT BRITISH COLOURING BOOK

In response to an order by minister for immigration Robert Jenrick to paint over colourful murals in reception centres for children, the Professional Cartoonists' Organisation produced a colouring book. Pages were produced by the best-known cartoonists in the UK and present welcoming images of life and culture in Britain. We were lucky enough to acquire 60 of these colouring books from distributors 38 Degrees, which were included in Welcome Packs and given to children at Re-Act's playgroup.

We also have a schoolwork group which provides online and face to face tutoring to up to 30 Children in maths or English for up to 1 hour per week.

We have been running a number of mental health projects with the initial project working with the Syrian and Kurdish community. We also have a women's group and have held 3 trauma workshops.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year the charity had income of £74,497 (2023: £81,846) and expenditure of £57,726 (2023: £51,005) leading to an overall surplus of £16,771 (2023: £30,841)

Reserves policy

The charity has no fixed policy on reserves but aims to hold around 3 months of unrestricted operating costs in order to deal with any unforeseen circumstances.

The charity currently has reserves of £57,328 (2023: £40,557), this comprises of £55,361 of restricted funds and £1,967 in unrestricted funds (2023: Restricted - £39,467; Unrestricted - £1,088).

The balance of "free" unrestricted reserves of £1,967 is deemed to be sufficient due to the limited overheads of the charity. Project expenditure is only committed to once funding can be obtained. The charity will continue to build upon this amount so that projects can continue in the event of a reduction in grants or donations.

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO is an unincorporated charity governed by it's constitution dated 11th May 2020. It is a registered charity with a charity number being SC050145 and was registered as a charity on 11 May 2020.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees is carried out in line with the Constitution and with the consent of the Trustees. The criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands of the organisation.

The structure of the charity consists of four Trustees who are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the charity and who meet regularly. The Board of Trustees are authorised to appoint new Trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing Trustees.

Organisational structure

There is no chief executive officer. The day to day affairs are undertaken by trustees. All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage our exposure to the major risks.

The risks faced by the trust are principally operational risks from ineffective grant making. These risks are managed by the trustees researching potential beneficiaries before granting donations.

Report back and review procedures strengthen these safeguards to ensure public benefit is achieved from all grants.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

SC050145

Principal address



Trustees

(appointed 2.6.24)

Independent Examiner

LLB (Hons) ACPA FCIE

Cowan & Partners Limited 60 Constitution Street Edinburgh

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024 set out on pages six to fifteen.

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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 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 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 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.



LLB (Hons) ACPA FCIE

Full member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Cowan & Partners Limited 60 Constitution Street Edinburgh EH6 6RR

Date: 29 January 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	30.4.24 Total funds £	30.4.23 Total funds £
Donations and legacies	2	9,967	64,530	74,497	81,846
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Charitable Activities	3	5,638	52,088	57,726	51,005
NET INCOME Transfers between funds	9	4,329 (3,450)	12,442 3,450	16,771	30,841
Net movement in funds		879	15,892	16,771	30,841
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		1,088	39,469	40,557	9,716
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,967	55,361	57,328	40,557

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

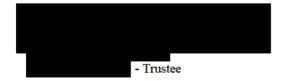
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Balance Sheet 30 April 2024

CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank and in hand	Notes	Unrestricted fund £ 5,728	Restricted funds £ 56,345	30.4.24 Total funds £ 62,073	30.4.23 Total funds £ 47,039
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,761)	(984)	(4,745)	(6,482)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,967	55,361	57,328	40,557
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,967	55,361	57,328	40,557
NET ASSETS		1,967	55,361	57,328	40,557
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	9			1,967 55,361	1,088 39,469
TOTAL FUNDS				57,328	40,557

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are presented in sterling with is the charity's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

No changes have been made to the basis of preparing the financial statements this year or to the previous year's financial statements.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern and that there are sufficient reserves to meet the reserves policy detailed on page 3, therefore the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Measurement of debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at Bank and on Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and any short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months of less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and Loans

Creditors and loans are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and loans are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

Re-Act Refugee Action SCIO is not VAT registered therefore all expenditure is recognised gross of VAT.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.4.24	30.4.23
	£	£
Donations	10,839	8,400
Grants	63,658	73,446
	74,497	81,846
		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		

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	Direct Costs (see	Support costs (see	
	note 4)	note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities	55,162	2,564	57,726
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4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

DIRECT COSTS OF CHARACTEDER TOTAL		
	30.4.24	30.4.23
	${\mathfrak L}$	£
Insurance	446	435
Sundries	83	34
Donations	-	5,550
Repairs & maintenance	1,822	-
Printing, postage & stationery	-	543
Travel & subsistence	2,071	472
Subscriptions	557	184
Room hire	5,892	6,280
Sessional staff	17,628	15,430
Activity costs	19,490	14,898
Volunteer expenses	500	304
Vehicle costs & fuel	6,673	5,195
		
	55,162	49,325

5. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs
		£
Charitable Activities		2,564
Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:		
	30.4.24	30.4.23
	Charitable	Total
	Activities	activities
	£	£
Independent Examination	1,764	1,680
Accountancy and legal fees	800	-
	2,564	1,680

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year received remuneration totalling £4,724 (2023: £3,498). This comprises of £2,299 for work on the EISS project, £1,001 for work with the Mums and Babies group, £1,344 for work with the playgroup and £80 for work with EVOC fund.

received remuneration totalling £8,681 (2023: £6,493). This comprises £2,301 for work on the EISS project and £6,380 for work with the Playgroup.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

COMMARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	fund	funds	funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOMAGNIEGEDOM	£	2	L
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	12,230	69,616	81,846
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	12 157	27.040	£1.00£
Charitable Activities	13,157	37,848	51,005
NEE INCOME (EMPENDING IDE)	(027)	21.50	20.041
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(927)	31,768	30,841
Transfers between funds	(7,701)	7,701	-
Net movement in funds	(8,628)	39,469	30,841
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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	9,716		9,716
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TOTAL DINING GARRIER FORMARD	1 000	20.460	40.555
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,088	39,469	40,557

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

•	Other creditors			30.4.24 £ 4,745	30.4.23 £ 6,482
	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	Transfers	
			movement	between	At
		At 1.5.23	in funds	funds	30.4.24
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	1,088	4,329	(3,450)	1,967
	Restricted funds				
	Storytelling centre	480	1,015	-	1,495
	Cattanach trust	728	(3,252)	4,555	2,031
	EVOC Mental health fund	16,238	(14,104)	-	2,134
	Happiness group	9,866	(6,950)	-	2,916
	Robertson Trust - playgroup	3,557	3,573	-	7,130
	Ukraine fund	1,928	370	-	2,298
	Trauma workshops	799	-	-	799
	Women's support group	696	(570)	-	126
	EISS fund	4,320	(3,612)	(19)	689
	Scottish Refugee Council - digital				
	equipment	250	-	(250)	-
	Edinburgh University - Children's				
	homework club	607	-	(607)	-
	Whole family grant	-	890	-	890
	Scottish Refugee Council - Strategy	-	229	(229)	-
	Lottery funding	-	18,185	-	18,185
	EVOC Mental health fund 24/25	- _	16,668		16,668
		39,469	12,442	3,450	55,361
	TOTAL FUNDS	40,557	16,771	-	57,328

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,967	(5,638)	4,329
Restricted funds			
Storytelling centre	3,618	(2,603)	1,015
Cattanach trust	=	(3,252)	(3,252)
EVOC Mental health fund	1	(14,105)	(14,104)
Happiness group	=	(6,950)	(6,950)
Corra foundation	3,000	(3,000)	-
Robertson Trust - playgroup	15,000	(11,427)	3,573
Ukraine fund	370	-	370
Women's support group	-	(570)	(570)
EISS fund	1,500	(5,112)	(3,612)
Whole family grant	5,000	(4,110)	890
Scottish Refugee Council - Strategy	630	(401)	229
Lottery funding	18,185	_	18,185
EVOC Mental health fund 24/25	17,226	(558)	16,668
	64,530	(52,088)	12,442
TOTAL FUNDS	74,497	(57,726)	16,771

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	Transfers	A .
	At 1.5.22	movement in funds	between	At
		in funds	funds	30.4.23
77	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds		(0.5.0)	.=	
General fund	9,716	(927)	(7,701)	1,088
Restricted funds				
Storytelling centre	-	480	-	480
Cattanach trust	-	728	-	728
EVOC Mental health fund	-	16,238	-	16,238
Happiness group	-	9,866	-	9,866
Corra foundation	-	(100)	100	_
Robertson Trust - playgroup	-	3,557	-	3,557
Ukraine fund	-	370	1,558	1,928
Trauma workshops	-	(1,164)	1,963	799
Women's support group	-	(1,280)	1,976	696
EISS fund	-	4,320	-	4,320
Scottish Refugee Council - digital				
equipment	-	(225)	475	250
Edinburgh University - Children's		, ,		
homework club	-	(1,022)	1,629	607
	-	31,768	7,701	39,469
TOTAL FUNDS	9,716	30,841	-	40,557
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,230	(13,157)	(927)
Restricted funds			
Storytelling centre	680	(200)	480
Cattanach trust	7,500	(6,772)	728
EVOC Mental health fund	16,238		16,238
Happiness group	15,498	(5,632)	9,866
Corra foundation	5,250	(5,350)	(100)
Robertson Trust - playgroup	14,000	(10,443)	3,557
Ukraine fund	370	-	370
Trauma workshops	-	(1,164)	(1,164)
Women's support group	-	(1,280)	(1,280)
EISS fund	10,080	(5,760)	4,320
Scottish Refugee Council - digital			
equipment	-	(225)	(225)
Edinburgh University - Children's			
homework club		(1,022)	(1,022)
	69,616	(37,848)	31,768
TOTAL FUNDS	81,846	(51,005)	30,841
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Storytelling centre - funding received in the year from the Scottish Storytelling Centre to take part in storytelling activities.

Cattanach trust - funding received from the Cattanach Trust for the Mums and Babies group.

EVOC Mental Health Fund - Second year of funding from the EVOC Mental Health Fund which was utilised in 23/24. Further funding was received in 23/24 and will be carried forward to 24/25.

Happiness Group - Funding from the Peoples Postcode Lottery for our happiness group. A weekly social meeting for the older members of Edinburgh's refuge community.

Corra Foundation - Funding received from the Corra Foundation to be distributed as food vouchers for families. This was fully utilised in 22/24.

Robertson Trust - Playgroup - Funding from the Robertson Trust for the Playgroup which runs weekly for New Scot children in Edinburgh.

Ukraine Fund - This is donations which will be utilised to pay for a container sent to Ukraine, payment will be made once the target amount has been reached and gift aid claimed on the donation.

Trauma workshops - Funding received from the EVOC Mental Health Fund to provide workshops which focus on ways of dealing with trauma.

Women's support group - Funding received from EVOC Mental Health fund to run a culturally appropriate, arabic speaking support group for local New Scot Women.

EISS fund - Restricted funding received from EISS for the schoolwork project.

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Scottish Refugee Council - digital equipment - Funding received the the Scottish Refugee Council for digital equipment to aid in the children's homework project. this fund has now been fully completed.

Edinburgh University - Children's homework club - The Homework Club provides one to one after school tutoring for Primary School students and is run in partnership with the University of Edinburgh. this fund has now been fully completed.

Whole family grant - funding received during the year to contribute to welcome packs.

Lottery funding - funding received towards the end of the year for the schoolwork group. This will be carried forward to 24/25.

Scottish Refugee Council: Strategy - money received for a focus group on the National Strategy for Refugee and Asylum seekers - this has been fully utilised in the current year.

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

