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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	Jan.	2025	To	31 st	Dec.	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation
Mandela Scottish Memorial
SC047067
3 Rosevale Crescent,
Hamilton
Postcode ML3 8NX

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Brian Filling	Chair		
2	Janis Carson	Vice-Chair	Elected VC 4-2-2025	
3	John Nelson	Secretary/Treasurer		
4	Isobel Tait			
5	David Kenvyn			
6	Lorraine Purdie			
7	Brian Purdie			
8	Deborah Gillespie		From 23 rd April, 2025	
9	Suzanne Bonnar		From 23 rd April, 2025	
10	Claire Dunphy		From 23 rd April, 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
James Tait retired as Trustee and Vice-Chair	1 st – 31 st January, 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	When there is seen to be a need to widen and strengthen the membership of the Board of Trustees people thought to be suitable are approached individually, and elected at a meeting of the Board. The Chair speaks to each prospective new Trustee both before and after their formal election, to outline the duties and obligations of Board members and to provide an induction into the aims and objectives of the Foundation and how these best align with their skillsets.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of heritage and education, particularly through increasing knowledge and understanding of:

- i) the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela;
- ii) his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa
- iii) the lessons of that struggle for continued active commitment to human rights, equality and racial harmony
- iv) the historic role of Glasgow in particular and of Scotland more generally in the world-wide campaign for his release and for human rights in South Africa.
- v) Scotland's strong historical connections with other leading South African figures and its wider links with South Africa's history.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The funding and commissioning of the erection of a statue of Nelson Mandela in Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, as a focus and visual aid for a programme of education and public information.

Promotion of the use of an education resource package for schools, commissioned and produced early in the life of the charity.

Provision online of information about the history, via our website, mailings and social media, often linked to anniversaries of important events.

Starting work on a more ambitious web-based information portal to be linked to the statue. This will target a range of audiences including young people with guided linkages to a rich source of accredited online content on Mandela and the history of South Africa in addition to access to educational resources

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

In early 2025 we resolved the frustrating problem of unmapped utility pipes and cables preventing the construction of the statue on the originally chosen spot, which had been a major and lengthy hold-up. Fresh trenches discovered a nearby spot where the construction would be possible, and we had amended Planning Permission accordingly. At much the same time, after some eight years of fundraising (which continues) we decided that we could now be confident of being able to finance the statue, and so set about the practical work needed to bring about its creation.

We sought applications from sculptors and received 13 from artists with a variety of experience and of approach to the commission. These were all considered by an evaluation panel, and five were shortlisted for the next stage. Each of these artists was given £2,000 to produce a maquette of their design, and a public consultation was held. The maquettes were put on display in the entrance area of Glasgow City Chambers, the public were invited to come and see them and leave comments, while an online version of the display served those unable to attend in person, giving them also the opportunity to fill in the same response sheet as the paper version. More than 500 responses were received.

One highlight of the exercise was an organised visit by groups from eight primary schools, seven of which had used our educational resource, and the enthusiasm and understanding of the young people was inspiring. We have continued to collaborate with the schools and with West of Scotland Development Education Centre who produced the resource pack, which is used in anti-racist education.

An evaluation panel met and gave its opinion, the public responses were summarised and collated, both results were put to a Judgement Panel as it also examined the maquettes and that then made its recommendation. The Foundation's Board then considered all these views, and made the final decision to select Alan B. Herriot to be the chosen sculptor.

Alan began work immediately on the clay model, and we contracted a videographer to film all stages of the production, installation and unveiling of the statue, which we hope will be of wide interest.

We have reached an exciting stage and 2026 should see rapid progress and, we hope, the installation and unveiling of the finished statue, as well as the opening of the new linked information website.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees still believe a formal policy is not yet appropriate. The building of a large capital sum required for the creation of the statue has hitherto been the main task, and the bulk of this will be expended in 2026 as the statue is created and installed.

The Trustees will endeavour to exercise prudent management of the charity's cash-flow and once the statue is in place will be better placed to consider the longer-term financial position.

Details of any deficit

There was a deficit of £2208 for the year, as we began to spend the funds raised over the years on the early stages of the practical work, including the payments for maquettes.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

We have been fortunate to have had a great deal of donated help over the years. Our architect James Tait has worked without payment throughout the project. Expert help from artists on our advisory panels was also given freely. We are hugely indebted to Sir Robert McAlpine, builders, for their mammoth contribution, and especially for the invaluable help of their member of staff Paul Jaffray whose expertise, experience and sheer untiring hard work have been absolutely priceless. It should also be noted that Board member and Project Manager Janis Carson's professional experience, wide contacts, working with and managing the numerous contributors to the project, as well as her unstinting hard work went well beyond the call of duty and all of that was done on a voluntary basis.

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Other optional information

We are grateful to our esteemed Patrons for their continuing valued support. They are:

Jeremiah “Kingsley” Nyamane Mamabolo – South African High Commissioner

Jacqueline McLaren – Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow

Sir Alex Ferguson – Freeman of the City of Glasgow

Sir Billy Connolly – Freeman of the City of Glasgow

Sir Kenny Dalglish – Freeman of the City of Glasgow

Nomatemba Tambo – Former South African High Commissioner

Marah Louw – South African singer and actor

Mongane Wally Serote – South African poet and novelist

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	John Nelson	
Full name(s)	John Nelson	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary	
Date	23 rd September, 2026	