

CHARITY NUMBER: SC046060

**I AM ME SCOTLAND SCIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2026**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	I Am Me Scotland SCIO
Charity Number:	SC046060
Principal Address:	5 th Floor Renfrewshire House Cotton Street Paisley PA1 1TZ
Trustees:	E MacLean Chair R McQuaid Vice Chair A McMillan Treasurer M Shepherd Secretary M Shepherd F Kirkby R Newbigging S Curran M Javed L Glass (retired September 2026)
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CONSTITUTION

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its legal form on 19th October, 2015. The Charity was previously an unincorporated association. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on 19th October, 2015.

APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees normally meet four times a year. Trustees are elected by a majority vote at the Board meetings.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purposes

The Charity's purposes are to promote equality and diversity by:

- Raising awareness of disability related harassment and abuse (such as hate crime);
- Encouraging people to report such incidents;
- Working with partners to create safer and stronger communities for people who are elderly, disabled and/or vulnerable; and
- Working with young people, disabled people and partners to promote equality and diversity.

Main Objectives

The Charity aims to change attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people in Scotland feel safe in their communities. To do this they will lead a national movement for CHANGE

C – Create a new disability initiative that helps people to feel connected with their communities.

H – Harness strong partnership working to facilitate changes in attitudes and behaviours.

A – Advance society's awareness of Disability Hate Crime.

N – Network with individuals and groups who have lived and living experience.

G – Galvanise communities to work collaboratively to aim for a Scotland where everyone can feel safe.

E – Educate and empower a generation of young people to challenge prejudice based behaviour.

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Main Achievements 2025-2026

During the period the charity, which has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, has continued to work with children, young people and people with lived and living experience to develop a range of innovative, exciting and accessible resources. The online platform is available FREE for all schools and Police partners in Scotland and is available from iammescotlandeducation.org.uk. There are currently over 3200 teachers and Police Officers using the platform to deliver educational inputs. Resources include, disability awareness, hate crime, alcohol & Substance, UNCRC, Vaping and much more.

In 2025-2026, the team have worked with partners, young people and people with lived and living experience to create the following resources:

NSPCC Campaign for Renfrewshire

Following the launch of the You Are Not Alone resources in 2025, the NSPCC and I Am Me developed a collaborative Child Sexual Exploitation campaign for Renfrewshire 'Ready to Talk'. The team worked closely with a multi-agency steering group to guide the design and delivery of live performances across Renfrewshire secondary schools. This was followed by a wider campaign and resources aimed at professionals, young people, and parents/carers. The live performance, delivered by a professional theatre company, reached over 900 young people across six Renfrewshire secondary schools. In addition, more than 100 professionals attended the launch event, with over 60 requesting follow-up information.

'Should I Tell Someone' Films

As a legacy of the campaign, I Am Me designed 4 short films which will be developed further, in partnership with Kibble and Renfrewshire Council, to become a learning pack for use within schools and groups across Scotland. The 4 short films have been designed with young people and seek to highlight the various ways in which young people can be targeted for exploitation.

Deaf Awareness Animation

The I Am Me team have worked with young people from St Roch's School in Glasgow to develop a Deaf awareness resource. Working closely with young people who are Deaf, the resource seeks to raise awareness of the importance of deaf culture and the use of BSL as a recognised language.



Disability Friendly

Disability Friendly launched in July 2025 to build on, and further develop the foundations left after the completion of the Keep Safe initiative. Disability Friendly aims to create a network of places where disabled people can feel valued, respected and included within their communities.

Organisations who register to become Disability Friendly must identify a Disability Friendly Champion within their organisation. This individual will ensure all relevant staff complete the free training, which helps to better understand the range of disabilities, the legislative protection, helping to prevent discrimination, as well as the barriers that people may face, the importance of equality and diversity and the understanding of hate crime and reporting.

All resources and training are provided free, helping to promote inclusion across Scotland.

To date, there are 122 registered organisations and 690 people who have completed the training.

This includes St Mirren Football Stadium who received a full accessibility review and recommendations report, helping to ensure disabled fans are supported and included within the clubs operational and match day management. In addition to the reporting and training offered to the club, the I Am Me team also supported the set up of the new SMDSA (St Mirren Disabled Supporters Association)



Finally, the Charity has won the Scottish Public Sector Partnership Award in recognition of the outstanding education work to raise awareness of exploitation, in partnership with Scottish prison Service (Polmont), Renfrewshire Council and Police Scotland. The charity has now won an amazing total of 23 awards, including the Queen's Award.



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the period the Charity received gross funds of £69,235 (2025 - £52,127) and expended £24,839 (2025 - £114,590) which resulted in a surplus at 31 March 2026 of £44,396 (2025 - £62,463 deficit).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to retain twelve months' worth of staffing and running costs in order to meet commitments and unexpected expenditure. Twelve months expenditure stands at £89,000, which will be held within a charity savings account and reserves are £130,962.

Included in the reserves, £62,450 has been allocated to cover staff costs for 2025-2026.

Donated Facilities and Services

The Charity receives the donated services of two members of staff at Renfrewshire Council and has strong partnership with Renfrewshire Council and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

The Charity has received donations and goodwill from many organisations. The Board of Trustees would like to note particular thanks and appreciate to:

- **Renfrewshire Council staff posts, office space, resources and support.**
- **COPFS for the staff time allocated for the support of Disability Friendly**

And the following for their grant funding and donations, enabling us to do the work we do:

Reo Stakis Foundation
National Lottery Awards for All
Foundation Scotland
Eland Cables
Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Charity has continued to be awarded recognition for the outstanding, innovative and inclusive approaches to education and prevention. This is testament to the opportunity to work directly with communities whilst having the flexibility and ability to adapt to, and, respond to new challenges.

The new Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 details planned activities, including the aim to increase the profile of the charity, highlighting the value as a contributor to national conversation and policy.

Other strategic priorities include the commitment to:

- Build on the excellent health and wellbeing educational platform, focussing on prevention and early intervention (harm reduction).
- Further develop the online education resource platform and extend its use nationally.
- Continue to work with children, young people and people who have lived and living experience to create more exciting, inclusive and interactive materials.
- Seek collaborations with national organisations to influence change and tackle issues which impact on disabled and vulnerable people across Scotland.
- Continue to work with public, private and third sector organisations and communities to encourage safe supportive environments for disabled and vulnerable people.
- Develop new and innovative ways to raise awareness of disability related harassment and abuse, emphasising the effects that incidents can have on individuals and the wider community.
- Continue to work with Police Scotland, COPFS and other partners to seek improved legislative protection for victims of disability hate crime.
- Work with communities, partners and organisations to raise awareness of the various reporting methods and encourage the establishment of accurate recording methods for disability related harassment and abuse.
- Seek sponsorship for the Education platform.

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RISK REVIEW

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees on

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. MacLean', written over a dotted line.

E. MacLean

Date: 24 June 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES & 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 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.

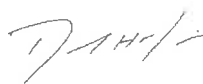
BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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.



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24 June 2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

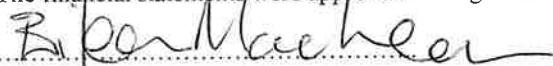
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations	3,279	77	3,356	16,960
Fundraising	1,298	-	1,298	449
Cost contribution	1,755	23,461	25,216	24,483
Grants	15,000	24,320	39,320	10,235
Other income	45	-	45	-
Total receipts	<u>21,377</u>	<u>47,858</u>	<u>69,235</u>	<u>52,127</u>
Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	15,357	9,482	24,839	114,590
Payments relating to asset movements				
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>15,357</u>	<u>9,482</u>	<u>24,839</u>	<u>114,590</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year before transfers	6,020	38,376	44,396	(62,463)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
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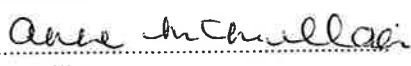
The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Funds Reconciliation				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	193,028	(17,342)	175,686	238,149
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	6,020	38,376	44,396	(62,463)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>199,048</u>	<u>21,034</u>	<u>220,082</u>	<u>175,686</u>
Bank and cash Balances:				
			£	£
Bank current account			219,962	175,516
Cash in hand			120	170
			<u>220,082</u>	<u>175,686</u>
Liabilities (unrestricted funds)				
			£	£
Independent examiner's fee			700	700
Staff Costs			65,000	-
			<u>65,700</u>	<u>700</u>
Other assets				
Electric car (purchased March 2023)	3,222	5,256	8,478	11,305
Equipment	-	-	-	60
	<u>3,222</u>	<u>5,256</u>	<u>8,478</u>	<u>11,365</u>

The financial statements were approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees on


E MacLean


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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds are part of the Charity's unrestricted funds that the Charity Trustees have decided to designate, or earmark, for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds may only be used for a specific purpose. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. Related Party Transactions

None of the Trustees were remunerated and did not receive any reimbursement for expenses during the period.

4. Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Reo Stakis Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	5,000
Just Giving	1,159	-	1,159	757
Paypal Donations	51	38	89	9
Police Scotland Renfrewshire	-	-	-	1,000
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	10,000
Other Donations including Tin Donations	-	-	-	194
Christmas Fayre Donations	69	-	69	-
SMDSA Pop Up	-	39	39	-
	<u>3,279</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>3,356</u>	<u>16,960</u>

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Production of charitable resources	-	-	-	239
Event costs	286	577	863	3,825
Staff costs	-	-	-	57,562
Marketing and website	253	1,057	1,310	2,714
Travel	69	383	452	200
Sundry	691	606	1,297	991
Postages, stationery & printing	25	2,812	15,506	89
Professional fees	13,357	2,149	48,272	48,272
Computer expenditure	641	403	1,044	698
Resources	35	1,495	1,530	-
	<u>15,357</u>	<u>9,482</u>	<u>24,839</u>	<u>114,590</u>

6. Transfers Between Funds

There were no transfers in the year.

