

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the Year Ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
FOR  
SUFİ FESTİVALS**

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## Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 31 December 2023

### Reference and administration details

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Charity name                    | Sufi Festivals |
| Other names charity is known by | Sufi Festival  |
| Registered charity number       | SC047975       |
| Charity's principal address     |                |

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

| Name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
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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 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was granted charitable status on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The charity is governed by a constitution that was agreed upon at the establishment of the charity.

#### Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board, which normally meets on a quarterly basis, are the charity's trustees. Charity Trusteeship is open to

- 1) Any person aged 18 or over
- 2) Any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated organisation and/or
- 3) Any corporate body.

Any person, nominated individual, or body who/which wishes to become a Charity Trustee must sign a written application for Charity Trusteeship. Each application will then be

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considered by the board at its next Board meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person, nominated individual or corporate body, or veto the proposed authorised officer acting as a representative of a corporate body, to Charity Trusteeship.

The board may at any time appoint any non-member of the organisation to be a charity trustee on the basis that he/she has specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the board.

Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees will be deemed to have been re-elected at an AGM unless he/she advises the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee, or an election process was held at the AGM and he/she was not among those elected/re-elected through that process, or, a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

### **Management**

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Charity; the day-to-day responsibility for the running of the charity resides with the Chair.

### **Objectives: Charitable purposes**

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, the promotion of religious or racial harmony and the relief of those in need.

### **Activities**

[2023 Sufi Festival Earthquake Fundraiser](#) - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - in response to the devastating impact of the earthquakes that took place in Turkey and Syria, we held a concert to raise funds to provide humanitarian support to the displaced. The concert featured leading Islamic artists including [REDACTED]

Partnering with [Action For Humanity](#), a leading UK charity with regional reach to the areas affected by the earthquakes, working with AFH we have been able to deliver:

#### **Phase 1 – Implemented in 2023**

- 39 families provided with food packs
- 5 homes built benefiting approximately 35 people
- 3 orphans sponsored

#### **Phase 2 – Implementation in 2024/25**

- 14 homes to be built to benefit approximately 98 people
- Food distribution and orphan sponsorship

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### **Winter Wellbeing Programme**

As part of Scottish Government's Community Mental Health Wellbeing (CMHWB) funding, distributed by GCVS under the title of the Glasgow Wellbeing Fund, we delivered a well-attended programme of several participatory arts and personal development activities during quarter 4, aptly titled Winter Wellbeing Programme. The activities were incredibly well attended and the success of these have paved the way towards developing a similar programme for 2024.

### **Future Activities**

- The 2024 Sufi Festival weekend
- Development of a new website and event platform
- Sufi Arts Hub programme of arts activities

### **Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims**

By delivering the programme of activities we have directly fulfilled our charitable aims and met all our organisational core goals, which are:

- Sharing of cultural experiences and heritage between different communities, ethnicities and faiths
- Bringing Islamic art and culture to new audiences
- Bringing communities together
- Combating Islamophobia and negative stereotypes
- Improving access to the arts for the Muslim community

### **Volunteering**

As an entirely volunteer led organisation, we are firmly committed to ensuring that everyone that volunteers with Sufi Festival finds the experience positive, enjoyable and gives them an opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge.

With the dedication of our volunteers, we have delivered an incredibly successful fundraiser concert to benefit people in need. We are truly proud of the tireless work and dedication of all our volunteers who make our work possible.

A special thank you to the core events team and all the team leaders who continuously give so much time, energy and commitment working relentlessly to ensure that Sufi Festival continues to grow and expand its programme of activities.

### **Funders**

**Glasgow Wellbeing Fund** – thank you to the amazing team at Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) for awarding us with funding allowing us to deliver a much-needed Winter Wellbeing Programme of art and personal development programming.

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### **Donors**

We are truly grateful to the many individual donors who donated to the fundraising appeal for people impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Despite the economic climate in the UK, people gave generously to benefit others in need, showing their compassion and kindness towards those less fortunate, I pray through the Waseela of Holy Prophet Muhammad Sallalaho Alahai Wasallum that everyone who gave is blessed with much, much more. A special thank you to the Rainbow Muslim Women's Group for raising funds for the appeal.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to Action for Humanity, VIP Functions, VKM Apartments, Three Brother, Dulce Desserts, HOOKD for sponsoring the fundraising concert.

### **Partnerships**

- **Action For Humanity** – partnering with a leading UK and international humanitarian aid charity, we have been able to deliver much needed humanitarian support to people impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- **The Tramway** - our venue partner of choice, the ongoing support of the entire Tramway team has made our work effortless, helping us to bring our offering to the heart of Glasgow's Southside.
- **British Muslim TV (BMTV)** Our TV media partner, live broadcasting the fundraising concert, sharing our work with thousands of people in the UK and abroad.

### **Financial Review**

The trustees do not consider there to be any material uncertainty about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. We have been successful in securing funding through the Glasgow Wellbeing Fund allowing us to deliver a well-attended programme of participatory arts activity in 2023 and by securing in kind support, sponsorship and donations we have managed to organise and deliver a very successful fundraising concert, raising thousands of pounds to provide humanitarian support to people impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

In the 2023 financial year, the charity has delivered a surplus of £27,189. The charity has received various grants and funding to allow them to run festival in the current year and years to come. This will allow the charity help deliver their objectives in the future.

### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves policy outlines our strategy for the charity to maintain a healthy source of reserves should they be required for operating costs in the event of loss of income or unexpected essential costs that may arise.

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Reserves will depend on the donations and grants received into the charity, however this policy outlines what should happen should the charity have excess funds to allow the build-up of financial reserves.

Sufi Festival aims to take a low-risk strategy when it comes to reserves so the continued support of the charity can be guaranteed for a reasonable period. Any reserves Sufi Festival has will be saved and if necessary, spent on essential operating costs which are unforeseen in situations where funding has been reduced.

In an ideal situation Sufi Festival would like to hold reserves to the value of three months core operating costs, factoring in annual increases from the previous years. It is believed that reserves equivalent to three months core operating costs, would be sufficient at the current scale of the organisation.

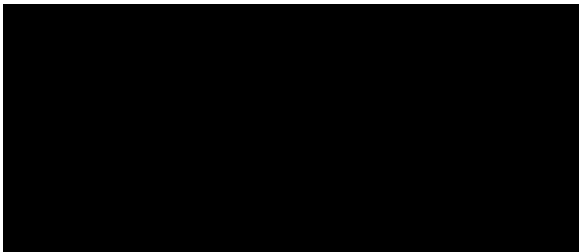
The objectives of the charity are paramount and while reserves would be preferable, the levels of reserves would be relevant to the risks. Reserves will be monitored and reported on annually and discussed at the end of year board meeting

As at the financial year end, the charity has reserves of £36,454 of which £1,006 are unrestricted and £34,448 are restricted.

### **Looking Ahead**

Insha'Allah we will focus on planning and organising the 2024 Sufi Festival – distance makes the heart grow fonder, we look forward to meeting again.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Chair

28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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| <b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>        |
| <b>For the Year ended 31st December 2023</b> |
| <b>Statement of receipts and payments</b>    |

|  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total funds current period | Total funds last period |
|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £               | to nearest £              | to nearest £               | to nearest £            |
| <b>Receipts</b>  |                    |                  |                            |                           |                            |                         |
| Donations  |                    | 8,551            |                            |                           | 8,551                      | 22,150                  |
| Legacies   |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Grants   |                    | 10,000           |                            |                           | 10,000                     | 40,548                  |
| Receipts from fundraising activities                       |                    | 57,080           |                            |                           | 57,080                     | 9,740                   |
| Gross trading receipts                                     |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings      |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Rents from land & buildings                                |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities            |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                      | -                  | 75,631           | -                          | -                         | 75,631                     | 72,438                  |
| <b>Payments</b>  |                    |                  |                            |                           |                            |                         |
| Expenses for fundraising activities                        |                    | 46,751           |                            |                           | 46,751                     | 80,351                  |
| Gross trading payments                                     |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Investment management costs                                |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities        |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Grants and donations                                       |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Governance costs:  |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Audit / independent examination                            | 330                |                  |                            |                           | 330                        | 252                     |
| Preparation of annual accounts                             |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Legal costs  |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| Other  |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>   | 330                | 46,751           | -                          | -                         | 47,081                     | 80,603                  |
| <b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b> |                    |                  |                            |                           |                            |                         |
| Purchases of fixed assets                                  |                    | 1,361            |                            |                           | 1,361                      |                         |
| Purchase of investments                                    |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>   | -                  | 1,361            | -                          | -                         | 1,361                      | -                       |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                      | 330                | 48,112           | -                          | -                         | 48,442                     | 80,603                  |
| <b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>                           | (330)              | 27,519           | -                          | -                         | 27,189                     | (8,165)                 |
| <b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>                         | -                  | -                |                            |                           | -                          |                         |
| <b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>                        | (330)              | 27,519           | -                          | -                         | 27,189                     | (8,165)                 |

Statement of balances

| Categories | Details  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|------------|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|            |  | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £               | to nearest £              | to nearest £         | to nearest £      |
| Cash funds | Cash and bank balances at start of year                    | 1,336              | 7,929            |                            |                           | 9,265                |                   |
|            | Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account | (330)              | 27,519           |                            |                           | 27,189               |                   |
|            |  |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|            |  |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|            | Cash and bank balances at end of year                      | 1,006              | 35,448           | -                          | -                         | 36,454               |                   |
|            | (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))     |                    |                  |                            |                           |                      |                   |
|            |  | 17,431             |                  |                            |                           |                      |                   |
|            |  | (8,165)            |                  |                            |                           |                      |                   |
|            |  |                    |                  |                            |                           |                      |                   |
|            |  | 9,266              |                  |                            |                           |                      |                   |

|              | Details            | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (if available) | Current value (if available) | Last year    |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|              |                    |                             | to nearest £        | to nearest £                 | to nearest £ |
| Other assets | Website            |                             | 1,972               | 657                          | 1,315        |
|              | Lighting           |                             | 354                 | 199                          | 266          |
|              | Computer Equipment |                             | 373                 | 187                          | 280          |
|              | 2 x projectors     |                             | 130                 | 65                           | 98           |
|              | Website Upgrade    |                             | 1,074               | 358                          | 716          |
|              | Laptop             |                             | 627                 | 314                          | 470          |
|              | Sound System       |                             | 1,361               | 1,021                        | -            |
|              |                    |                             |                     |                              |              |
|              |                    |                             |                     |                              |              |
|              | Total              |                             | 5,891               | 2,801                        | 3,148        |

|             | Details   | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due   | Last year    |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             |           |                                 | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| Liabilities | Creditors |                                 | 1,470        | 4,487        |
|             | Accruals  |                                 | 815          | 680          |
|             |           |                                 |              |              |
|             |           |                                 |              |              |
|             |           |                                 |              |              |
|             | Total     |                                 | 2,285        | 5,167        |

|                        | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (estimate) | Last year    |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                        |         |                                 | to nearest £          | to nearest £ |
| Contingent liabilities |         |                                 |                       |              |
|                        |         |                                 |                       |              |
|                        | Total   |                                 | -                     | -            |

| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval  |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------------|
|   |           |            | 28 September 2024 |
|   |           |            |                   |





## Notes to the Accounts

**Nature and purpose of funds**  
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Sufi Festival Project.

|        | Type of activity or project supported | Individual / institution | Number of grants made | £ |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Grants |                                       |                          |                       |   |
|        |                                       |                          |                       |   |
|        |                                       |                          |                       |   |
|        |                                       |                          |                       |   |
|        |                                       |                          |                       |   |
|        |                                       |                          | <b>Total</b>          | - |

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| <b>Trustee remuneration</b> | If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b) | <b>X</b> |
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|                                | Authority under which paid | £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Trustee remuneration - details |                            |   |
|                                |                            |   |
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| <b>Trustee expenses</b> | If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b) | <b>X</b> |
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|                            |  | Number of trustees | £ |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| Trustee expenses - details |  |                    |   |
|                            |  |                    |   |
|                            |  |                    |   |
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|                            |  |                    |   |

|  | Nature of relationship | Nature of transaction | Transaction amount (£) | Balance outstanding at period end (£) |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Transactions with trustees and connected persons |                        |                       |                        |                                       |
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| <b>Other information</b> |  |
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### Additional analysis (1)

### Analysis of receipts and payments

## 1 Donations

|                             | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                             | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £               | to nearest £              | to nearest £         | to nearest £      |
| Action for Humanity         |                    | 7,500            |                            |                           | 7,500                |                   |
| Rainbow Muslim Womens Group |                    | 1,051            |                            |                           | 1,051                |                   |
| V Iqbal                     |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 1,000             |
| University of Edinburgh     |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 3,000             |
| Arnold Calrk                |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 1,000             |
| Artz-I                      |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 2,000             |
| Penny appeal                |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 12,500            |
| Asda                        |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 650               |
| Safera Foundation           |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    | 2,000             |
| <b>Total</b>                | -                  | 8,551            | -                          | -                         | 8,551                | 22,150            |

## 2 Grants

|                                      | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Total current<br>period<br>to nearest £ | Total last period<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector |                                    | 10,000                           | 10,000                                  | -                                 |
| Lanarkshire Enterprise               |                                    |                                  | -                                       | 3,447                             |
| Creative Scotland                    |                                    |                                  | -                                       | 8,750                             |
| Glasgow Wellbeing Fund               |                                    |                                  | -                                       | 10,000                            |
| Culture & Business Fund Scotland     |                                    |                                  | -                                       | 18,351                            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -                                  | 10,000                           | 10,000                                  | 40,548                            |

### 3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

|              | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|              | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £               | to nearest £              | to nearest £         | to nearest £      |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
|              |                    |                  |                            |                           | -                    |                   |
| <b>Total</b> | -                  | -                | -                          | -                         | -                    |                   |

#### 4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

|                        | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total current period | Total last period |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                        | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £               | to nearest £              | to nearest £         | to nearest £      |
| Festival Expenses      |                    | 14,778           |                            |                           | 14,778               | 54,065            |
| Marketing & Promotions |                    | 5,727            |                            |                           | 5,727                | 21,828            |
| Meeting Costs          |                    | 43               |                            |                           | 43                   | 30                |
| Insurance              |                    | -                |                            |                           | -                    | 364               |
| Post and Stationery    |                    | 472              |                            |                           | 472                  | 624               |
| Professional fees      |                    | 2,040            |                            |                           | 2,040                | 1,860             |
| Travel                 |                    | 6,650            |                            |                           | 6,650                | 250               |
| Event Management       |                    | -                |                            |                           | -                    | 1,330             |
| Donations              |                    | 17,041           |                            |                           | 17,041               | -                 |
|                        |                    | -                |                            |                           | -                    | -                 |
|                        |                    | -                |                            |                           | -                    | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>           |                    | <b>46,751</b>    |                            |                           | <b>46,751</b>        | <b>80,351</b>     |

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUFİ FESTİVALS

I report on the accounts of Sufi Festivals for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the charities and trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

## 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 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended). 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

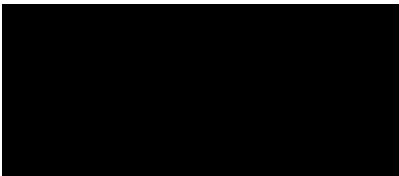
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 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.

Furthermore, I would advise that I have no concerns regarding the cash and bank position of the charity.



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Date...30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.....