

The Romanian Community Centre in Edinburgh

Trustees' Annual Report

Period From1st of November 2023 to 31st of October 2024



Charity contact information

The Romanian Community Centre in Edinburgh Scottish Charity Number: SC048786



Charity Trustees





Objectives and activities

To provide the means for the Romanians in Edinburgh and the surrounding area to practice their culture and religion including worship, ministry, philanthropic activities, community service, educational activities and the organising of religious pilgrimage

To promote the integration of Romanian community of Edinburgh in the social and civil life of Scotland (including the promotion of civic responsibility and community development).

To promote the Romanian arts and culture by providing support for conferences, exhibitions, performances, workshops and publications.

To provide care and relief for those members of community in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage.

Promoting the provision of information and support for Romanian community in Edinburgh.

Structure, governance and management

Status Award Letter for the Romanian Community Centre in Edinburgh, 25/10/2018, OSCR Ref: RS/STA/18-0582

The Constitution of the Romanian Community Centre in Edinburgh

Trustee recruitment and appointment

No new trustees were recruited.

Achievements and performance

The year 2024 was a symbolic one for our community, as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Edinburgh and the Romanian Community Centre.



During the 2023–2024 financial year, our Charity continued to fulfil the objectives and activities for which it was established.

To provide the means for Romanians in Edinburgh and the surrounding area to practise their culture and religion.

Romanian Church services were held both in Edinburgh (
serving Romanians from Edinburgh, West Lothian, East Lothian,
Stirling, the Scottish Borders, and Dumfries and Galloway, and in Anstruther
for those living in Fife and Perth.





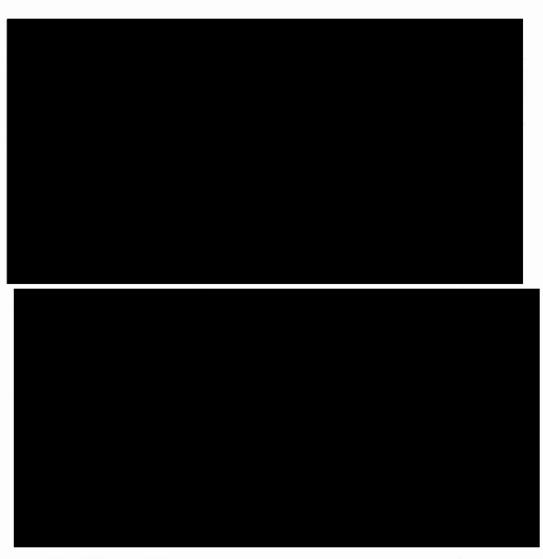
In all the areas mentioned above, traditional pastoral visits took place in most of the homes of Romanian faithful. In accordance with the traditions of the Romanian Orthodox Church, each home is visited at the beginning of the calendar year, as well as on occasions such as the birth of a child, confession, social counselling, and other religious services.



The Foundation's **philanthropic activities** included supporting families in need through the distribution of food, provision of financial aid, and public appeals for humanitarian efforts (such as the "Help a Mother" campaign or the repatriation of deceased persons).

Among the cultural activities organised by our Foundation, we highlight:

 The Christmas Concert in collaboration with The Clyde Opera Orchestra Glasgow and the Consulate General of Romania (16 December 2024);



2. The **Wood Icon Painting Workshop** and the **Traditional Weaving Workshop**, which were held regularly throughout the year at our Church premises.



The **Romanian Sunday School** holds an important place within our community. Classes are organised at the Church every Sunday, divided by age groups from 5 to 18 years old. Pupils of the School also participated in educational visits around Edinburgh, including exclusive events such as the Private Visit to the Surgeons' Hall Museum (13 February 2024).



Throughout the year, the Church community also organised two cultural and ecumenical pilgrimages:

- Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne (31 August 2024)
- Pilgrimage to St Triduana's Chapel of Restalrig (5 October 2024)



Another key objective of our Foundation is:

To promote the integration of the Romanian community into the social and civic life of Scotland (including the promotion of civic responsibility and community development). Promoting the provision of information and support for Romanian community in Edinburgh.

Among the most noteworthy activities was the course "Workers' Rights, Modern Slavery and Labour Exploitation" (6 modules), organised at our Church premises in collaboration with the Skills Education Group and the UK Government.



Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

- No fixed assets.
- All of Charity's unrestricted funds are available as reserves to meet the future expenditures and costs (rent, insurance, equipment, ongoing activities etc.) and as a contingency against unforeseen costs. See Appendix 2, Receipts and payments accounts.

Details of any deficit

There is no deficit

Donated facilities and services

We have organised events for which our Church have asked for no fees.

Future plans

According to the Constitution of Charity.

Additional information

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Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Designation	mustee/
Date	81/07/2025

The Romanian Orthodox Church in Edinburgh



	Recei	pts and	payme	ents	acco	ounts	
	Period start date					Period and da	te
For the period	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
from	01	11	2023]	31	10	2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment	Permanent endowment	Total funds	Total funds last
	funds	Restricted funds	funds	funds	current period	period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	18,553	5,905			24,458	16,59
egacies					-	
Grants	-				•	9,76
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,315				1,315	99
nterest Received	709				709	35
Gross trading receipts ncome from investments other than and and buildings					-	
Gift Aid	3,015				3,015	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
A1 Sub total	23,592	5,905			29,497	27,70
AT Sub total	23,392	3,903	-		25,451	27,70
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	•	•		
Total receipts	23,592	5,905	-	-	29,497	27,70
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					_	
Gross trading payments	2,908				2,908	2,07
Investment management costs	2,508				2,500	2,0
Payments relating directly to charitable					•	
activities Grants and donations	13,563	933			14,496	27,10
Staff Training	515				515	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts	956				956	98
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total	17,942	933	-	-	18,875	30,13
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
investment movements Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-		-	-	
Total payments	17,942	933			18,875	30,1
Net receipts / (payments)		4,972			10,622	(2,42
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	0,000	7,012			10,022	(=)+2
Surplus / (deficit) for year						
Surplus / (deticit) for year	NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTY.	4,972			10,622	(2,4

Section B Statemen	t of balances						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £ 56,967
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	5,650	4,972			10,622	(2,723)
	payments account						
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	5,203	59,663		-	64,867	54,244
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						- 301
	Details			Fund to which	asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments							
					Total		
					iotai		
P2 Other coats	Details		Fund to which	asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets							
-							
				Total		-	-
	Details			Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities							
					Total		
					iotai		
DE Continuent liabilities	Detalls	ı		Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities							
					Total		-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees							Date of approval
							31/07/25
							1,01,00

Section C Notes to the	Accounts								
C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)	The main purpose of the funds are to support the church with their Romanian Community in Edinburgh iterms of their Social, Civic, Cultural, Philanthropic and Religious Aspects. A distinct fundraising campaig was launched aiming to raise a deposit for the purchase of a space that will function as a church and a cultural and social centre of the Romanian community in Edinburgh. All donations received during this campaign are registered under the reference "DEPOSIT CHURCH" as restricted funds in the savings ac of the Charity								
	Type of activity or project su	ipported	individual / institution	Number of grants made	£				
C2 Grants				Total					
C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the a trustee cross this box (otherwise cor		ity trustee or perso	n connected to					
	Autho	rity under which p	ald		£				
C3b Trustee remuneration - details									
C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any chari (otherwise complete section 4b)	ty trustee during the	period then cross	this box					
				Number of trustees	£				
C4b Trustee expenses - details	eimbursement of travel car to provide religious ministry, philar service and visiting families in his posi according to the Approved Mileage All	nthropic activities, co	ommunity Church. Rates	1	4,400				
				Transaction	Balance				
	Nature of relationship	Nature of tr	ansaction	amount (£)	outstanding at period end (£)				
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons									
C6 Other information									

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations (Standing Order and Bank Transfer)	22,883	5,905			28,788	27,708
Total	22,883	5,905	-		28,788	27,708

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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Interest Received	709				709	359
					-	
					-	
					3.5	
					-	
					-	
	Land Control				-	
Total	709	•	•	-	709	359

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 £	
Annual Lunch	900				900	1,122
ravel Costs	4,400				4,400	5,281
Items for Church Worship	2,908				2,908	2,072
Rent	7,408				7,408	6,310
Accountancy Fees	956				956	956
Web Hosting	101				101	85
Travels	109				109	
Charitable Donations	600				600	
Bank Charges	45				45	101
Restricted expenses		933			933	14,146
Miscellaneous						57
Staff Training	515				515	
Total	17,942	933	-	-	18,875	30,130

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds						
	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter		
	name of fund	name of fund	name of fund	name of fund		
	below	below	below	below		
	Bank of				Total	Total
	Scotland Current Account				unrestricted funds	unrestricted funds last period
	7,000					
Receipts						
Donations	18,553				18,553	10,081
Legacies					-	
Grants	and a				-	
Gift Aid	3,015				3,015	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,315				1,315	992
Interest Received	709				709	359
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	23,592	-	- I-	-	23,592	11,432
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Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	L. Dalland				•	
Sub total	•	-	-	-	-	-
T-4-1	00.500				00.500	44 422
Total receipts	23,592	•	•	•	23,592	11,432
					=	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	2,908				2,908	2,072
Investment management costs	-,,,,,				-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	14,078				14,078	12,956
Grants and donations	1.1,07.0				-	,
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts	956				956	956
	956					356
Legal costs					- :	
					-	
Sub total	17,942		No. of Contract of		17,942	15,984
Sub total	17,542		-	-	17,542	10,004
Payments relating to asset and investment						
movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-			-		
Total payments	17,942				17,942	15,984
rotal paymonto	,				_	
Net receipts / (payments)	5,650				5,650	(4,552)
wet receipts / (payments)	5,050	•	•	•	5,000	(4,552)
Transfers to / /from) funds		-				
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
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Surplus / (deficit) for year	5,650	*	•	•	5,650	(4,552)
					-	
Nature and purpose of funds						
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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

6 Breakdown of restricted funds						
	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund		
	1 - enter name of fund below	2 - enter name of	3 - enter name of fund below			
	runa below	fund below	fund below	fund below		
	Bank of	Bank of			Total restricted	Total restricted
	Scotland Current Account	Scotland			funds	funds last
	Current Account	Reserve Account				period
Receipts						
Donations		5,905			5,905	6,512
Legacies		,			-	
Grants						9,764
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts						
Income from investments other than land and						
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
Sub total	•	5,905	-	-	5,905	16,276
					-	
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Receipts from asset & investment sales Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Proceeds from sale of investments					1	
Sub total		•	-	-	-	
Total receipts	•	5,905	-		5,905	16,276
					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	933			933	14,146
Grants and donations					-	,
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs					_	
					-	
Sub total		933			933	14,146
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment						
movements						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	•	-	•	•		
Total payments		933			933	14,146
rotai payments	•	933	•	•	933	14,140
Net receipts / (payments)		4,972		_	4,972	2,130
(payments)		7,012			4,072	2,100
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Decided and Continues of Control (1997) to the delication of Control of Contr						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	•	4,972	-		4,972	2,130
					-	

Nature and purpose of funds

The main purpose of the funds are to buy a property or getting a long term lease which will allow us to develop and perform better the Charity's objectives: to provide Christian Orthodox religious services, cultural and educational events and also to provide care and relief for those members of community in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage

Balance Sheet

The Romanian Orthodox Church in Edinburgh

As at 31 Oct 24

	£	£
Capital Assets		
Net Book Value	0	
Current Assets	64,866	
Bank Account: Business Checking Account	2,043	
Bank Account: Savings Account	62,823	
less Current Liabilities		0
Net Current Assets	£64,866	
Total Assets	£64,866	
Owner's Equity		
Retained Profit		64,866
Total Owner's Equity		£64,866

Profit & Loss

The Romanian Orthodox Church in Edinburgh

Accounting Year 2023/24

	Debit	Credit
Turnover		28,788
Candles/ Icons/ Books/ christian products		1,315
Charitable donations Income		18,553
Restricted Donations for Deposit		4,862
Gift Aid		3,015
Restricted -Charitable Donations Iceland		796
Donation Sunday School Restricted Funds		197
Restricted Anniversary		50
add Other Income		709
Interest Received		709
less Cost of Sales	2,908	
Items for Church worship	2,908	
Gross Profit		26,589
less Administration Expenses	15,452	
Annual Lunch	900	
Fravel Costs	4,400	
Restricted Expenses	15	
Expenses Sunday School - Restricted Funds	60	
Restricted Anniversary Expenses	858	
Rent	7,408	
Web Hosting	101	
Auto Expenses	109	
Accountancy Fees	956	
Charitable Donations	600	
Bank/Finance Charges	45	
	515	
less Staff Costs		

Operating Profit	£10,622
less Drawings	03
less Profit & Loss journal entries	£0
Retained Profit this period:	£10,622
Retained Profit brought forward:	£54,244
Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:	£64,866



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Romanian Orthodox Church In Edinburgh 123 High Street, Burntisland, United Kingdom, KY3 9AA SC048786							
Registered Charity Nmber								
On the Accounts of the charity for the period	Pe	Period Start Date				Period End date		
	1	11	2023	to	31	10	2024	
Set out on pages	1							
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) 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 Regulations. 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 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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.							
Signed:			_		Date:	30 7	2025	
Name:	Zen Consultants (Scot) Ltd /							
Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:	ACA/ICAEW							
Address:		•	85 Glasgov	w Road, Ed	linburgh, E	H12 8LJ		
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