

**Faith in  
Community Dundee  
Annual Report**

April 2021- March 2022

## Support to Faith Communities:

**Chalmers Ardler Church Food Larder** - we helped develop their food larder in response to identified need in the local community, through building confidence, developing a new process, engaging with key community partners, building awareness of the larder in the local community, de-escalation session with volunteers, and a signposting session with volunteers.

**Connections Café for New Scots** (run by the Steeple Church and Lochee & Camperdown Churches) - we supported the reopening of the conversation café in the Charleston/Lochee area to enable New Scots (Syrian Refugees) to access conversation support and friendship. An average of 6-10 people attended each week. We also supported the organisation of a BBQ for 80 New Scots of all ages (in February!), bringing together partners from Dundee City Council and local churches to help run the event. Members of Dundee Fairness Leadership Panel visited Connections Cafe to hear more about experiences for New Scots, the findings of the discussions fed into the next Panel Meeting.

**St Pauls Episcopal Cathedral** - Inspire: we worked closely with the leadership of the Cathedral to help them reflect on the gifts and talents in their congregation and begin to consider how they might connect with their local community.

We took time to reconnect with faith communities post-pandemic: **Al Maktoum Mosque, Tayside Hindu Cultural and Community Centre, and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.**

We helped **Taught by Muhammad Foodbank** find a temporary home in St John's Episcopal Church, after their building was suddenly closed down.

We secured funds to work with faith communities to provide summer activity and Christmas gift bags:

**100 Summer activity packs** for families: Taught by Muhammad Café in Kirkton and Charleston; Lifegate Church in Whitfield and RockSolid in Douglas.

**100 Christmas gift bags** for adults: Rock Solid Project in Douglas; Lochee Church Café and Larder in Lochee; Lifegate Church Café in Whitfield; Taught by Muhammad Café in Charleston.

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**We provided training sessions:**  
**Fit 4 Funding Dundee:** building knowledge and understanding of funding processes.

We delivered in-person training for 17 people from 12 faith communities, representing Christian, Muslim and Buddhist faith communities.

**Fit 4 Funding Fife:** We delivered 2 online sessions for 19 people from 15 faith communities, representing Christian and Muslim.

**Signposting/referral training:** we delivered bespoke sessions to 25 staff/volunteers across 8 faith community projects.

**How to support volunteers:** we delivered bespoke sessions with staff at 2 faith community projects.

***"We gave out 40 gift bags at our Christmas lunches at Charleston. Everyone was so delighted....for many this was the only gift they received. The gifts were really useful but most importantly they were very touched that people were thinking of them. They were beautifully packaged and everyone was so grateful. Thanks so much for doing this."***

Taught by Muhammad Café

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### **Participatory Budgeting: Your Voice, Your Choice - £6,670 distributed**

We worked with a steering Group of 5 people representing 3 faith communities. They agreed criteria, assessed applications, supported distribution of voting slips, counted and verified votes. The criteria was:

*"Connecting and Reconnecting Adults and older people - support to start, restart or enhance activities; particularly around adult education, older people, carers or Mental Health."*

13 applications met the criteria (7 faith communities).

6 projects were successfully funded, (2 of which are based in faith communities):

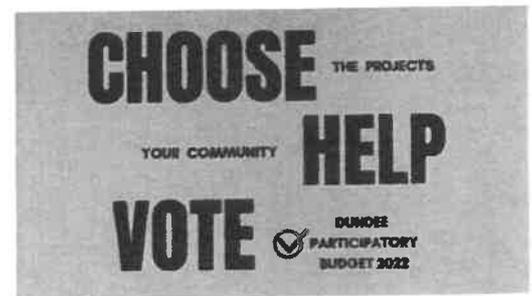
- a wild winter walkway where people with dementia and their families can walk, sit and meet with others;
- a series of cooking classes to bring people together over food and healthy eating;
- the relocation of a support café for New Scots (Syrian refugees), closer to their homes so older members can attend;
- a fortnightly group for older women who have been isolated;
- the development of a free community café with activities;
- a home improvement project developing the skills and experiences of volunteers and participants;

***What did I enjoy about PB? So many things but maybe the biggest thing was helping local charities and organisations do innovative and creative work in their communities to make a difference in their lives. It's also wonderful to see the money spent and the communities reaction to the funding and seeing first hand how much of a difference it makes to the people themselves. It gives me a sense of making a small difference for the better for the wonderful work to continue.***

Steering Group

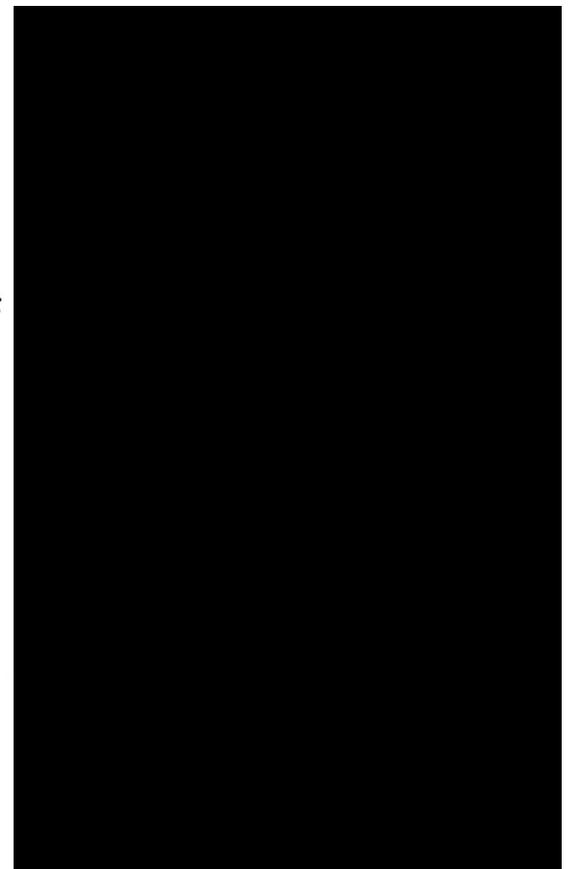
We worked alongside the Church of Scotland in Fife to help organise 2 online Poverty Forums, bringing together 25 people from different churches across Fife. This was an opportunity to discuss poverty in their local communities and how we can work together moving forward. We connected with the Programme Manager of the Tackling Poverty & Prevention for Fife Council who attended both meetings and has since been working with the Churches to build stronger partnerships.

We also continue to support 17 faith communities through Dundee Community Food Network, giving Small Grants, helping them transition back to in person support through cafes, adapting their provision to more dignified approaches to food provision.



1,300 ballot packs were distributed across the city to over 25 locations (including 15+ faith communities). An online voting form was developed in English and Arabic (we worked with the New Scots to translate this into Arabic and then shared this via their WhatsApp group).

921 people voted in total; 698 by ballot sheets and 223 online.



## The Future

Sadly 2022-23 continues to bring uncertainty for many people, with the continuing impact of Covid, the rapid rise in the cost of living and the worldwide impact of the war in Ukraine.

### Dundee Community Food Network

We will continue to work with partners to coordinate a city wide response to the increasing numbers of people being pushed into poverty due to rising fuel costs and the increased costs of living. The focus will be on locality provision, a '20 minute neighbourhood' approach.

Working with Money Advice Agencies, we will ensure the right information is shared with people at the right time, maximising their support to access money they are entitled to.

Recognising the impact of the ongoing crisis on people's mental health and wellbeing, we will seek funds to help staff and volunteers in community food projects access Mental Health First Aid Training.

We will work with 8 projects across Dundee to help people make Wonderboxes (heat retention cooking) and engage in one pot cooking sessions, to reduce the costs of cooking healthy food.

### Dundee Fighting for Fairness (DFFF)

We will continue to ensure that peoples experiences are at the forefront of policy and service decision making, supporting DFFF to grow in membership and respond to current issues.

We will work with the new Trustees of DFFF to build their confidence and capacity to develop as an independent campaigning body.

We will continue to co-develop the Fairness Leadership Panel, including co-facilitating an annual conference, looking at the drivers of child poverty and the cost of living crisis.

We will help DFFF connect with similar groups across the country, building their voices on common issues.

### Connecting Faith Communities

We will continue to build on our current work connecting faith communities in Dundee and the surrounds, building their resilience and capacities to respond to challenges.

We will bring diverse faith communities together to build mutual respect and understanding.

We will help faith communities connect with their local community and partner agencies.

We will seek to include faith communities in the city wide fairness agenda, ensuring their voices are heard.



***"Just last month we found that about 7 million households have already missed out on essentials like heating, toiletries or showers because they can't afford them. Now the cost of essentials such as food is rising again and more people than ever are enduring a year of financial fear."***  
***Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 20th July 2022.***

## Organisational Structure and Governance

Faith in Community Dundee is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered in Scotland and governed by its Constitution. The Trustees (as listed on page 3) are responsible for the administration and direction of the charity and for monitoring and controlling the financial position. The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year, with focused meetings where required in between for any matters arising.

The Trustees review the major strategic business and operational risks to which the Charity is exposed and establish procedures to mitigate any risks identified. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Director.

The Charity Trustees have been drawn from the local communities that we serve and all are active in promoting the objectives of the Charity. The Board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee, with due consideration to the skills and experience required across board members. A resolution passed by a majority vote at a board meeting is required to formalise the appointment.

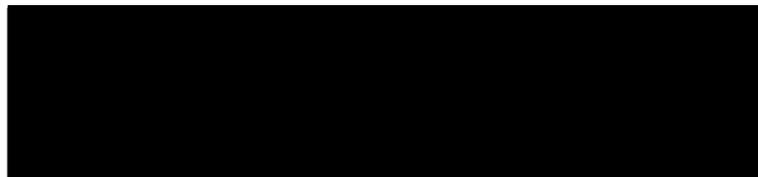
The Charity Trustees may be paid for all travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with carrying out their duties. During this year trustee expenses of £66.91 were reimbursed. No Trustee received any remuneration during the year.

## Statement of the Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees have taken the responsibility to:

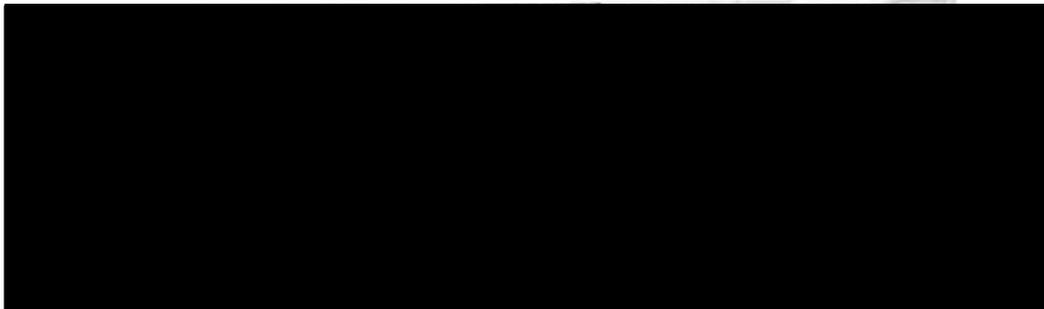
- Prepare financial statements giving sufficient details to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the organisation during the financial year.
- Keep proper accounting records reflecting the current financial position of the organisation at this time. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).
- Safeguard the assets of the organisation and take steps towards the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees Report was approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees.



, Chairperson

Date: 19th August 2022



*Indoors BBQ with New Scots*

## Financial Review

In the first full financial year operating independently following receipt of our SCIO status, Faith in Community Dundee attracted donations and grants of £197,046 giving us a sound base for carrying out the purposes of the charity. This has meant that we have been able to expand our level of work and recruit additional people to assist us in the work that we do. This has resulted in an increase in our cost base to £192,592, but through good husbandry and the efforts of all at Faith in the Community, we managed to add a small surplus to our Reserves to carry forward. This means that we carried forward total Reserves of £161,978 so that we can continue the work that we do into the new financial year.

Of these total Reserves £69,493 were classed as Unrestricted funds, and £92,485 were classed as Restricted funds. The level of Unrestricted funds meets the Board of Trustees Reserves policy (see note below).

This has been another challenging year for us all as we have gradually started to recover from the effects of the pandemic, but are now trying to cope with the cost of living crisis which will have a significant effect on the work that we do. The year has seen another tremendous effort on the part of our staff and our various funders, all of which we have to thank for the strong financial position we find ourselves in going forward.

We want to thank all our funders, the main ones being:

The Dundee Partnership  
Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
Scottish Government Connected Communities Fund  
Northwood Trust  
The Rank Foundation  
Robertson Trust  
Inspiring Scotland  
The Lottery CR2 Fund  
Church of Scotland Participatory Budgeting

And also, smaller grants gratefully received from: Arnold Clark; Balgay Children's Society; The Tillyloss Trust; Tay Charitable Trust; Abertay Students Association and private donations from generous supporters.

## Reserves Policy

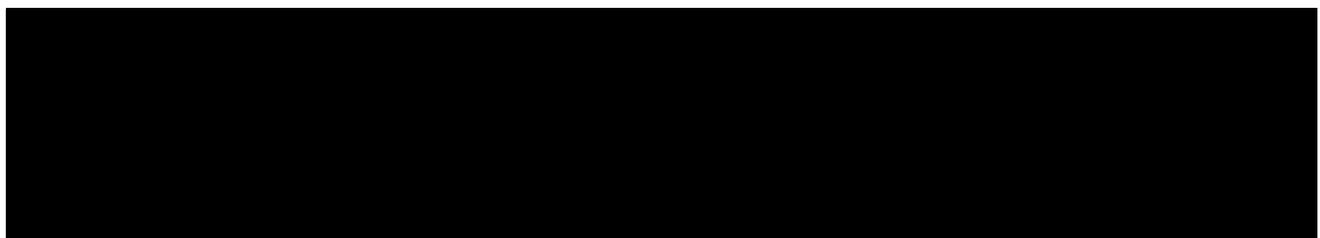
The trustees believe that the target level of reserves should be a minimum of three months ordinary expenditure, held as Unrestricted Funds. This level is monitored throughout the financial year as part of our monthly financial reporting model.

**Receipts and Payments Accounts**  
For the year ended 31 March 2022

12 Months to 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	6 Months to 31 March 2021
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Transfers from Faith in Community Scotland	0	0	0	163,706
Donations and Grants	7,164	189,882	197,046	48,403
	<u>7,164</u>	<u>189,882</u>	<u>197,046</u>	<u>212,109</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries	713	126,654	127,367	41,364
Other costs	24	65,201	65,225	13,221
	<u>737</u>	<u>191,855</u>	<u>192,592</u>	<u>54,585</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period</b>	<u>6,427</u>	<u>-1,973</u>	<u>4,454</u>	<u>157,524</u>
<b>Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2022</b>				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Period to 31 March 2022	Period to 31 March 2021
	Funds	Funds	£	
	£	£		
Opening Bank	63,066	94,458	157,524	0
Surplus for period	6,427	-1,973	4,454	157,524
Closing Bank	<u>69,493</u>	<u>92,485</u>	<u>161,978</u>	<u>157,524</u>
Estimate of liabilities at year end			£1,300	£1,200

Approved by the Trustees on 19.8.22 and signed on their behalf by:



**Chairperson**

**Treasurer**

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For the year ended 31 March 2022**

12 Months to 31 March 2022

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	6 Months to 31 March 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Food Insecurity Network Small Grants	0	0	0	6,100
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	0	13,500	13,500	20,848
Inspiring Scotland PEC Fund	0	0	0	16,667
PEC Fund	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Northwood Trust	0	24,000	24,000	57,607
Rank Foundation	0	20,200	20,200	18,405
Small Grants	0	4,688	4,688	7,115
Tillyloss Trust	0	0	0	2,000
Connected Communities Fund	0	20,000	20,000	0
Robertson Trust FIN	0	24,000	24,000	0
Dundee Partnership - DFFF	0	17,046	17,046	7,738
Arnold Clark	0	2,000	2,000	0
Dundee Partnership Food Waste	0	15,207	15,207	0
Church of Scotland Participatory Budgeting	0	7,010	7,010	21,150
The National Lottery CR2 Fund	0	31,231	31,231	0
Balgay Children's Society	0	1,000	1,000	0
Other	7,164	0	7,164	44,479
	<u>7,164</u>	<u>189,882</u>	<u>197,046</u>	<u>212,109</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	6 Months to 31 March 2021 £
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Salaries	641	124,155	124,796	41,364
Other Staff Costs	0	2,571	2,571	1,982
Training	0	1,086	1,086	165
Lottery CR Grants	0	30,381	30,381	0
Grants Direct Payments	0	24,403	24,403	7,253
IT Support	0	4,423	4,423	1,981
Telephone and Internet	0	811	811	580
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0	741	741	42
Accountancy and Payroll Costs	0	1,302	1,302	0
Insurances	0	1,096	1,096	942
Venue and Equipment Hire	0	555	555	0
Bank Charges	0	85	85	45
Sundry Expenses	96	246	342	231
	<u>737</u>	<u>191,855</u>	<u>192,592</u>	<u>54,585</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period</b>	<u>6,427</u>	<u>-1,973</u>	<u>4,454</u>	<u>157,524</u>
<b>Opening balances</b>	63,066	94,458	157,524	0
<b>Closing balances</b>	69,493	92,485	161,978	157,524

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Restricted Reserves	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance £
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	4,539	13,500	14,844	3,195
Scottish Government PEC Fund	11,060	10,000	21,060	0
Northwood Trust	54,094	24,000	23,646	54,448
Rank Foundation	17,624	20,200	10,782	27,042
Small Grants	843	4,688	5,531	0
Tillyloss Trust	2,000	0	2,000	0
Scottish Government Connected Communities Fund	0	20,000	20,000	0
Robertson Trust FIN	0	24,000	17,200	6,800
Dundee Partnership - DFFF	4,298	17,046	21,344	0
Arnold Clark	0	2,000	2,000	0
Dundee Partnership Food Waste	0	15,207	15,207	0
Church of Scotland Participatory Budgeting	0	7,010	7,010	0
The National Lottery CR2 Fund	0	31,231	31,231	0
Balgay Children's Society	0	1,000	0	1,000
	<u>94,458</u>	<u>189,882</u>	<u>191,855</u>	<u>92,485</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds

**Joseph Rowntree Foundation** - Awarded to fund the core and project costs of Dundee Fighting for Fairness

**Dundee Partnership - DFFF** - Awarded to fund the core and project costs of Dundee Fighting for Fairness

**Scottish Government PEC Fund** - This grant was awarded for salary costs for work with Faith Communities

**Scottish Government Connected Communities Fund** - This grant was awarded for salary costs for work with Faith Communities

**Northwood Trust** - These grants were awarded to cover salary costs for 3 projects: Participatory Budgeting; Community Life Project (Boredom Busters); development of the Dundee Community Food Network. Also the continuation of the FiCD Small Grants Programme for Dundee Community Food Projects

**Robertson Trust FIN** - Salary and running costs for the development of the Dundee Community Food Network

**Dundee Partnership Food Waste** - Salary and core costs to develop a Surplus Food Strategy for Dundee Community Food Network

**Rank Foundation** - Awarded to assist with core running costs

**Tillyloss Trust** - Salary and core costs for staff supporting the Community Food Project

**Small Grants** - Smaller funds that contributed to the continuation of the FiCD Small Grants Programme for Community Food Projects

**Arnold Clark** - Activity Costs - Boredom Busters and Christmas Gift Bags

**Church of Scotland Participatory Budgeting** - Awarded to run a Participatory Budgeting Process (small grants for local projects)

**Lottery CR2 Fund** - Awarded to FiCD as an Anchor Organisation (funding activity costs for 14 Community Food Projects)

**Balgay Children's Society** - Awarded for activity costs for children and young people