Scottish Esperanto Association (SC042398)
Trustees' Annual Report, 2025

Trustees in 2025

Name	Post
Peter Cleaves	Secretary
Ruth Miller	
Hugh Reid	President
David Guerin	Editor, EeS
Duncan Thomson	Treasurer Membership Secretary

Overview

In 2025, we ran our congress, study day, and the Glasgow Club. The council (trustees) also met several times over the year, online.

Events

Glasgow Club

The Glasgow Club of the Scottish Esperanto Association met regularly on the second Tuesday of each month during 2025, with a planned summer break in July and August. A total of ten meetings were held over the reporting period, attended by both existing members and visitors.

The primary purpose of these meetings is to promote the learning and use of Esperanto, in line with the Association’s charitable objectives.

Three meetings consisted of formal lectures delivered in Esperanto by members, covering a range of topics. These sessions contributed to attendee's development by broadening vocabulary, improving listening skills, and increasing confidence in understanding spoken Esperanto.

Four meetings were structured as themed group discussions. These provided inclusive opportunities for attendees to actively practise spoken Esperanto, thereby supporting language acquisition and fluency.

Two meetings took the form of informal group meals. These sessions enabled participants to use Esperanto conversationally in a relaxed setting, helping to reinforce practical language skills.

The Club’s annual planning meeting was held in June, at which the programme for the 2025/2026 session was agreed. This ensures the

continued delivery of structured activities that support the Association’s charitable aims.

Congress 2025 — Dunfermline

The new library extension in Dunfermline was the venue for our 2025 annual congress, with a Italian guest speaker from Slovakia. She led some icebreakers on the Friday evening, and gave lectures in Esperanto on literature and on justice and specifically restorative justice.

The congress included other lectures, including on musical instruments, on policital voting systems, and on the nature of mathematics. The congress included an excursion to the birthplace of Andrew Carnegie, particularly interesting for our visitors from abroad. There was a communal meal on the Saturday in a local Greek restaurant which provided a venue for informal practice in the language.

The AGM of the trust took place during the congress, where a number of changes to the constitution were debated. The AGM left the last points to be discussed and worded by the committee, with a final version to be approved at next year's AGM.

Study Day

Out annual Study Day took place in Glasgow in October, with contributions from members. These allowed attendees to practice and develop their use of the language: one session primarily concentrating on verbs.

Events — General

We continue to keep our calendar of events up to date on our website which helps members check upcoming events and new attendees to find our meetings.

Publications

David Guerin's had his first full year of editorship of *Esperanto en Skotlando* ("Esperanto in Scotland", our biannual magazine). Each edition has over 40 pages of high quality contributions, some from members of SEA, and others from the international Esperanto-speaking community. Contibutions varied from literature to "EeS" provides members with high quality text of all kinds to practice their reading. It also accepts articles from both members and others allowing those to practice their writing skills.

Management of the Charity

The AGM discussed a number of changes to the constitution and final details were yet to be discussed in committee at the end of our year. It is expected that the new constitution — with a smaller number of trustees and time limits on holding posts — will be presented to the AGM in 2026.

Trustee Meetings

The trustees met a number of times over the year, discussing a range of issues.

Month	Main Agenda Items
Jan	Payment from Kosmo; Vice-president; Electronic payments; Congress 2025, Constitution
Apr	Kosmo; Vice-president; Congress 2025; Constitution; Dictionaries

Finance

The AGM agreed an increase in the membership fee from £15 (which it had been for most of this millenium!) to £30. This was made primarily to cover the costs of printing and distribution of *Esperanto en Skotlando*. Further detail can be found in the association's annual accounts.