



Making Musical Dreams Come True.

Trustee's Annual Report 2026



Winner of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Services.

Winner of the Best Music Educational Charity 2025-UK

Founded by L.A. McConnell MBE

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Registered in Scotland, Scottish Charity Number: SC030153



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	5	April	2025	To	6	April	2026

The trustees of 'The 'Symphony of Dreams' Charitable Trust' (SDCT) are delighted to present the Annual Report for the year ending 6 April 2026.

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The 'Symphony Of Dreams' Charitable Trust
Name charity is known by	Symphony Of Dreams Charity
Legal Status	Charitable Trust
Charitable Status Registration	Registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)
Date of Registration	17 May 2000
Registered charity number	SC030153

Names of the Charitable Trust trustees

	Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Remunerated
1	Bill Kidd (MSP)	Chairman		No
2	Sandra White	Vice Chairperson	22 July 2025	No
3				

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The 'Symphony of Dreams' Charitable Trust was founded by L. A. McConnell MBE. It was officially registered as a Scottish charity on 17 May 2000. It operates in accordance with the terms of the legal Trust Deed.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The Trustees shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments made by the Trustees. Trustee may resign from office by written notice delivered to the other Trustees If following such resignation there would be at least two Trustees then acting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust's mission is to grant 'Musical Dreams' and inspire through music.

The Charitable Trust is dedicated to making musical dreams come true for individuals who, due to various disadvantages, cannot realise them on their own. It supports dreamers of all generations living in Scotland—primarily within the city of Glasgow—who face life-limiting conditions, chronic illness, disability, or the effects of poverty. The Trust welcomes dreamers of all abilities, races, genders and religions, ensuring that music remains accessible and enriching for all.

The Trust runs a dedicated project focusing on guitar donations. The Lullaby Legacy – Dreamcatchers Programme was launched on 8 January 2018 in Tupelo, Mississippi. Since then, it has provided acoustic guitars to young dreamers (aged 5–18) in Glasgow, particularly those impacted by poverty. The initiative also extends to Memphis, Tennessee—fostering musical opportunities beyond Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Charitable Trust Vision

We wave a magical, musical wand to:

Advance the musical arts, heritage, culture and education.
Offer opportunities to hear, see and make music.
Inspire music literacy, creativity and artistry.
Celebrate the legacy of rock 'n' roll.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains the assets and can only use the income to support its charitable activities. All monies from grant funding raised in Scotland are spent in Scotland. A donor can request their donation is towards the guitar programme in UK, Tupelo Mississippi or Memphis, Tennessee.

Brief statement of financial information

The charity has not applied for funding.

Due to two issues with access to the Banking App – the Bank of Scotland offered compensation to the Founder of £100.00 and £70.00.

Donated facilities and services

For over 26 years Miss McConnell MBE solely manages, fundraises and orchestrates 'musical dreams' on a voluntary basis.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during year

'The 'Symphony of Dreams' Charitable Trust' celebrates the 26th Anniversary 17 May 2026. From year 2000 the Total of 419 'musical dreams' have come true and created unique 'How Great Thou Art' group projects (designed to inspire musical dreams) for 7452 beneficiaries in Scotland. Congratulatory motions have been lodged in the Scottish Parliament.

The charity will make more musical dreams come true when sufficient funding is in place.

The charity was nominated for *Acquisition International's* Non-Profit Organisation Awards 2025. Winner of 'The Best Music Educational Charity 2025-UK.' This award celebrates charities that make a meaningful impact. The Symphony of Dreams Charitable Trust was honoured for its dedication to bringing music into the lives of disadvantaged and chronically ill individuals. Central to this achievement is its original production, *The Dreamer*, a play that aligns with Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence by nurturing creativity, and inclusion through the arts.

Declaration

The 'Symphony of Dreams' Charitable Trust' founder and trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report Annual report 2024-2025. Signed with digital signatures.

Digital Signatures

Position

Date

L.A. McConnell MBE	Bill Kidd MSP	Sandra White	
Founder/Voluntary Director	Chairman	Vicechair	
2.06.2026	15.07.2026	15.07.2026	