



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	Sept	2024		31	Aug	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
 Other names charity is known by
 Registered charity number
 Charity's principal address

Speak Turkish Edinburgh

SC043391

13 Silverknowes Avenue

Edinburgh

EH4 5HT

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nazmi Okan	Trustee		
2	Judith Ozkan	Trustee		
3	Can Ozkan	Trustee		
4	Belgin Davidson	Trustee		
5	Efem Toptas	Trustee		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

None

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Speak Turkish is a SCIO. It was established in 2009 and became a registered charity in 2012. It is governed according to its single-tier SCIO constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees represent teachers and parents who have an established connection and understanding of the functions of Speak Turkish. Appointment and removal takes place on an annual basis at the AGM and is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

- 1.1 to foster understanding of Turkish language and culture amongst people of Turkish descent and to promote Turkish culture and language to the wider population
- 1.2 To foster a positive image of bi-culturalism amongst children and young people of joint British/Turkish heritage; and to provide opportunities for non-resident Turkish citizens to experience Scottish culture.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Speak Turkish promotes the Turkish language in Edinburgh. We recruit and train teachers to deliver language learning. We represent Speak Turkish at cultural events across the city of Edinburgh. We promote wider Turkish cultural activities to our supporters and students.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During the year:

- Speak Turkish has not been operating for over seven years and did not carry any activities and the trustees were preparing to dissolve the charity. Speak Turkish decided to donate their remaining funds in small amounts a multiple of ~£500 to Turkish origin/heritage performers at the Edinburgh Fringe. Promoting Turkish arts and culture in Edinburgh is one of Speak Turkish's core aims and this would allow Speak Turkish to support this cause and help them the artists with their show expenses. The proposal was accepted by all trustees, and Speak Turkish moved in this direction and contacted Fringe for obtaining a list of Turkish shows registered. We were approached by one of Turkish Fringe artists who is verified by the Fringe society. We received her application and supported her show by paying one of their show expenses in this year.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity holds reserves of around 2k these are necessary to pay for unforeseen expenses and keep the organisation solvent between fundraising initiatives.

Details of any deficit

There are no details of any deficit during 2023-2024 financial period.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

There are no details of any donated facilities and services during 2023-2024 financial period..

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Other optional information

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Efem Toptas

Position (e.g. Chair)

Trustee

Date

12/06/2026

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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Signature(s)



Full name(s) Efem Toptas

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Position (e.g. Chair) Trustee

Trustee

Date 12/06/2026

13/06/2026