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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	April	2025	To	31	March	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Karate Initiative
Other names charity is known by	Carnegie Dojo
Registered charity number	**SC039618**
Charity's principal address	13 Elliot Street
	Dunfermline
	Fife
	Postcode KY11 4TF

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	Gordon Williamson	Chairman		
2	Alan Bown	Secretary		
3	Morag Briston	Treasurer		
4	Helen Paterson	Trustee		
5	Thomas Scade	Trustee		
6	Stuart Jamieson	Trustee		
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Trust was set up by Gordon Williamson and Roy Bower and is recognised as a Scottish Charity with effect from June 2008. The Charity changed its legal status to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation in November 2016. The Trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Karate Initiative Constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The trustees were those re-elected at the AGM on 12th December 2024 and in accordance with the Constitution will be required to be re-elected at the AGM in 2026.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	To encourage the promotion and participation in the sport of karate and in doing so be affiliated to and support the Japan Karate Association (JKA) and to comply with their regulations and statutes. To relieve poverty by raising necessary capital to provide free of charge, whenever possible, all equipment, instruction, courses, gradings, equipment and relevant insurances required to participate in this sport, and to advance citizenship and community development, especially in young people, through demonstrating values such as integrity, dignity & respect, thereby encouraging positive relationships with the wider community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	During the year the charity had available funds of £36,369.50, this figure comprised of £1,661.39 from the previous year, donations from students of £10,440.83 and various grants and fund-raising events totalling £24,267.28. This figure is in line with previous years funding with the continued good work of the fundraising committee.

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Achievements and performance

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

During the year the charity paid out monies totalling £33,685.29.

2025-26 continued to be a difficult year for the Charity. Post COVID still seems to be having a long term effect on not only attendance, which took a slight decline in this financial year, but still on the mental well being of most new students. The children now coming through our doors have great difficulty in expressing themselves and are taking longer to come out of their shells than has been seen pre COVID. It is hoped that as this period in history fades, so will the issues brought with it.

Our students were able to compete at both National and International Competitions with several of our students competing at the JKA European Championships in May 2025 which were held in the Czech Republic. The charity was able to cover the majority of their expenses for this prestigious event, which shows the high standards the charity are able to maintain.

The cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on the running costs of the charity as does the issue surrounding Brexit and import duties levied on equipment coming in from the EU. Our main issue as we move forward is a huge increase in the rental cost of the building and we continue to seek other avenues of income to cover these costs. The building in which we presently train has just been bought over by a new company, and whilst our lease is secure, it has resulted in a big increase in rent.

2026-27 will once again be a difficult year as we juggle our income to cover high rent, gas and electricity costs, none of which appear to be reducing. We will continue to look into various donations available to us and continue to look for ways to raise additional funding through our fundraising committee.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At 31st March 2026 the charity held £2,684.21 at the bank and whilst we would like this figure to be higher, the Trustees consider this to be appropriate to allow them to continue with their responsibilities to the students.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All instructors still give their time willingly and do not receive any payment for their instruction or for any other expenses incurred during the running of this initiative.

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Other optional information

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)	Gordon Williamson	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman	
Date	15/9/26	