

# INTERFAITH GLASGOW

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2021



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The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Charity Name** Interfaith Glasgow

**Charity Number** SC046525

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	W. Dereck Redfern	Bahá'í	Appointed 14 June 2020
	Dharmacharini Parami	Buddhist	Appointed 10 January 2021

## Other Trustees who served during the year

Roy Henderson	Resigned 1 July 2020
Nelum Jayakody Arachchige	Resigned 10 January 2021
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## STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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### Governing Document

Interfaith Scotland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and received charitable status on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with the charity number SC046525. The charity is governed by its Constitution.

### Appointment of Trustees

The Charity Trustees who are the only members of the charity, make up the Board of Trustees.

Under the Constitution, there must be a minimum of 5 trustees and a maximum of 15. It is a requirement that the Board of Trustees includes individuals from a number of different faith and belief traditions in Glasgow: Bahá'í; Buddhist; Christian (2), Hindu, Jewish; Muslim (2), and Sikh. Further Charity Trustees may be appointed who are either people of particular religion or belief, or people who have particular skills, knowledge, connections, or experience pertinent to the purposes of the organisation. Within the Board of Trustees, there are three office bearer roles: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.

All Charity Trustees undertake their roles in a purely voluntary capacity and can serve for a maximum a 6-year terms of office with the possibility of re-election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Employees of the organisation cannot be nominated as or become Charity Trustees, unless it is a temporary sessional worker, authorised by the Board of Trustees.

### Organisational Structure

The organisation is comprised of Charity Trustees and employees.

The Charity Trustees set the strategy and policy of the charity, control and supervise the activities undertaken and are responsible for monitoring its financial position.

The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to the employees who provide detailed information to the Charity Trustees.

### Risk Assessment

The employees who work with children and vulnerable people must be members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups ("PVG") Scheme. We are currently reviewing this and are likely to extend to all staff, including sessional workers and potentially the board, as part of improving our governance processes.

## OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

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### Charitable Purposes

Interfaith Glasgow (IG) was established with the following Charitable Purposes:

- The advancement of education
- The promotion of religious or racial harmony
- The promotion of equality and diversity

### Activities

Interfaith Glasgow aims to:

- Increase mutual understanding, harmony, and equality between people from different religious traditions and none by providing opportunities for mutual-learning, friendship-building, dialogue, and cooperation.

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- Support and collaborate with other organisations, groups, and individuals whose activities foster positive interfaith engagement.
- Increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of religious diversity and interfaith activity.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

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Although the 2020-2021 financial year has been one of unprecedented challenges and uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, it has also been one of unanticipated opportunities and creative possibilities. During the period, IG has mastered completely new ways of working (we've had numerous comments on how smoothly our online events run and how well the space is held), engaged new and bigger audiences, and forged valuable international links, while at the same time supporting refugees and those at the coalface of poverty-relief. Our recent work has raised our profile considerably – locally, nationally, and internationally - and feedback from participants and partners has been excellent.

IG ends the financial year, moreover, in a vastly better financial position than where we were at its start, fundraising efforts having yielded an annual income increase of more than 70%. This new income not only includes a transformative Glasgow Communities Fund grant, but also two pandemic-related Scottish Government grants (Immediate Priorities and Wellbeing Fund), as well as grants from Interfaith Scotland, National Lottery Awards for All, The Endrick Trust, and Connecting Scotland; and more than £9,000 in donations – an unprecedented sum for IG. What we have achieved during the period owes much to the support of our funders.

Below is a summary of the key activities undertaken by IG during the year in review.

### 'Faith and Covid-19' Dialogue Series

From the start of the UK's first lockdown, places of worship were closed, leaving many religious people cut off from sources of solace and opportunities for meaningful connection. With Glasgow museums closed, moreover, we were unable to continue with our 'Faith to Faith' dialogue series (delivered in partnership with St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art). So, between April and July, we delivered our first online dialogue events in the form of a new three-part series entitled 'Faith and Covid-19'.

The first event – attended by more than 30 participants - was on the theme 'Staying Connected at a Time of Physical Distancing' and included contributions from diverse community leaders (Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim) from Glasgow, London, and New York and made use of Zoom 'break-out rooms' for facilitated small group dialogues. The second event took the theme 'Sources of Solace'. Again, approximately 30 attended and speakers from Muslim, Pagan, Buddhist, and Rastafarian backgrounds shared their sources of solace before others had a chance to do so in break-out rooms. The final event on 'solitude' used the format of Scriptural Reasoning. Three speakers (Jewish, Christian, and Muslim) shared passages of scripture and discussions explored the challenges and spiritual benefits of solitude.

Feedback from all three events was extremely encouraging, with such comments as: "Hugely useful event; I'd love more of these...loved the input from each speaker and how smoothly the breakout rooms worked! Great to have the opportunity to chat in smaller groups"; "It was so comforting and lovely to hear about all the actions different people and faith communities are taking to keep us all together in trying times"; "It was one of the nicest events I have been a part of. It was so well organised"; "Inspirational speakers giving us all hope at this time. thank you, Interfaith Glasgow"; "Excellent event!"; "Wonderful and inspiring ... Thanks for this that is so needed at this time".

### Lockdown Response Films for Social Media

We worked with Glasgow's religious leaders to produce two short films for social media: the first (released in April) offering their words of comfort and support to the people of Glasgow; the second (released in June) offering thanks to all keyworkers on behalf of Glasgow's faith communities. The first film, entitled 'We Are Together: Messages of Support from Religious Leaders During Coronavirus' was particularly well-received and viewed nearly 4,500 times. It was described by Glasgow's Lord Provost as "timely and very welcome ... a joint message of hope and solidarity for all our communities ... [that] will be a comfort to many during these

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difficult times". Other comments included: "This a very moving and positive message which we all need to hear right now"; "lovely to see people from all walks of life coming together to support one another!"; "This is why I admire this organization"; "This is so beautiful. Love the solidarity it represents"; "It was lovely to see positive messages coming from all faiths and walks of life. Very comforting to see unity amongst all the different faiths."

## **Weekend Club for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and New Migrants**

IG's Weekend Club (WC) has continued to tackle social isolation and assist integration for refugees, asylum seekers, and new migrants during the pandemic through online events. The WC initiative – running since 2015 - involves working with an interfaith team of volunteers to deliver monthly events for refugees which help them build social connections and get to know Glasgow better. Since many of our WC participants were asylum seekers without access to free Wi-Fi, broadband, or suitable devices, to ensure digital inclusion, we began providing data top-ups for those in need and our interfaith volunteer team sourced approximately 20 second-hand devices for refugee families, enabling us to move to delivering fun, interactive, family-friendly WC events online, offering respite from the intensified isolation of the pandemic.

Over the course of the year, our core interfaith volunteer team grew to 15 (four new). Religion and belief backgrounds represented within the group now include Christian (Catholic and Protestant), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and non-religious. Volunteers received facilitating skills training this year and new recruits received induction training on working with refugees.

During the year, we delivered 10 interactive, virtual WC events for approximately 150 refugees (roughly 50 at each event, with many repeat attendees). These events we delivered in partnership with numerous organisations including, e.g., Mental Health Foundation, Kelvingrove Museum, Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Glasgow Amnesty West, RSPB, and SCOJEC and they covered diverse themes including: Stories for Courage; sharing objects; food and cookery; Jewish refugee experiences; a history of Halloween; human rights; welcome traditions; Scotland's birds; and civic participation. In addition, we delivered three online workshop series for approx. 25 women from refugee backgrounds, covering: parenting skills (partnering with Parent Network Scotland); photography and wellbeing (partnering with Mental Health Foundation); and rap-composition (with Comedian Karen Dunbar).

These activities tackled isolation and built resilience by creating safe spaces for participants to have fun, share experiences, learn about Scotland, and access local services and support. Participant feedback included such comments as: "I was really excited to be here"; "We felt welcomed and included"; "the children loved it ... really fun"; "reminds us we got all it takes to make it through hard times"; "thanks for giving me back the good feelings".

In December, the WC was shortlisted as finalist in the UK-wide Community [Integration Awards](#). These awards recognise the work done by grassroots organisations promoting integration in their communities.

## **Interfaith Food Justice Network**

Over the last few years, we have worked with Faith in Community Scotland to develop the Interfaith Food Justice Network (IFJN). The IFJN facilitates the building of personal connections between those tackling food poverty from different faith and belief perspectives, encouraging them to support each other's work by sharing good practice and resources, and to use their collective voice to campaign for a just food system. Lockdown restrictions made it very difficult for many of these groups to operate, yet the needs they were seeking to address were greater than ever. So, throughout the year, we facilitated fortnightly online Covid-Response Meetings, to enable representatives from diverse food initiatives to share information and support each other as new challenges were encountered, and new ways of working developed. These meetings increased cooperation in emergency food provision across Glasgow and helped ensure that new challenges were met, resources and information shared, duplication avoided, and cultural needs understood.

We also grew the IFJN Foodshare WhatsApp group, which now links 80 groups across Glasgow (up from 40 groups at the start of the pandemic), represented by 155 individuals. This has facilitated greater resource and information sharing, and problem solving. It is used daily for collaboration, with requests frequently resolved

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within an hour. One participant reflects on the “simple camaraderie, such as if one group doesn’t have enough ingredients another is happy to share, that demonstrates the core of the movement”.

We have also worked to raise awareness of the diversity of Glasgow’s covid-response by e.g., producing a film advertising the new Glasgow Helps hub, featuring IFJN members. The film has been viewed more than 8,170 times on Twitter alone. It can be viewed here:

[https://youtu.be/1HRZWz\\_SHNM](https://youtu.be/1HRZWz_SHNM)

## Voices from the Portal: Re-imagining our Post-Pandemic World’ Dialogue Series

In order to give people from diverse community’s opportunities to connect and engage in meaningful dialogue about pressing issues and have their voices heard in conversations about how we build back better, in September we launched an ambitious new six-part online dialogue series entitled ‘Voices from the Portal: Re-Imagining our Post-Pandemic World’. The series gave people (an average of 60 at each event, with approx. 330 participating overall) of all faith and belief backgrounds, from Glasgow and well beyond, opportunities to reflect on key issues highlighted by the pandemic, from poverty, racism, and the climate crisis to the cultivation of altruism, mental health, and the future of religious practise. Participants considered what we have learned, what opportunities have emerged, and what changes we want to see. Events ran monthly for six months. We engaged expert speakers from different religion and belief backgrounds from around the UK and abroad and we trained a new team of volunteer facilitators, enabling us to use Zoom break-out rooms for facilitated small group discussions during the events. The final event – in February – was delivered in partnership with Interfaith Center of New York and Cape Town Interfaith Initiative, to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week.

Feedback was consistently excellent, e.g.: “Fascinating ... demonstrates the value in bringing people together in a safe and supportive environment”; “Wonderful ... to feel such a strong sense of common purpose with people from diverse faith backgrounds”; “After each Interfaith event ... I feel motivated and determined” and “It is always worthwhile to hear from others and have your mind opened to fresh perspectives”; “This was a tremendously helpful programme”.

The events were recorded so as to maximise their reach and impact (see our [YouTube channel](#)) and were advertised on social media through [a series of six short films](#) which together have so far been watched 7,329 times.

## Scottish Interfaith Week 2020

Unable to organise physical events, we successfully engaged new audiences in Scottish Interfaith Week (SIFW) as a virtual festival, through online events, activities, and educational content designed to tackle prejudice and discrimination; to celebrate religious and cultural diversity; and to increase interaction between people from different religion and belief backgrounds. Our programme included:

- **‘Hope for the Future’** – a climate event delivered in partnership with Interfaith Scotland and the Interfaith Liaison Committee (ILC). Format: English with simultaneous Spanish interpretation with interactive dialogue during break-out session in English and Spanish. Over 150 people attended, and we worked closely Interfaith Scotland, CIDSE (international family of Catholic social justice organisations) and the Lutheran World Federation and other ILC partners to provide live Spanish interpretation and enough facilitators for 18 breakout rooms. Attendees came from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Australia.
- **‘Keeping the Kindness: How do We Nurture Community Spirit?’** (The third event in our ‘Voices from the Portal’ series described above), attended by approximately 60 people.
- **‘Family Fun Day @ Home’**. This year we were faced with the challenge of engaging children – usually the core focus of our Interfaith Family Fun Day – online. To do this, we released a series of specially created videos throughout the week on our social media channels: a series of three ‘How

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To' craft videos, demonstrated how to make Buddhist Prayer Flags, Hindu Diya Lamps, and Jewish Torah Scrolls; and a series of five short films about religious dress. Together these videos have been watched more than 3,740 times across platforms. We also invited three children's authors to read their books live on Facebook followed by a Q&A session. The selected books featured Sikh, Muslim, and Hindu protagonists:

- Simran Jeet Singh, author of *Fauja Singh Keeps Going*, on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Hena Khan, author of *Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: a Muslim Book of Colors* on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- Mahtab Narsimhan, author of *Looking for Lord Ganesh*, on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

These sessions enabled children to see people like themselves in books they may not have known existed and encouraged people from other faiths/cultures to discover and celebrate each other, with the goal of breaking down barriers and tackling stereotypes. One audience member commented that they were "so happy that the younger generation get to have the experiences that we missed out on during our childhood, and we get to enjoy being represented too!". Another said "Great information. We need diverse books to understand each other." The videos were shared widely following the live sessions and the first session alone was viewed over 1,100 times.

- **'Scriptural Reasoning 101'**. This event, attended by over 30 people, we organised in partnership with the Student Christian Movement (SCM). Its aim was to introduce students to the practice of Scriptural Reasoning. Participants listened to presentations of texts from the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian scriptures, followed by a discussion between the three speakers who were each familiar with the practice: Fiona Brodie, Hassan Rabbani, and Roy Henderson. This was followed by a Q&A.
- **'Cook and Connect' Event with IG's Weekend Club**. During SIFW, the WC team ran a 'Cook and Connect' event was open to all and attended by approximately 60 people. The event included a quiz about food in different cultures and religious communities; a presentation on Diwali culinary traditions; cooking demonstrations from different cultures; a children's challenge; and small group discussions about the food of special occasions.

## Understanding Antisemitism

After initially putting it on hold due to concerns that it would not be possible to continue such a sensitive dialogue online, in November we resumed our 'Understanding Antisemitism: Difficult Questions in Jewish Christian Dialogue' series, having become more practised and confident in facilitating dialogue online. This experimental, invite-only dialogue series, delivered in partnership with the West of Scotland branch of the Council of Christians and Jews, has involved working with a group of approximately 15 Jews and Christians. It grew out of the recognition both of rising antisemitism and the fact that there can be confusion, disagreement, and anxiety about what antisemitism consists in, particularly in relation to criticism of the State of Israel. This is an area where feelings and tensions can run deep. Online and elsewhere in the public sphere we see increasing polarisation and mutual hostility in the conversation about these issues. Believing that it is possible to address difficult questions constructively, we have been modelling a different kind of conversation: one where the primary aim is increased understanding and where the emphasis is on listening. We ran two sessions in November and plan to run at least two more in the coming year.

In February, we also hosted a virtual showing of Marlon Solomon's acclaimed one-man show, 'Conspiracy Theory: A Lizard's Tale', which brilliantly illuminates certain contemporary forms of antisemitism, following it with a facilitated Q&A with Solomon. The event was open to all and over 100 people attended.

## Faith and Climate Change

The climate crisis is a key issue of concern across a diverse range of faith and belief communities; hence we are increasingly working to ensure that diverse voices are heard in relation to this crisis and that diverse communities are encouraged to engage in the run-up to COP26, rescheduled to take place in Glasgow in November 2021.

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## **COP26 Interfaith Working Group.**

During the financial year, we have continued to act as secretariat to the COP26 Interfaith Working Group (chaired by Dr Maureen Sier, Director of Interfaith Scotland). The group comprises roughly 20 people in strategic roles within diverse faith communities and organisations with an interest in faith and climate action and who are keen to work together to ensure an interfaith presence at COP26 associated activities. We are members of the COP26 Coalition led by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and aim to engage as many diverse faith communities as possible in this movement as it builds in the run up to COP26 and beyond.

## **International events with ILC to the UNFCCC (The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).**

IG is a member of this group, which is comprised of faith and interfaith organisations around the world who have a presence at COP events. We worked with this group to deliver Faiths Unite: Visions for Transformative Climate Action: a 3-part interactive online series every Tuesday, October 27th to November 10th, 2020. Interfaith Glasgow worked closely Interfaith Scotland, CIDSE, and the Lutheran World Federation to host and deliver the third event in the series as part of Scottish Interfaith Week (see above). Facilitators reported that the breakout rooms brought added benefit to participants, many of whom had not experienced such interaction in an online event. Comments included: "wonderful sessions" and "I felt nurtured and inspired".

## **Partnerships**

Maintaining and developing connections, networks, and partnerships is essential to interfaith work and at the centre of all IG does. We work with many faith-based organisations and, e.g., organisations concerned with equalities, education, good intercultural relations, and social justice; and we are members of both the Scottish Alliance against Prejudice and Hate Crime and the IFP Refugee and Asylum Seeker Cluster groups. During the year in review, we collaborated, moreover, with numerous organisations – both within Scotland and internationally – to deliver events: e.g. Mental Health Foundation, Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Glasgow Amnesty West, and Council of Christians and Jews (West of Scotland branch), Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow Amnesty West, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, Interfaith Center of New York, the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute (New York), and Cape Town Interfaith Initiative. We have also agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Glasgow and to accept student placements.

Through our climate work we have engaged with other members of the Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC, in particular with the World Council of Churches, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, CIDSE, World Lutheran Federation, Islamic Relief, Faith for the Climate, and Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO). As secretariat to the COP26 Interfaith Working Group we are engaged with: SCIAF; Church of Scotland; Christian Aid; CEMVO Scotland (Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations); Eco-Congregation Scotland; Interfaith Scotland; Edinburgh Interfaith Association; Earth Holders Edinburgh; Inner Space Glasgow; Muslim Council of Scotland; Religions for Peace UK Women of Faith Network and SGI-UK (Soka Gakkai International). We are also members of the COP26 Coalition, we have connections with the COP Faith Task Force (now Make COP Count) and work closely with Stop Climate Chaos Scotland.

Through our coordination (in partnership with Faith in Community Scotland) of the IFJN we are now linked to around 75 food initiatives all over Glasgow and we've continued to build on our connections with Glasgow Community Food Network (GCFN) and the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership through sharing of information and ensuring the non-duplication of work. And, as members of the Scottish Food Coalition, we have increased the visibility of the IFJN and have supported the Scotland-wide 'Right to Food' campaign.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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### **Overview**

Income of £120,913 (2020: £70,257) was received and the main source of income continues to be Grant funding.

Expenditure totalling £105,949 (2020: £72,303) was made carrying out the charitable activities.

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At the end of the financial period, the charity had a surplus of £14,964. This reflects both the fact that our Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund (PECF) grant does not align with our financial period and that the COVID pandemic has delayed some of our planned expenditure, which we hope to expend in the next financial year.

## Donated Facilities & Services

The Charity Trustees would like to thank the service provided by all the charity's volunteers, who have helped contribute towards the success and achievements made within this past year and our supporters who kindly donated old digital devices, which we were able to distribute to Weekend Club members to help them get online.

## Reserves Policy

The charity has reserves of £17,442 (2020: £12,334). The Charity Trustees had formerly identified that reserves of about £10,000 were appropriate, but now recognise that with the recent growth in funding levels and operations, this is inadequate and are reviewing the policy. They consider that appropriate reserves will need to be at least £25,000 in future.

## FUTURE PLANS

In the next few months, we will endeavour to replace our Scottish Government PECF grant which ends in September, so that we can continue with the increased levels of activity that have been facilitated since October by our new Glasgow Communities Fund grant (in combination with our Scottish Government funding). A key aim in 2021 is to ensure a good level of interfaith engagement with COP26 in November. In addition, and assuming the necessary funding levels are secured, we will work to ensure a vibrant programme of events and activities to mark Scottish Interfaith Week and will deliver a variety of other events – whether online or in-person - that will enable people from diverse communities to meet and socialise together. We will, moreover, continue to deliver dialogue events that enable interfaith conversations to take place in relation to the issues that matter to people; and we will continue to support refugee integration through our Weekend Club initiative and to facilitate groups tackling food poverty, through our ongoing support of the Interfaith Food Justice Network.

## APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 16 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Philip Mendelsohn  
Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Interfaith Glasgow

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

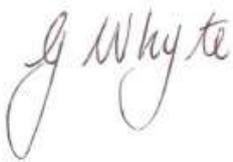
### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter came to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



### Gillian Whyte ACIE

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21 June 2021

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	
	Note	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations		6,018	3,235	<b>9,253</b>	2,982
Grants	5	-	111,157	<b>111,157</b>	67,233
Bank Interest		3	-	<b>3</b>	10
Other Charitable Activities		500	-	<b>500</b>	32
		<b>6,521</b>	<b>114,392</b>	<b>120,913</b>	<b>70,257</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Fund Raising Costs		-	-	-	2,005
Charitable Activities	6	863	100,440	<b>101,303</b>	69,046
Governance Costs					
Accounts Preparation		-	1,160	<b>1,160</b>	-
Independent Examination		-	-	-	720
Trustee Meetings		-	80	<b>80</b>	532
		<b>863</b>	<b>101,680</b>	<b>102,543</b>	<b>72,303</b>
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	3,406	<b>3,406</b>	-
		<b>863</b>	<b>105,086</b>	<b>105,949</b>	<b>72,303</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>5,658</b>	<b>9,306</b>	<b>14,964</b>	<b>(2,046)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>5,658</b>	<b>9,306</b>	<b>14,964</b>	<b>(2,046)</b>

The Notes on pages 14 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

# STATEMENT OF BALANCES

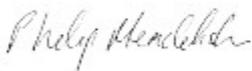
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Note	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Balance as at 01 April 2020	12,334	3,188	<b>15,522</b>	17,568
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	5,658	9,306	<b>14,964</b>	(2,046)
Balance as at 31 March 2021	<u>17,992</u>	<u>12,494</u>	<b>30,486</b>	15,522
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Cash at Bank	17,869	12,494	<b>30,363</b>	15,399
Cash in Hand	123	-	<b>123</b>	123
	<u>17,992</u>	<u>12,494</u>	<b>30,486</b>	15,522
<b>Other Assets</b>				
HP 225 G7 Laptop x 7	-	3,406	<b>3,406</b>	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<b>3,406</b>	-
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent Examination	550	-	<b>550</b>	-
	<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>	<b>550</b>	-

The Notes on pages 14 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 16 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



**Philip Mendelsohn**  
Trustee



**Anthony Allison**  
Trustee

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

## 2. Fund Accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

## 3. Taxation

- (a) The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

## 4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

- (a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2020: £Nil).
- (b) No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year (2020: £Nil).
- (c) The charity's insurance policy includes trustee indemnity insurance cover for all of its trustees.

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### 5. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Faith in the Community Scotland	-	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	-
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2019-20	-	12,500	<b>12,500</b>	37,500
The Endrick Trust	-	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	-
Scottish Government - COVID Priorities Fund	-	3,020	<b>3,020</b>	-
Interfaith Scotland	-	500	<b>500</b>	200
The Corra Foundation	-	5,107	<b>5,107</b>	-
Glasgow Communities Fund	-	39,846	<b>39,846</b>	-
Scottish Refugee Council	-	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	500
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2020-21	-	37,500	<b>37,500</b>	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	7,684	<b>7,684</b>	-
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2018-19	-	-	-	12,500
Glasgow City Council	-	-	-	500
Merchants House	-	-	-	5,000
St Margaret's Church	-	-	-	1,200
Alma & Leslie Wolfson Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Keep Scotland Beautiful	-	-	-	500
South East Integration Network	-	-	-	1,116
Loch Lomand NPA	-	-	-	217
Culture & Sport Glasgow	-	-	-	1,000
Souter Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Council of Christians and Jews	-	-	-	1,000
	-	111,157	<b>111,157</b>	67,233

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### 6. Payments relating to Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total 2021</b>	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Salary Costs	861	63,311	<b>64,172</b>	35,414
Freelance Costs	-	13,544	<b>13,544</b>	11,873
Recruitment	-	460	<b>460</b>	-
Events & Projects	-	11,559	<b>11,559</b>	8,324
Print & Design	-	350	<b>350</b>	1,726
Staff Expenses	-	185	<b>185</b>	107
Training	-	1,145	<b>1,145</b>	295
Premises	-	5,146	<b>5,146</b>	7,567
Volunteer Expenses	-	60	<b>60</b>	439
Administration	2	1,505	<b>1,507</b>	2,045
Professional Fees	-	80	<b>80</b>	850
Bank Charges	-	69	<b>69</b>	60
Consumables	-	606	<b>606</b>	-
IT & Software	-	1,194	<b>1,194</b>	-
Telecomms	-	1,226	<b>1,226</b>	-
Sundry	-	-	-	346
	<b>863</b>	<b>100,440</b>	<b>101,303</b>	<b>69,046</b>

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### 7. Movements in Funds

	As at 31/03/2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	As at 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
General Fund	12,334	6,521	(863)	-	<b>17,992</b>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
Weekend Club	2,427	8,235	(5,220)	-	<b>5,442</b>
Glasgow Sharing of Faiths	389	-	-	-	<b>389</b>
One Big Picnic	372	-	(372)	-	-
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2019-20	-	12,500	(9,782)	(2,718)	-
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2020-21	-	37,500	(37,071)	2,718	<b>3,147</b>
Scottish Government - COVID Priorities Fund	-	3,020	(3,020)	-	-
The Corra Foundation	-	5,107	(5,107)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	7,684	(7,684)	-	-
Interfaith Scotland	-	500	(500)	-	-
Glasgow Communities Fund	-	39,846	(36,330)	-	<b>3,516</b>
	<b>3,188</b>	<b>114,392</b>	<b>(105,086)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,494</b>
Total Funds	<b>15,522</b>	<b>120,913</b>	<b>(105,949)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,486</b>

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### 8. Purpose of Funds

Weekend Club	Restricted funds received from The Endrick Trust, Faith in the Community Scotland, and the Scottish Refugees Council to be expended for our Weekend Club project - a programme of events providing activities over the weekend for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.
Glasgow Sharing of Faiths	Restricted funding received for the purpose of honouring the memory of Stella Reekie
One Big Picnic	Restricted funding received to organise a free community meal in George Square in Glasgow city centre to promote unity and dignity.
Scottish Government – Immediate Priorities Fund	Restricted funding to be expended on laptops and session support during the COVID pandemic.
Interfaith Scotland	Restricted funding to be expended to produce a short online film and mobile phones during the COVID pandemic.
The Corra Foundation – Wellbeing Fund	Restricted funding to be expended towards sessional costs, equipment, and participant expenses during the COVID pandemic.
National Lottery Community Fund	Restricted funding to be expended to support the Interfaith Food Justice Network (IFJN).
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2019-20	Restricted funding to be expended for staffing, direct project costs and overheads.
Scottish Government - Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2020-21	Restricted funding to be expended for staffing, direct project costs and overheads.
Glasgow Communities Fund	Restricted funding to be expended for staff and operational costs only.