

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Current Trustees	Rev David Randall Mrs. Senga Smith Rev James Todd Mr. William Wilson	Chairperson
Contact Address	c/o Mr. Ewan Forgie 4 Stance Place, Larbert, FK5 4FA	
Staff	Mr. Oskar Forbes	Schools Worker - Resigned 14 January 2025
	Mr. Gregor McKay	Schools Worker - Appointed part time 18 August 2016 Appointed full time 12 August 2025
Bankers	Virgin Money	Symington House 7-8 North Avenue Clydebank Business Park G81 2NT
Independent Examiner	Mr. Steven Barton ASIP	Flat 3, Beechmount House Carronvale Road Larbert FK5 3LG

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Any additional trustee shall be assumed by the existing Trustees by deed (acting by a majority decision) so that the number of Trustees shall not exceed seven at any time or be less than three.

Governing Document

The Larbert Churches Youth Trust was established as a Trust by Founding Deed dated 10th April 2009, and granted charitable status on 26th May 2009. This was significantly revised by Deed, dated 7 June 2019 and agreed by OSCR on 18 July 2019. The purposes and administration of the Trust are as set out in the Founding Deed.

Aims

The aim of the Trust shall be, as recorded in our amended Founding Deed, to make the young people within the catchment area of Larbert High School and associated primaries and those within our local churches aware of the values and challenges of the Christian Gospel.

Activities, Achievements and Impact

The Trustees meet at least twice each year and are responsible for legal matters and the strategic direction and policy of the Trust. In the year ended 31st December 2025 the Trustees met on 19th February, 7th May, 18th August, 27th October.

The responsibility for the direction, support and encouragement of the Schools Worker staff members rests with the Management Committee, which meets at least quarterly, and has met in the year ending 31st December 2025 on 13th January, 3rd March, 28th April, 18th August and 27th October.

The first responsibility of the Management Committee is to direct the activity of the persons in the position of Schools Worker, who are employed to develop the charitable purpose of the Trust. This will include SU Groups; camps; drop-in groups; café; supporting transition from primary to secondary school; pastoral support for teachers; supporting schools on trips; and Holiday Clubs within the catchment area of Larbert High School and its associated primaries and also through work with the local supporting churches. At each meeting the Committee receives and discusses reports from the Schools Workers and from the Scripture Union Regional Worker who line manages them.

The Trust started the year with a full time and a part time worker, however accepted the resignation of Oskar Forbes on 14th January. Gregor McKay moved from a part time worker to full time 12th August.

Unfortunately, much of the work, was restricted until August due to only operating with a part-time worker. Whilst being unable to fully fulfil its aims during this period, Gregor did an excellent job in the time available.

Thankfully since Gregor started full time in August, we have been blessed to see the aims being fulfilled:

SU Groups are being run consistently across partner schools, with significant growth in attendance. Sessions have supported pupils to explore faith, identity, and wellbeing themes in an accessible way, with good space for discussion and questions. Staff feedback continues to affirm the value of a regular relational presence in the schools.

Very successful Bible Alive courses have been run in some of the Primary Schools.

The Flourish Programme, which supports young people with mental health issues, continued to be run in the High School, where it has been adopted and seen as an integral part of the school intervention programme. The programme was also run in two primary schools with several other primary schools expressing an interest in running/repeating Flourish. Parents have fed back to schools that they have appreciated it and seen the impact on their children.

Gregor supported a weekly lunch time session, "Lunch at the Tryst", where a number of young people are able to drop in and spend lunch time with Christians in a very relaxed atmosphere.

The Trust recognises the social needs of young people from all faiths and backgrounds, and seeks to address these, particularly in Larbert High School where informal drop-in sessions take place, where Gregor is freely available to meet with pupils at break times during the day and chat around matters concerning these pupils.

Gregor also supported the young people as part of the transition process from Primary to Secondary school. A transition assembly programme was provided for delivery in primary schools as well as them being a familiar and friendly face during what can be a very stressful time.

We gratefully acknowledge the value of the continuing encouragement from the Senior Leadership Team at Larbert High School and from the Head Teachers and Staff of the associated Primary schools.

The Trust has appointed a volunteer co-ordinator which was successful in obtaining the support of several new volunteers to support SU groups in the primary schools. Two volunteers have been recognised as SU Group Team Leaders and have also been trained to lead Bible Alive sessions. It is recognised that several more are required to support the growth in these groups.

During year Gregor supported holiday clubs and events in the local cluster of Churches.

As part of the strategy to secure as wide as possible a base of support for the project from the local Christian community the Trust continues to hold an open meeting for prayer on the first Saturday of each month, to receive reports from the Schools Workers, and to pray for further blessing on this ministry. The numbers who attend the Prayer Meeting continue to be an encouragement.

The Management Committee's other main responsibility is to manage the finances of The Trust.

During the year to 31 December 2025 the Trust income was £42,256.

The component parts of the amount raised in 2025 are: -

Gifts qualifying for Gift Aid tax recovery	£21,579
Other Donations: –	
from individuals	£3,863
supporting churches and other groups	£6,131
Tax recovered on qualifying gifts from 2024/2025	£5,690
Fund Raising	£4,383
Interest Received	£ 610

	£42,256

With expenditure for the year totalling £35,161, the Trust recorded a surplus of £7,995.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the tremendous support received from individual Christian members of supporting churches, however it is of concern that several givers were lost through the year.

Whilst the surplus was encouraging this was only achieved as a result of expenditure being lower due to only having a part time worker from the early part of the year until August.

The Trust continues to be well supported by local churches & trusts

Trustee remuneration and expenses

No sum of remuneration or expenses was paid to any Trustee during the year ending 31 December 2025.

Reserves

The Trustees hold in reserve £15,000 as a contingency against future potentially unfunded employment cost expenses.

The surplus for the year to 31 December 2025 of £7,995, increased the funds in the General Fund to £17,210.

Funds carried forward into 2026 total £32,210 made up of £17,210 in the General Fund and £15,000 in the Trustees' Reserve Fund, both of which funds are Unrestricted Funds.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 11th May 2026.


Rev David Randall