

**HALDANE YOUTH SERVICES**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**TO 31 MARCH 2024**

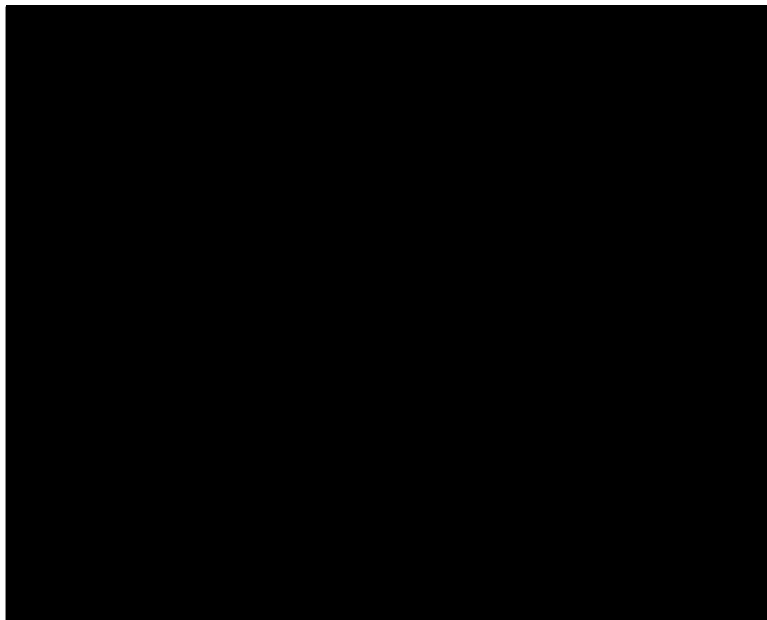
# **Haldane Youth Services**

Scottish Charity No – SCO38681

## **Trustees' Report and Accounts for the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

### **Legal and Administration Information**

#### **Current Trustees**

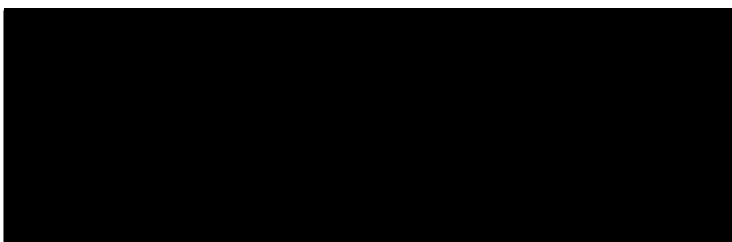


#### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland

133 Main Street,  
Alexandria  
West Dunbartonshire  
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#### **Principal Address**



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**Governing Document**

The Haldane Youth Services is an unincorporated charitable trust and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

**Charitable Purposes**

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to increase the availability of and facilitate access to social, recreational and educational services geared to the needs of young people of Haldane and the surrounding communities of Balloch and Alexandria. To generally promote the benefit of the inhabitants of our community by ascertaining, coordinating and representing those interests to other bodies and partner agencies.

**Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees.**

The committee may at any time appoint any person to be a Charity Trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority at a committee meeting. The committee may consist of up to 13 members.

**Chairpersons Report - [REDACTED] (Chair)**

On behalf of Haldane Youth Services Management Committee I am pleased to share our annual report for the fiscal year 2023 – 2024. This has been a remarkable year and in my remit as Chairperson, I would like to offer my thanks to our staff for their devotion and patience in delivering another successful year for Haldane Youth Services. Alongside our staff, our success needs to be shared with our volunteers, whether it be assisting with funshops, or assisting with administrative duties, we couldn't have got through the year without your input and support, and to all our funders, partners and supporters.

Since 2006, the organisation has overcome many challenges with positive changes, thanks to the passion and commitment of the voluntary Board of Trustees, made up of local residents who care about our younger generation. HYS began as a single project for children in P4-P7 and now runs 4 projects for children and youth from age 5 to 18. One thing that has always remained the same, is that we still aim to offer more opportunities, develop skills, boost confidence and self-esteem, and empower the young people to have a say in their community.

Our main sources of income were grants, donations, fundraising and membership fees. Our main areas of expenditure were staff salaries, program costs, operational costs, and activity costs.

We would like to congratulate [REDACTED] who has moved to the new position of Project Manager and has shown a great enthusiasm in her new role. We also welcome our new trainee Youth worker [REDACTED] to the team, supported by WDC Working4U, our first modern apprentice to join our organisation, already warmly received by all the children and young people in the service.

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**Training**

We continued to provide staff and volunteer training, thank you to Youth Scotland who have provided free training in the following; Child Protection, Ready for Youth work, Childrens Rights and Mental Health.

One of the highlights of the year saw six of our young volunteers complete a SCQF level 3, in Young Leaders Training.

We receive support in so many ways, the local Sea Life Centre (Merlin Entertainment Group), allowing visits to their facility at Lomond Shores, raising funds, collecting gifts for the children and young people and sharing their mascot "Sharky" at our Annual Elf trail.

The visit to Auchengillan Outdoor Centre was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Activities we participated in included climbing, raft building, archery, laser tag and night line, all geared to improving team building skills and boosting self-confidence.

Family sessions were a great success, where young people got to spend quality time with their families away from the daily routine of being at home, creating a Smash book of memories.

Thanks to our board members for assisting me with steering the project and liaising with our Youth Work Team, and to my Vice-Chair for stepping in during any of my absences. Thanks to funding from Young Start the National Lottery community fund our management committee went through new Governance training.

Our fundraising efforts were supported by Bingo nights, sponsored events, Christmas Fayre and some of the staff and their families raised a fantastic amount by taking part in, "The Kiltwalk". We also welcomed a donation from our Tenants & Residents Association.

This year we have welcomed our New Treasurer [REDACTED] on board; not only bringing her experience from the world of finance and accounting to the group but also a raft of experience as a former trustee with another charity.

To our Funders without their income and generosity none of this would happen. To the National Organisations such as BBC Children in Need, The Robertson Trust, Young Start (National Lottery Community Fund), REACH (Bank of Scotland Foundation). Providing salaries and core costing for our projects.

Thank you to West Dunbartonshire Council for the continued support providing our premises, School lets and of course for helping part fund some of our school holiday programmes, Breakfast clubs, and Lunch clubs. Also granting us Capital funding to provide a quiet zone / homework club within our premises.

Finally thanks to our partners, St Kessogs Primary, Balloch Primary, OLSP, VOLA, Vale of Leven Trust, Balloch Castle Country Park regeneration group, WD Street Futsal, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Lomond Church, Premier Dance Company, WD Food share, Lomond Radio, Chivas Brothers, Aggreko and to our many partners, for continued support.

[REDACTED] Chairperson.

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**HYS Mission Statement**

Haldane Youth Services is a registered charity (SCO038681) delivering after school activities for children in P4 – P7 in the West Dunbartonshire area especially children attending local primary schools within Balloch Campus and also youth provision for S1-S6.

**Our Aims**

Our main aim is to make a positive difference to the lives of the children and young people, aged 7 - 18 years living within and immediately surrounding the Mill of Haldane.

To achieve this goal we are specifically looking towards;

- Providing opportunities for children to broaden their horizons and raise their aspiration.
- Encouraging confidence and self-esteem.
- Enabling the young people to have a voice within their local community.
- Rewarding commitment, discipline, and positive social interaction.
- Assisting young people to have a better understanding about how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

To move the young people towards these goals, we set out the following objectives as a provision for the service we aim to provide;

- A variety of activities and funshops to positively engage young people including Arts, Culture, Community, Outdoor and Healthy Living activities.
- After school and holiday activities.
- A means to developing intergenerational relationships.
- Trips and outings involving art, sport, culture, music, and outdoor education.
- To work in partnership with local primary schools to support the young people.

**Haldane Youth Service Youth Activities- (April 2023 – March 2024)**

Haldane Youth Services has been offering a range of engaging and skill building activities for children and young people during this monitoring period. These activities aim to enhance their skills, confidence and well-being through experiential learning.

Our volunteers have attended 366 sessions over the last year, accumulating 1168 hours, giving an average of 45 hrs donated to the Haldane Youth Service each week.

We are grateful to our funders for supporting our projects, including Young Start The National Lottery Community Fund, The Robertson Trust, BBC Children in Need Main Grant, REACH Bank of Scotland Foundation and the Coop Community Fund.

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**Projects**

**Mini Hoppers Project** aims to enrich the lives of children aged 4 to 7 through creative and active play allowing them to discover the joy of learning through playing. For 6 years, we have been offering 2 after-school sessions every week, where the children can explore different topics and activities in a safe and fun environment. This year, we had 70 sessions, ranging from arts and crafts, role play, emotions exploration, STEM subjects (mini beasts, weather), and sports (team games, sports day, dancing). Our feel-good programme has made a positive difference in the lives of 51 children and young people this year. They learned to value their abilities, their emotions, and their friends. They also learned to be kind to others. We are amazed by their progress!

They have become more confident and expressive, and they love to share their interests and achievements. They also enjoy meeting and collaborating with new peers and forming friendships. Mini Hoppers is a vital service that responds to the needs of the community and fosters the growth of young children.

**Parent Testimonies**

‘The Haldane Youth Services is a great facility for not only to teach my children new skills but also to help them develop mentally too and give them more confidence around other children. Keep up the good work xxxx ‘

‘Thoroughly enjoy sending my child to the club where I know she’s well looked after and learning new skills! I’m so delighted that you offer this service. You’re awesome and we appreciate everything you do for the kids ‘

**Hop, Skip & Jump Project** is an after-school program that combines fun and learning for children and young people aged 7-12. It operates every week day during term time and has a different theme each month. The program aims to help children and young people develop personally, discover new things, enjoy themselves, and socialise. It also equips them with skills and values that will benefit them in life. The themes that the participants have explored this year include Health and wellbeing, STEM, Cooking, Art and crafts, Sport and fitness. One of the most popular themes has been cooking, where children learn how to prepare delicious and healthy meals on a budget. They also learn how to handle food safely and follow basic food practices and personal hygiene. Cooking is a very popular and successful theme that has a waiting list of eager participants. The project has provided 142 sessions.

‘Both girls are more active, confident. I trust them to use utensils in the kitchen.’

‘All my children have attended things with Hop, skip and jump they weren’t confident in a lot of things but now their confidence is great, and they enjoy and love all the activities they do. Great projects, great staff amazing thing to be part of.’

**Project 7** is our junior youth club that provides a range of activities for young people aged 12 to 14. The club meets once a week and offers a safe and supportive environment for the participants to learn new skills, explore different topics and have fun. In the last year, Project 7 has delivered 26 sessions and reached 65 individual young people. Some of the activities that the club has organized are:

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- Issue-based topics, such as anti-social behaviour and its consequences, online safety, positive body image.
- Sports, such as Futsal and team games.
- Cooking sessions, learning about planning on a budget.
- Wellbeing sessions, where the group talks about their feelings and learns positive coping strategies.

"This service has given me more experience and has gotten me out more"

"This project has helped me to socialise and gave me something to do"(SS)

**Ur-Turn** runs once per week for our seniors and aims to empower young people aged 15 to 18 who want to make a difference in their lives and their community. The club also supports young people to become leaders and have a voice in how the program is run. This year the group have participated in a range of activities that were chosen by the group to help them learn and develop their skills and confidence, explore different careers, and tackle the issues that matter to them. The group have participated in issue-based topics like alcohol, drugs, crime and other challenges that young people face. Some of the members also volunteer with our junior groups. Some of the activities are:

- Career talks from professionals in different fields, such as radio, health care, and engineering.
- Issue-based topics from experts on topics like police work, knife crime prevention, drug and substance abuse, and anti-social behaviour.
- Young Volunteer Programme where the members volunteer for various causes and projects in the community.

Training, food hygiene, first aid.

**Holiday Provision**

HYS Lunch Club is a service that provides nutritious meals and social activities for children and young people during school holidays. Our service aims to reduce food insecurity, social isolation and boredom among our beneficiaries, while promoting healthy eating, physical activity and learning opportunities. We are grateful to our funders WD SHINE, BBC Main Grant, Young Start The National Lottery Community Fund, REACH Bank of Scotland foundation and The Robertson Trust for their generous support. We also want to express our appreciation to Balloch McDonalds and the Sea life Centre Balloch, who kindly donated an Easter egg for each child that participated in the Easter programme, also providing a visit to the Sea Life Centre. To HopScotch Childrens Charity for providing an amazing experience for 12 children to attend a 4-night residential to Airdvullin.

- We delivered 58 sessions and gave 1195 Breakfast / lunches.

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This year children and young people participated in some trips, these included Loch Lomond Sea Life Centre, Youth Beatz, Auchengillan outdoor centre.

- We organised 1 residential, where 12 young people spent 5 days at the Hopscotch House in Fort William.
- We hosted a Family Summer Event, where 230 people attended and enjoyed face painting, fun inflatables, BBQ, and family activities, thanks to both the Fire and Police service for coming along and speaking to the young people and allowing them to sit in the vehicles.

Some of our partners, who provide opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities, such as sports, arts, volunteering, or social action. The following organisations have had a special role within helping and supporting our organisation over this past year, The Co-op Local Community Food Share, Scot-mid, West Dunbartonshire Food Share, Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Greenspace, Premier Dance Company, WD Street Futsal, Aggreko, Lomond Radio.

These groups have a strong knowledge of the local context also the needs of the community, they have been a valuable resource and network to our groups. By working with them, we have been able to enhance the quality and diversity of youth work provision, improve our young volunteering programme, as well as to reach out to more young people from the wider community, who may not access traditional youth services.

**Chairperson's Annual Report**

Yours

29/10/24



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#### **Engagement with Other Agencies**

The Haldane Youth Services engages with all of the agencies listed in Notes 2 and 3 of the financial accounts.

#### **Trustee Remuneration and Expenses**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year for their work in this capacity.

#### **Accounts**

The Haldane Youth Services project is an unincorporated charitable trust registered with OSCR and the accounts have been prepared on this basis.

#### **Financial Review**

Results for the year ended 31 March 2024 are given in the Receipts and Payments on page 9, showing a Surplus for the year of £35,123, (2023, Surplus £15,038), leaving a balance of unrestricted funds of £73,875, restricted funds of £63,292 as at 31 March 2024.

Therefore, total funds amount to £137,167 as at 31 March 2024.

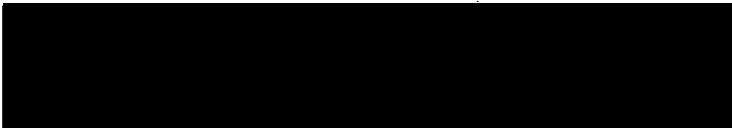
#### **Reserve Policy**

Reserves for the Haldane Youth Services trustees have agreed to maintain a financial reserve to ensure the uninterrupted continuity of our main operations in case of funding difficulties. This reserve, amounting to £40,000, has been classified as designated within our unrestricted income and is calculated and monitored on an annual basis. This provision is included in the 'Statement of Balances', note 4, closing balances.

The Unrestricted Designated Reserve is to provide for such as redundancy costs, essential property maintenance, temporary funding shortfall and any other contingencies.

The Haldane Youth Services has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf;



Date: 29/10/24

Chairperson

## Haldane Youth Services

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### Trustees' Report and Accounts for the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

#### Receipts and Payments

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2023/24 £	2022/2023 £
Income			
Unrestricted	1	12,711	15,008
Restricted	2	121,817	104,138
Total		134,528	119,146

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2023/24 £	2022/2023 £
Expenditure			
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	3	99,405	104,108
Surplus/ (Deficit for the year)		35,123	15,038

#### Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022/2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand				
Opening Balances	28,825	73,219	102,044	87,006
Surplus/ (Deficit for the year)	5,050	30,073	35,123	15,038
Redesignation of Contingent Liabilities	-	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
Unrestricted Designated Reserve	40,000	-	40,000	40,000
Closing Balances	73,875	63,292	137,167	102,044

#### Reserves

General Fund	33,875	-	33,875	28,825
Contingent Liabilities	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Restricted Fund	-	63,292	63,292	33,219
Redesignation of Contingent Liabilities	-	(40,000)	(40,000)	-
Unrestricted Designated Reserves	40,000	-	40,000	-
Closing Balances	73,875	63,292	137,167	102,044

Date 29/10/24

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**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 15.

This being the relevant accounting period within the financial year from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, during which Haldane Youth Services was an unincorporated charitable organisation registered with OSCR.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

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

**Basis of Independent Examiners Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation from the trustees concerning any such matter. 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 Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention, 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 Accounts Regulations and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 accounts Regulation have not been met.

 e:  
Independent Examiner

ABR Accounting Ltd.

29/10/24



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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

##### **1. Unrestricted Funds.**

The unrestricted funds received during the financial year to 31 March 2024 were as follows:

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fund Raising	5,105	1,799
Donations	7,606	1,792
Police Scotland	-	2,500
WDC	-	8,917
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>12,711</b>	<b>15,008</b>

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**2. Restricted Funds.**

The restricted funds received during the financial year to 31 March 2024 were as follows:

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
West Dunbartonshire Council – Your Community	700	-
West Dunbartonshire Council - Shine	9,000	5,000
WDC – Cost of Living Capital	27,051	-
WDC – Community Fund	5,000	-
WDC – Project Support	728	-
Young Start Community Fund	28,011	24,542
The Robertson Trust	17,000	-
BBC Children in Need	13,808	59,577
The Garfield Weston Foundation	-	10,000
Co-operative Community Fund	5,519	5,019
Bank of Scotland Foundation	15,000	-
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>121,817</b>	<b>104,138</b>

**Summary of Funding**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted	12,711	15,008
Restricted	121,817	104,138
<b>Total Funding Received to 31 March 2024</b>	<b>134,528</b>	<b>119,146</b>

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**3. Expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2024, Analysis by Funding Source**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Children in Need – Main Grants	8,369	49,285
Children in Need - Curiosity	3,812	5,726
The Robertson Trust	17,000	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	12,879	-
The Co-operative Community	7,248	9,271
West Dunbartonshire Council	5,000	-
WDC Shine	7,000	5,000
WDC Cost of Living Capital	939	-
WDC Your Community	437	-
Young Start – Big Lottery	22,011	27,026
Garfield Weston	-	7,800
Scottish Police Authority	2,000	-
Donations	7,606	-
Fund Raising	5,104	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>99,405</b>	<b>104,108</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**4. Expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2024, Subjective Analysis**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	59,833	68,844
Projects and Activities	33,099	31,384
I T and Communications	3,639	1,800
Accountancy	360	350
Insurance	1,112	1,207
Administration	1,362	523
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>99,405</b>	<b>104,108</b>

**5. Basis of Preparation**

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#### **4. Expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2024, Subjective Analysis**

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