

COOL

youth work project

Annual Report

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH (COOL)

SCOTTISH CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: SC031455

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Mr Robert Anderson

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

COOL was established by deed of trust on 9th March 2001 and the organisation is recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue. On 20th November 2012, COOL was recognised by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as incorporated as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The charity name and Scottish charity number remain unchanged. The four trustees of the former charitable trust have remained in office, and trustees are appointed on invitation by the existing trustees or members as required. A copy of the new Constitution for the SCIO is available upon request. The AGM of the Trustees is held annually in January, February or March.

Management of the organisation is delegated by the trustees to the Management Committee comprising of eight local people at present. Management Committee Members are appointed by invitation from the Trustees, as per the

Constitution of COOL. Management committee meetings are held five or six times per year, at reasonably regular intervals. The Management Committee reviews progress and agrees areas of development. It is also responsible for fundraising and financial management. There are also three sub-committees generally consisting of Management Committee members to cover finances, newsletter production and marketing.

Following the incorporation of COOL as a SCIO on 20th November 2012, OSCR required letters from the banks in which COOL has assets deposited, confirming that they agreed that these assets were now the property of the new SCIO. The final of these letters was received dated 4th January 2013, and OSCR requires that the Annual Report of COOL cover the period up to this date. The trustees of COOL have therefore agreed that the dates of this year's Annual Report be amended to 1st December 2011 to 4th January 2013 to meet this requirement.

The Youth Worker undertakes day to day activities of the project. Staff supervision is divided as follows:

- Monthly staff supervision/ management meetings are held between the Chairperson and the Youth Worker, as far as practical.
- Line Management support is also provided on a contract basis by the Scripture Union Scotland (SUS). The contract includes access to advice and staff support; staff training & development; and participation in joint meetings with other staff working in a similar environment and the SUS Highland & Western Isles Regional Worker is a member of the Management Committee, attending meetings as far as he can, and is available to the Youth Worker for help and advice.

Reporting arrangement within the organisation has been established as follows:

- The Youth Worker provides a written report to the Management Committee

for discussion/information at the meetings

- The finance sub-committee provides financial reports to the Management Committee in relation to income and expenditure.
- Objectives/forward plans are set annually with review and evaluation of these plans taking place regularly with the Youth Worker, Chair and members of the Management Committee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE OF THE TRUST

‘The work of the Charity focuses on the young people of Lochalsh, South Skye and Strathcarron. Its purpose is to benefit these young people through supporting and facilitating existing Christian youth work, and through providing additional social, recreational and spiritual opportunities for them. The charity considers that these ends may best be promoted by the employment of a youth worker, and by other means which the trustees may consider appropriate.’

CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES' REPORT

COOL has now completed its eleventh year as a charity, and has enjoyed eleven years of service from Dave as its Schools and Youth Worker. As a member of the Scripture Union Scotland (SUS) Associate Worker Scheme, COOL is unique in that no other Associate Worker Trust has such a long serving worker. I see having such a long serving worker as a great advantage in that longer term relationships between Dave and voluntary youth workers within the various churches, leaders in the churches and the students in the schools, which have been able to develop, to the benefit of all concerned. Through Dave's employment over the years, the following summarises some of the principle things that have been achieved.

- I believe that there has been a large difference in the spiritual atmosphere and awareness in the High School and feeder primary schools over the past ten years, having been a parent of young people in the High School ten to sixteen years ago. There is now very much a spirit of tolerance and respect for those with a known Christian faith (or any other faith, come to that), and a greater proportion of pupils who claim to have a Christian faith.
- Over the years a greater unity among the churches has developed, and working together in youth projects. More can always be done in this respect, and we must not become complacent.
- Dave has been able to inspire confidence into other youth leaders to take on a youth leader role within their own congregations or areas, by offering practical advice and help.
- There has been an enhancement in Religious Observance (RO) in the local schools, in that all Primary Schools within our catchment area now have regular RO Assemblies, enabling them to comply with Scottish Government requirements in this respect.
- There has been real development in the part played by church ministers and the youth worker in the establishment of a chaplaincy team in the High School, helping develop the spiritual and social confidence of the students, who have been encouraged to assess their own belief system, inclusive of all. For the senior students there has been opportunity, especially through the S6 ethics day in the autumn of each year, to reflect on the relevance of Biblical teaching and the life of Jesus, and evaluate the significance of this in their own lives, and in the life of the nation, and how it has affected the development of our present day society.

It has been good this year to employ Sarah Strang, a former High School pupil, for one day a week for a few months, to work alongside Dave. She has provided new inspiration and has been an encouragement in his work, and I wish to thank her for her help and enhancement of the work of COOL in this respect.



I would wish to thank the Rector of the High School, Duncan Ferguson, for his welcome to Dave and Sarah, and the access that he has allowed COOL to the High School, over the years. Due to an accident over a year ago, Duncan Ferguson has been sorely missed during his periods of absence from the school, and we wish him a speedy recovery from the complications that he has had to endure, especially those encountered in the latter part of the current year. I also wish thank the head teachers of the feeder primary schools, and the many members of the staff at all the various schools, for

their ongoing welcome that they give to Dave and Sarah on their regular visits.

As COOL has a totally inclusive ethos, its activities and meetings are open to all young people of the area, regardless as to whether they have church connections or not. Many of the head teachers in the schools and staff continue to express their appreciation for Dave's input, sensitivity and professionalism.



I am continually grateful to everybody who has made, and continues to make, the Christian youth worker project possible in the area. Naturally, as a Christian, my greatest appreciation and thanks go to God, who has inspired so many people to provide financially and pray for the work, and work alongside and in cooperation with Dave, in their capacity of voluntary youth workers. I am also thankful to God for all those who serve COOL in an administrative capacity.

I would wish to thank all those who serve as the volunteers, trustees, and management committee and sub



committee members, as COOL would be unable to operate, and Dave would not be able to do his work, without their help. I am sure that it is an encouragement to all of us seeing young people responding to the presentations given to them by Dave, along with many others, from both the local area and further afield. I wish to thank all of those who pray for the Management Committee and trustees. I would like once again to record my thanks to Mr Bob Anderson for his willingness to continue to be the independent examiner of the COOL financial accounts.

I would wish to thank Dave particularly this year for arranging the Strategy Day in November, and trust that the insights gained at that time, might bear fruit in the coming year. Also, once again, I would record our appreciation as Dave accompanied a small party of COOL supporters and young people to Peru, on

what has become a biennial trip, to help in the Vine Trust's work.

The financial viability of COOL has been maintained in the current year, as the majority of those who made financial pledges to support COOL on a regular basis, following their response to the financial appeal in the previous year, have been able to fulfil their pledges, as well as those who have been supporting COOL in this way since its inception. I wish to give a very big 'thank you' to all of those who continue to support COOL financially, and COOL continues to be grateful to those churches which support us financially on a regular basis, and the on going financial contributions made by the Open Door Café.

Away from the schools, there is, as always, the need for more adults to offer their time, energy and expertise to assist and lead young people's work locally, and is fairly critical in some of the parts of our catchment area, if aspects of the work in these localities are to continue. The voluntary youth workers and helpers in the different areas are often very busy and overstretched, and as the additional help required is not always forthcoming, some of the things hoped for are not always achieved. Dave is always willing to continue to offer advice and help train any who wish to volunteer.

Some of the great deal of work that has been going on in the past year can be read in the 'Management Committee Report' which follows this report, as well as in the three regular newsletters produced during the year, copies of which, together with

other reports, are available on the COOL website: www.coolscotland.org.uk.

It is very encouraging to see some pupils at Plockton High School wishing to continue to meet to pray for their own school on a regular basis, and to see the enthusiasm of some to read and discuss the Bible regularly in the 'Engage' initiative on a Wednesday lunchtime. The annual residential event at Alltnacriche also went ahead as usual, with some of the older young people becoming involved in the planning of the event, and my thanks



to all those adults who enabled this to happen by giving up their weekend to assist Dave in various ways.

I continue to meet with Dave on a monthly basis whenever possible, to discuss and pray over the work, and the issues arising therefrom, as all work of this type has its times of encouragements, as well as some discouragements. I wish to record my thanks once again to Dave for his ongoing and energetic work for the trust, and to his wife, Ruth, for her continued support, and the family as a whole, in allowing the use of their home for some young people's meetings,

especially the weekly 'Friday Night @ Dave & Ruth's', enabling a time of social activity for young people from various villages, as well as a time of Bible study and discipleship. I also thank many of the local church ministers, who continue to meet with Dave regularly for times of discussion, prayer and fellowship, as they seek to work for the mutual benefit of the young people in our catchment area.

COOL has continued its membership of the SUS Associated Worker Scheme. We value their support and expertise in many

different aspects of the work. Colin Carmichael from SUS maintains a close contact with the Trust, attending Management Committee meetings and other meetings

whenever possible. He also meets up with Dave, offering support as appropriate. I value the time, and energy that Colin puts in to help the trust. I continue to be a regular attendee at SUS Associate Worker Group committee meetings in Glasgow, contributing to the running of the nationwide scheme, and in particular highlighting the needs of the more rural Associate Worker Trusts.

COOL changed its charitable status during the year, as you will notice in other parts of this report, and my thanks to all those who helped in this somewhat arduous process.

PERSONNEL



We have seen Fiona MacDonald agree to become part of the Management Committee during the current year, and thank her for her willingness to serve COOL in this way.

We would still welcome the addition of another member or two to the Management Committee, and we would ask you to pray that more people may come forward offering to serve on the committee, so that the committee is representative of the various churches and congregations in our catchment area, and we can benefit from their insights and ideas for the work.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2012 Annual Celebration, was eagerly anticipated this year as we looked forward to giving thanks for 10 years of COOL and for the work of Dave Mockett our designated youth worker throughout this time. Despite difficulties due to the landslide causing closure of the road between Lochcarron and Achmore, those from across Loch Carron were still able to attend as we were blessed with a special ferry service courtesy of Highland Council thanks to the support of a local counsellor Audrey Sinclair. Thus it was a fully representative gathering, from all parts of this vast area, which gathered to celebrate together, to give thanks and praise to God and to hear an address from Andy Bathgate, Chief Executive of Scripture Union Scotland. We were delighted to surprise Dave and his family with gifts from our supporters, representing the sincere appreciation felt here for all he has done and continues to do both for our young people and in support of the schools and churches in this northwest corner of Scotland.

The road closure continued until Easter which considerably hampered the work



making difficult any joint events outwith school hours and so Lochcarron was unable to have much interaction with COOL all term. However the High

School work continued unimpeded and normal work was able to continue in the rest of the area with many school assemblies taking place on the theme of Easter and an Easter Service for the High School organised. Eight young people participated in this which was well received. Dave has continued to support the joint prayer meetings and services in Skye and Lochalsh including the joint communion on Easter Day.



The highlight of the spring term was the annual Alltnacriche weekend. With excellent weather, the activities such as Laser Strike, ropes course, wide games and a quiz-based treasure hunt were much enjoyed by all. Repeating the successful format of last year each person was asked to choose two seminars to attend on Saturday evening whilst on Sunday there was a visiting speaker. It was quite a young group with in all 33 attending, including a number of P7's and feedback was very positive. The support from local youth leaders was much appreciated without whom it would not be possible to run the

week-end. Planning has begun on another one for 2013.

In March the Youth Worker was invited to support a partner trust during a Christian Focus week in Duns, giving an insight into the work in another rural area and for that he prepared two lessons under the Social Education provision for years S3/4 and S5/6 to be delivered to around 100 students at a time.

High School. It is also gratifying that COOL is seen by the school, students and parents as a worthwhile placement for work experience and remain open to requests in the future from suitable individuals. Much of June was spent preparing video and other holiday club materials for the four parishes as well as meeting with some of the teams to help with the planning for summer events. And of course final planning for Peru.



At the start of the summer term the Youth Worker took part in the Annual School leavers Assembly and gave out Bibles to the S6 leavers who wished them, altogether 35 were given this year.

During the S4 Work Experience week in May an S4 pupil worked with the Youth Worker visiting Primaries and helping to give out the 'It's Your Move' books at Assemblies and then on the final day giving a talk himself. This is a valuable time as Dave is able to meet with each P7 leaver and talk with them about the transition, prior to them starting at the



The biennial trip with the Vine Trust to Peru, coordinated by Dave, took place in July and was as ever a highlight and life-changing experience for those who went. In particular this was as a result of meeting and spending quality time with the street children with whom the Vine Trust, along with SU Peru, work. There was an opportunity in September for them to share their experiences when, along with Billy Clark, International Relations Director of SU Peru, they spoke at an

evening for supporters in Kyleakin. Those there were much moved by hearing of their experiences. Many there had worked hard to help fund-raise for the trip and were appreciative of the evening.

The following day both Billy Clark and Ruth Shillaker, a recent former pupil, led a very successful school assembly and also spoke in lessons at Kyleakin Primary. Along with Billy Clark, ten pupils and Dave then attended the Vine Trust Schools Conference on Global Citizenship in Edinburgh at which Billy Clark was the main speaker. Thereafter on their return the pupils helped prepare and present material at the S6 Big Questions Day in October on the issues raised at the Conference which helped to provoke much discussion.



Dave was also invited to an evening in Inverness along with Duncan Ferguson Headmaster of Plockton High, which was raising support for the Vine

Trust and where the guest speaker was HRH The Princess Royal.

Following ten years service to COOL the Youth Worker was offered a sabbatical. This proved difficult to organise but meantime two weeks were taken at the

end of August for some reading and also a week as guest of Martin's Memorial Church in Stornoway, a very rapidly growing church where Dave met with the young people as well as attending services during communion week.

Sarah Strang, a former pupil of Plockton High School, began working alongside Dave Mockett during the autumn term for eight hours per week. She is gifted musically and has previous experience of working in schools with the Viz a Viz Team Ministry. Her contributions are proving very beneficial and we are grateful for all she has been able to do in the time she can give.

The Back to School with God gathering at the beginning of September doubled as a commissioning service for Sarah. A draft video advertising Pray for Schools Scotland which Dave has been working on for SU Scotland was shown and it was encouraging to see so many young people present and taking an active part and interest in the work. Dave's Club, Engage, 60 seconds and Friday Night @ Dave & Ruth's have continued to run as usual throughout the year with input from Sarah on Fridays during the autumn term. Assemblies have been delivered in all 11 Primaries this autumn term with Sarah helping in their preparation and when possible with delivery.

A strategy day was held in November in Kinmylies Parish Church, Inverness at Dave's suggestion and was organised by him. He chaired the day. This was an away day for COOL youth leaders, young people and the Trustees and Management

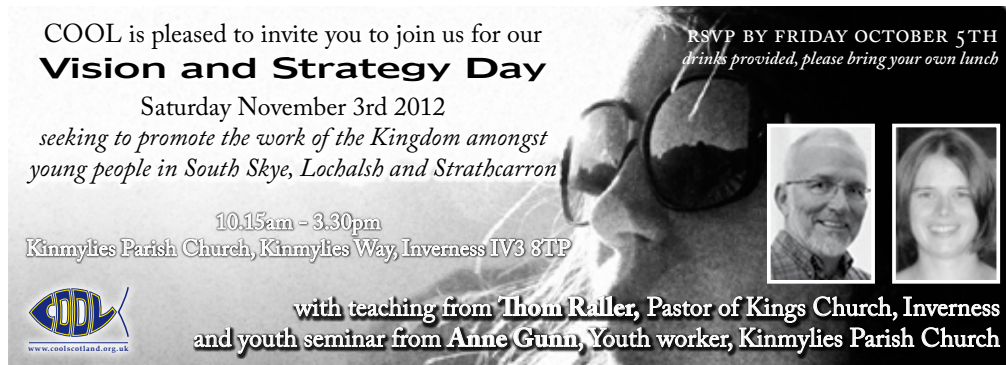
Committee. Sarah led the worship, followed by Thom Raller of King's Church speaking on Intentional Discipleship. In the afternoon

it was split into two groups, with the young people (led by Anne Gunn, youth worker at Kinmylies) and the adults

considering the work of COOL and the way forward, followed by a feedback time together. It was both an inspiring and encouraging day much appreciated by those who were there and helpful for considering the way ahead. A report on it was prepared by Dave along with Colin Carmichael (SU Scotland Regional Worker) and Sarah for presentation to the Committee and Trustees.

May and November are the times when the round of Prayer for Youth meetings, led by COOL, occur which inform the local churches of the work. These are appreciated both by COOL and the churches as they are not only an opportunity for COOL to speak about their work but also an important opportunity to hear from the churches

about their youth work and their thoughts about the work of COOL and how we can be mutually supportive. Plans are going






COOL is pleased to invite you to join us for our
Vision and Strategy Day
Saturday November 3rd 2012
*seeking to promote the work of the Kingdom amongst
young people in South Skye, Lochalsh and Strathcarron*

10.15am - 3.30pm
Kinmylies Parish Church, Kinmylies Way, Inverness IV3 8TP

RSVP BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH
drinks provided, please bring your own lunch

with teaching from **Thom Raller**, Pastor of Kings Church, Inverness
and youth seminar from **Anne Gunn**, Youth worker, Kinmylies Parish Church

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ahead for another weekend at Alltnacriche in March.

The SU Staff Conference took place in the first week of December at which Dave had been asked to lead a seminar on photography.

As we come to the end of the year we again remain most appreciative of the encouragement and support from the local schools, churches and many other individuals for their help in all that has been accomplished this year and are very aware that much of that is due to the commitment, wisdom and gifting of our youth worker, Dave Mockett. Therefore we are also excited at the opportunities which lie ahead as we consider the future together.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

REVIEW OF OBJECTIVES SET FOR 2011/12

ALLTNACRICHE WEEKEND

To give 36 young people the opportunity for a teaching based weekend away with recreational opportunities.

Review:

31 young people came to this residential weekend where they had a great time, aided by the good weather. It was largely a younger group this year. Seminars were held on the Saturday and Pete Gilbert spoke on Sunday morning. The residential weekend gave the youngsters an opportunity to participate in activities and seminars where they were able to express their views and engage respectfully with others in an environment in which their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being were protected and developed. This encouraged social and spiritual interaction between the young people, and helped them gain confidence in new skills learnt and friendships with others.

PERU TRIP WITH VINE TRUST

To give 2-3 young people & adults the opportunity to work and serve with the Vine Trust and the work they do in Peru.

Review:

One young person, three adults plus Dave went out to Peru in July to work with the Vine Trust. Their full report can be found on the website: www.coolsotland.org.uk. The main task for this year's workparty at Kusi was land clearing which they team tackled enthusiastically spurred on

by the need to provide accommodation particularly for the children with special needs. As always, this is an emotionally and spiritually challenging trip where the team are stretched to their limits with life changing impacts on participants' beliefs, life goals, priorities and senses of social responsibility, as they recognise and develop their abilities and grow in confidence in using them for the good of others.

ENGAGE

To establish a weekly bible reading group in the High School. Reading the Bible in groups, and contributing effectively to group Bible Study.

Review:

A small group of pupils have met weekly and have used some Scripture Union material. The group has been led by different members of the group each week. This gives young people the time/space to think and reflect on the relevance of the Bible to them and to the society in which they live and participating in leadership roles develops their confidence and faith.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

For Dave to join the team of a Christian Focus Week in another Scottish school where an Associate Worker Trust was active, and to work alongside a former student on a gap year with a schools' ministry.

Review:

The preferred option, due to the time of year, with the GROW Trust in Glenrothes did not require extra team members

so Dave spent a week in March with the Berwickshire Christian Youth Trust participating in their 'Check It Out' week. Sarah Strang was in attendance as part of the visiting band and Dave also provided lessons for S4 and S6 students.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Sabbatical time - 4-6 weeks of directed study for Dave as part of staff development.

Review:

Unfortunately, this also did not work out as planned. However Dave did have a week in Stornoway in August where he was the guest of Martin's Memorial Church at their communion season and was able to spend a limited time in study.

DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMME

To facilitate a mentoring philosophy amongst the church leaders, with a view to devising a practical mentoring program for young people. This will result in the local churches participating in mutually beneficial discipling relationships with their young people which contribute to deepening relationships with God.

Review:

A Strategy Day took place in November 2012 and key objectives to meet this aim were identified and are set down as the Objectives for 2013.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

To identify and encourage two Key Workers for the Open Door Café to allow the cafe to be managed, organised and staffed on a weekly basis.

Review:

Independently a key worker did come forward and so this has meant that the Café has been able to continue to run, to meet its own objectives whilst providing funds for COOL, and also provide further fund-raising opportunities for other charities in the form of baking stalls etc.

New Members for Management Committee - To seek new members to join the management committee.

Review:

A new committee member, Fiona MacDonald from the new Grace Community church joined the Cool Management Committee in August. This will enable a more even representation of the area on the committee and help to cover the work involved.

PLANNED OBJECTIVES 2012/13

INITIATE AND ENCOURAGE PRAYER GROUPS

In partnership with local youth leaders we should look to establish around the area 2 or 3 small, intentionally formed prayer groups that are single-sex and consist of 1 or 2 youth leaders and up to 3 or 4 young people. The purpose of these groups is to share the spiritual journey with young people and encourage the deepening of faith in those where evidence of a growing faith has been seen and might benefit most from a more intensive input.

January - June 2013

From this there would be a concerted drive to encourage more of these groups to be started around the area. Part of this would be fuelled by the experiences shared from the initial groups on what the benefits have been. These prayer groups, in terms of practicalities like frequency of meeting and venues, would be managed by the young people themselves. On-going youth leader support and encouragement would continue to be available. It could also be that prayer groups are invited to an occasional gathering to share experiences and encouragements.

August 2013 onward

MORE INTENTIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SU Scotland has a range of discipleship and training events for young people in S4 - 6. It is suggested that these, and others as are appropriate, are more intentionally brought to the attention of Christian young people in the area. In

terms of mission training SU Scotland's COMMISSION programme for young people who are S5 and older has three elements - training, placement and review. Young people who part of this programme are encouraged to raise £275 to contribute towards the overall cost of the programme. The placement element of the programme could involve participation in an SU holiday club or residential event and/or an event with their local church, most likely holiday clubs. Raising the support will encourage churches to be active pray-ers and participators in the growing faith of young people in their congregation.

January 2013 onwards

INTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGING THE LOCAL YOUTH LEADER NETWORK

There should be an annual gathering in August each year of local youth leaders to pray together and plan (dates, venues etc.) for local gathered events in the coming 12 months. It should be clearly emphasised that this gathering facilitated by COOL will be the only such meeting that COOL will organise over the year to ensure people understand the importance and value of 2 or more people from each team being there. If there is any desire from local youth leaders for further gatherings like this then they will be responsible for the planning and coordination. This is to minimise the time taken on such meetings by the COOL youth worker.

Publicity in June to meet in August 2013

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP COURSES

There is a desire to have a focused, concise course of discipleship looking at key issues of faith for young people (e.g. Sharing your faith, Prayer, Understanding the cross). Keeping it focused gives the course a special feel and encourages people to be involved as it is not committing to an on-going, unending series of meetings. It would also be focused in terms of not being a wide open invitation, although all would be welcome. Instead the invitations would be intentional. There is generally more time and space in youth programmes around the month of November. Discussions should take place to decide whether the course should take place, for example, over three Saturdays locally or over one weekend as a residential.

Research and plan January - March 2013,
event in November 2013

INITIATE SHORT COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AS A WAY FOR THEM TO MEET LOCAL CHRISTIANS

There will be members of local churches with skills that would be valued and appreciated by young people. COOL should promote this idea with local churches for them to establish and run short courses (e.g. Bike maintenance, Crofting skills). As part of this promotion churches should keep clearly in mind what the follow up to this going to be such as a Youth Alpha course, or other provisions already available in church programmes.

DEVELOP WAYS OF ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

In consultation with the senior management team at Plockton High School and the school chaplaincy team the COOL youth worker should explore if there are other ways to engage with school pupils..

ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO REPORT BACK TO CHURCHES

Through the year young people should be encouraged to report back to their local churches about the work COOL is doing. This could be following special events like a residential weekend or through the year talking about regular activities like 60 Second Prayer Club or FN@D&R. This will require specific work from youth leaders and ministers to invite young people and support them in their report whether that is helping them understand time constraints or doing an interview.

MORE FREQUENT PRAYER NEWS TO CHURCHES

The prayer letters through the year to churches are a valuable way of informing congregations about the work that COOL is doing and giving them pointers for prayer. How can we develop this flow of information and prayer points through the year? It is suggested that a monthly, plain text email prayer update is produced to cover reports on recent events, current prayer points and diary dates for the COOL youth worker. This can be emailed to anybody who would like to receive it. Alongside this there should a person identified in each congregation who will be intentional about passing on the

information to weekly prayer groups and to be placed in church notices where required. The first of these should be produced and printed out for the Annual Celebration so that people can see what they would be getting. At the celebration people will be encouraged to sign up to

receive subsequent prayer news updates. COOL would need to investigate how this could be implemented without an extra task being demanded of the youth worker.

Produce first prayer update for Annual Celebration in February 2013 and monthly thereafter

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This financial review covers an extended period as the figures run from 1st December 2011 to 4th January 2013. This is due to the fact that OSCR approved our change of status to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 20th November 2012 but our bankers were unable to confirm that they accepted that our financial assets held in accounts with them now belong to the COOL SCIO until 4th January 2013. So this review covers all transactions up to that date.

The principal source of income is from regular pledged donations from local supporters, both individuals and church organisations. Although a few individuals have ceased to make regular pledged donations, most due to changed circumstances and having supported COOL for a number of years, overall the level of giving has held up well during the year. Other non-pledged donations during the year have shown a marked drop

probably reflecting the current economic climate.

We face what may prove a difficult and uncertain year ahead in 2013 but would expect that monthly income from regular pledged donations should cover the majority of the costs of the ongoing work of COOL. Once again, we are grateful for God's provision to us through the giving of His people during this past year.

RESERVES POLICY

It is our policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end COOL held unrestricted cash funds of £22,951 plus £1,239 of restricted funds, which have been designated for supporting young people going out to Peru to participate in work parties with the Vine Trust.

This should be sufficient to cover anticipated expenditure for the coming year.

APPROVAL STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

Approved by the trustees on 25th January 2013 and signed on their behalf by:



(Chairperson)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SCO31455

I report on the accounts of the charity for the financial year ended 4th January 2013 as set out on pages 20 to 22.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee 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 under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination is carried out 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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come 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 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.
2. or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date: 25th January 2013

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
 FOR PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2011 TO 4 JANUARY 2013
 CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

		Unrestricted Funds [£]	Restricted Funds [£]	Total Funds [£]	Last Year [£]
Receipts					
Individual Pledged Donations		26355		26355	21722
Other Personal Donations		2664		2664	6650
Pledged Church Donations		5475		5475	4925
Other Church Donations		464		464	1367
Gift Aid from HMRC		4950		4950	5488
Special Donations/Fundraising		586		586	4791
Open Door Café		2275		2275	1900
Easyfundraising	1	251		251	292
Special Events	2		3803	3803	5425
Peru		130	7158	7288	191
Books and Bibles donations			256	256	512
Bank Interest		213		213	26
Total Receipts		43363	11217	54580	53289
Payments					
Youth Worker Salary & NI		26820		26820	24127
Pension & Life Insurance		2789		2789	2036
Youth Worker Travel		2934		2934	2753
Youth Worker Expenses		731		731	441
Youth Worker Telephone		641		641	347
Administration & Publicity	3	1337		1337	750
Other Sundries	4	423		423	229
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme		2171		2171	2004
Insurance		476		476	560
Staff Development		835		835	1506
Special Events	2		4306	4306	5377
Peru		130	7487	7617	250
Books and Bibles purchased			279	279	355
Payments Sub total		39287	12072	51359	40735
Capital Expenditure		0	0	0	557
Total Payments		39287	12072	51359	41292
Net of receipts / (payments)		4076	(855)	3221	11997
Transfers to / (from) funds	5	(321)	321		
Surplus / (deficit) for year		3755	(534)	3221	11997

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 4 JANUARY 2013

CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	[£]	[£]	[£]	[£]
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank Balances at start of year	19196	1773	20969	8972
Surplus / (deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments Account	3755	(534)	3221	11997
Bank balances at end of year	22951	1239	24190	20969
 Bank Balances				
General Account			12512	8963
Deposit Account			671	1500
Peru Account			568	68
90 Day Account (Scottish Widows)			10000	10000
CAF Gold Account			439	438
			<hr/> 24190	<hr/> 20969
	Purchase Cost	Current value	Value at end Last Year	
	[£]	[£]	[£]	
Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)				
Digital projector	484	121	242	
Computer (desktop)	2278	0	569	
Colour Laser Printer	148	74	111	
Laptop computer	407	304	407	
Marquee	150	112	150	

Approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2013 and signed on their behalf



M. Gardiner, Chairman

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

FOR PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2011 TO 4 JANUARY 2013

CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

- 1 Easyfundraising.org.uk gave £251 from online transactions carried out via their website by COOL supporters.
- 2 The following activities were undertaken during the year in connection with COOL's charitable objectives. The figures for Alltnacriche include booking fees for the planned 2013 event in expenditure and a few attendee deposits already received for it in income.

Event	Income	Expenditure
	[£]	[£]
Alltnacriche weekend	2699	3125
Holiday Clubs	52	52
Soundwaves	194	271

- 3 The figures for Administration and Publicity include the legal costs of £780 for work involved in changing the status of COOL from a trust to a SCIO.
- 4 The expenditure under the other sundries category relates to miscellaneous activities such as the COOL Annual Celebration and the 'Back to School with God' event in September.
- 5 There is a notional transfer of £321 from unrestricted to restricted funds, this is to cover shortfalls between income and expenditure during the period on activities such as Alltnacriche, Bibles, etc. It is the agreed policy of the Management Committee to underwrite any such shortfalls.