

# COOL

*youth work project*

## **Annual Report**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

*to*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



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# Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Christian Outlook On Lochalsh (COOL)  
Scottish Charity Registration Number: SC031455  
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## Trustees

Mr Colin MacDonald (Chair)	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Professor Norman Gillies	Church of Scotland, Strath & Sleat
Rev Roddie Rankin	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
Ms Christine Matheson	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Mrs Frances Westerduin	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg

## The Management Committee

Mr Colin MacDonald (Trustee and Chair)	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Mr Phil Picking (Treasurer) until 2019*	Thurso Baptist Church, Thurso
Mr Robert McRae (Treasurer) from 30.11.18*	Church of Scotland, Strath & Sleat
Ms Christine Matheson (Secretary)	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Mr Colin Carmichael	Scripture Union Scotland
Mrs Fiona Macdonald	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Mrs Sheila Stewart	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
Mrs Lynne Kearns from 15.01.18	Free Church of Scotland, Kintail & Glenelg
Dr Rob Shillaker from 28.06.18	Free Church of Scotland, Lochcarron
Mrs Helen Strang from 28.06.18	Free Church of Scotland, Lochcarron
Miss Naomi Stewart (youth rep) from 19.11.18	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
Miss Corrina Brown (youth rep) from 19.11.18	Church of Scotland, Strath & Sleat

## Resigned/Retired Management Committee Members

Mrs Ruth Taylor from 20.08.18  
Mr Arran Macdonald from 01.09.18

## Independent Examiner

Mr Robert Anderson

## Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland, Main Street, Kyle of Lochalsh, IV40 8AB

\*agreed orientation for new treasurer

# Trustees Report

As the Chair of Trustees for COOL it is my duty and privilege to present the 2018 Chairman of the Trustees report. The Trustees would like to express our thankfulness to God for His faithfulness and for providing the wide number of volunteers and supporters of COOL, without whom COOL could not function.

In 2018 COOL has experienced a year of vacancy as we have sought the services of a new Youth and Schools Worker. It has been a long process with several setbacks and frustrations, which are to be expected when trying to find a new worker in a rural, West Highland area where housing is limited. Throughout it all, however, God remained faithful and led us to the person who He has chosen to take on the Youth and Schools Worker role.

So we are profoundly thankful to God as we welcome Timmy Currie as our new COOL Youth and Schools Worker. We look forward to developing the role of COOL in our schools and communities alongside him and seeing how the Lord will lead him in this role into the future.



During the vacancy and at the start of Timmy's employment the Trustees are profoundly grateful to God for the support of Colin Carmichael, our SU Regional Worker, who has steered us through the difficult waters of advertising, interviewing and recruiting our new worker. His advice, support and continuing help is deeply appreciated. As a member of the SUS Associated Worker Scheme, we value the support and expertise Colin offers. The Trustees thank him for his continued commitment, expertise and energy that he offers and his willingness to give help and advice.

We would like also to thank the members of the Recruitment Team for carrying out their duties faithfully and successfully. We thank our local volunteers Finlay Macdonald and Megan MacDonald for continuing the Bible clubs and Prayer meetings in the High School throughout the vacancy. We are also delighted that they have both chosen to stay on and help Timmy in his work in the High School and community.

We wish to thank the Rector of Plockton High School, Mrs Susan Galloway, on behalf of the Trustees and Management Committee members of COOL, for the continued good and positive relationship with the school which has been maintained in the past year. I also wish to thank the head teachers of the feeder primary schools and the many members of the staff at all the various schools, for the welcome given to Timmy on his regular visits. We would very much like to see these positive relationships continue into the future.

COOL has a totally inclusive ethos; its activities and meetings are open to all young people of the area regardless of any or no church connections. There are many difficult issues facing our young people and although it is a privilege to be in this pastoral role, it is sometimes difficult and comes with a high personal involvement which can be a heavy burden to carry. Please do pray for Timmy as he continues to develop this role.

The Trustees remain very grateful to everybody who has made, and continues to make, this Christian youth worker project possible in the area. Naturally, as Christians, our greatest appreciation and thanks go to God, who has inspired so many people to provide financially and pray for the work, and provided people to work alongside and in cooperation with COOL, in their capacity as voluntary youth workers. We are grateful to Brian and Ruth Taylor for the use of their house for 'Timmy Time' on a Friday evening.

The Trustees are equally thankful to God for all those who serve COOL in an administrative capacity, without whom COOL would not be able to operate. It is an encouragement to all of us seeing young people responding to the presentations given to them, along with many others, from both the local area and further afield. I wish to thank all of those who pray for the Youth and Schools Worker, Management Committee and Trustees.

We once again record our thanks to Mr Robert Anderson for his willingness to continue to be the independent examiner of the COOL financial accounts for another year, even though he and his wife have moved away from the area.

In November the COOL Trustees and Management Committee were saddened to receive the resignation of Phil Picking who has been our treasurer for the last ten years. Phil has guided us wisely and prayerfully during his tenure as treasurer and has been a fount of good advice and wise financial council. We are most grateful to him for his years of faithful service to COOL and wish him God's blessing and a long and happy retirement in Thurso. We are also delighted to welcome Robert McRae, who has graciously volunteered to take on the role of COOL Treasurer at the end of the financial year and he and Phil will work jointly for a period. We look forward to working alongside him, in Christ, in the years to come.

The financial viability of COOL has been maintained in the current year, as the majority of financial pledges made by so many to support COOL on a regular basis, have been maintained. The Trustees wish to thank everybody in their continuing support of COOL in this way. However, the positive financial position we are in at

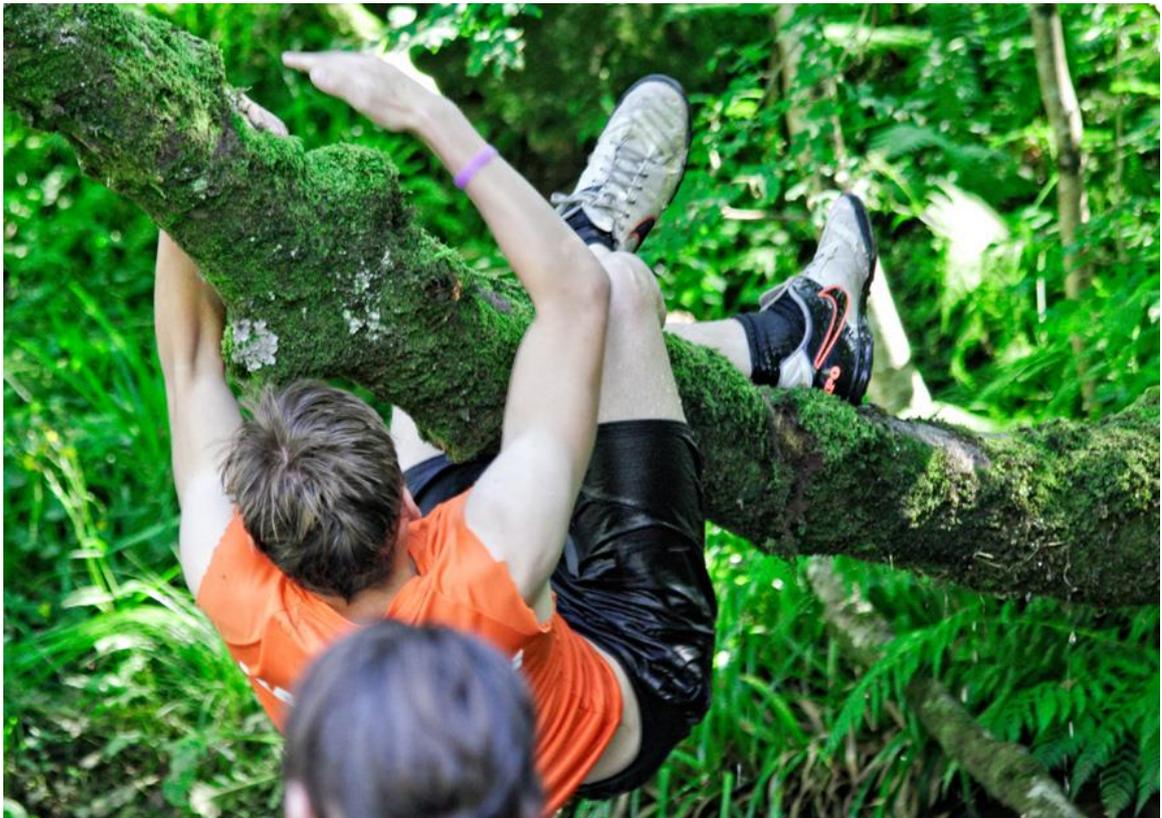
the present has been brought about by a period in vacancy where there have been no salary payments. In reality our regular donations are falling for a variety of reasons and, if the situation does not change, we estimate a significant shortfall in income for the coming year. In reaction to this we have established a Funding Sub-Committee to seek the Lord's will in prayer, to endeavour to widen and diversify our income stream and to set COOL on a sound financial platform for the years to come.

There is always the need for more adults to offer their time, energy and expertise to assist and lead young people's work locally. There are areas of work which may be forced to stop if new volunteers are not forthcoming. The voluntary youth workers and helpers in the different areas are often very busy and overstretched, and when there is no additional help some things are not achievable. COOL is always willing to continue to offer advice and help train any who wish to volunteer.

Further details on the work of COOL can be found in the Management Committee Report and the regular newsletters and other reports available on our website:

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Our thanks also go to all those adults who have enabled the annual residential weekend at Alltnacriche to happen, by giving of their time and talents to make the weekend possible.



The Trustees wish to record their grateful thanks to all who serve COOL on the Management Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee. Without their faithful and dedicated hard work COOL would not be able to function. We thank God for His provision of these dedicated people.

# COOL Management Committee Report

COOL has achieved many of its aims during the year from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, and has also undergone some change during this year.

A major change in the course of the year was the resignation of Dave Mockett as Youth and Schools Worker in order to pursue a new career. Dave had given COOL sixteen years of faithful service, and at the Annual Celebration there was an opportunity to thank him very warmly for all his achievements for COOL. At this farewell occasion, the Rev Scott McRoberts gave a very instructive and encouraging address, and Dave, Ruth and their children were presented with gifts as a token of appreciation for their role in developing the work of COOL.



During the interim vacancy, a number of COOL volunteers helped to continue its normal activities, and thanks are due for their dedication and faithfulness to all those who contributed in this way. As a result, it was possible for the Friday night club, the Wednesday prayer meeting and the Bible study in Plockton High School to continue during this period, and for 'It's Your Move' books to be distributed to the primary schools in the area.

A very dedicated Recruitment Team worked tirelessly in seeking a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy. It was with a great sense of thankfulness to God that Timmy Currie was appointed to the position, and he commenced work on 20th August 2018. Office space has now been secured for Timmy in Kyle Village Hall.

Among other activities during the course of the year, the parish holiday clubs began with a week in Kyleakin when thirty-five to forty children attended each day. In the evenings of the week Timmy ran activities for the teenagers with 15 attending. These included a film night and a boat trip.



The Inverinate and Glenelg holiday club took place the following week which was also well attended. All the children participated enthusiastically in all the discussions and the various activities.



Over 20 young people attended the Glenelg teenage club. In the afternoons they played wide games and tackled a river obstacle course. On Wednesday, thanks to a kind donation, they made and planted up wooden window boxes, delivering them to people in Glenelg and Kintail. In the evenings they were provided with a hot meal followed by a talk and discussion groups. At the end of both clubs every child was given the opportunity to take a bible home which was met by many with warm excitement and curiosity.



Both clubs are thankful to God for all His provision and we pray that the seed sown will produce much fruit.

The highlight of the spring term was the weekend trip to Alltnacriche, which took place in March 2018. Thirty-three young people attended and the feedback from the trip was very positive. We were most thankful to God for the group of local youth leaders without whose support it would not have been possible to run the weekend. Planning has begun for the 2019 weekend trip.

The *Back to School with God* gathering at the end of August 2018 doubled as a commissioning service for Timmy. It was encouraging that so many people attended and to see the interest in the work of COOL.

Timmy has led Religious Observance assemblies in Auchtertyre, Loch Duich, Kyle, Sleat, Plockton, Kyleakin, Broadford, Elgol and Glenelg primary schools. He has also been asked to help with the Carol Services in both Plockton and Broadford primary schools.

The Drop In Club run at lunchtime have been very successful with a core group of S2 boys attending on a regular basis. Friday Nights have also progressed well during the year with around ten to fifteen young people attending weekly.

Future activities planned by COOL for 2019 include attending the final Soul Survivor Scotland celebration in July 2019 and possibly restarting Lightwaves in Kyleakin Village Hall in the New Year.

During the year, COOL complied with legislation for General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and ensured that the necessary protocols were put in place.



# Financial Review

This financial review covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The principal source of COOL's income remains regular pledged donations from local supporters, both individuals and church organisations. There has been a significant drop in these donations following the departure of Dave Mockett. This is most marked with individual gift aided pledged donations and of course there is an associated decline of income from gift aid reclaimed from HMRC. Pledged donations from non-gift aided donors has not been as marked and contributions from our local church partners have held up well. Ad-hoc donations during the year were also well down. On a more positive note being without a youth worker for eight months has significantly reduced our expenditure during the year. So, we finished the year with our new youth worker Timmy Currie in place and healthy reserves for the coming year. However, COOL plans to commence a stewardship campaign early in 2019 to raise local interest in the ongoing work of COOL and hopefully to recruit new supporters.

Once again we are grateful for God's provision to us through the financial giving and prayerful support of His people during this past year and additionally for the practical assistance provided by some supporters which enabled some of the work of COOL to be maintained during our time without a youth worker.

## Reserves Policy

It is our policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure including designated funds. At the end of the year COOL held unrestricted cash funds of £50,978 plus £1206 of restricted funds, which have been designated for supporting young people on trips abroad (not necessarily to Peru).

Our current reserves will definitely be sufficient to cover anticipated expenditure for the coming year.

## Approval Statement and Signature

Approved by the trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



(Chairperson)

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the financial year ended 30 November 2018 as set out on pages 12 to 14.

### **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



Name: Robert Anderson M.C.I.B.S., B.A.

Address: 32 Bobbin Wynd, Cambusbarron, Stirling, FK7 9LZ

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Statement of Receipts and Payments – For Period 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Last Year (£)
<b>Receipts</b>					
Individual Pledged Donations		17843		17843	20096
Other Personal Donations		150		150	1916
Pledged Church Donations		4230		4230	4980
Other Church Donations		569		569	139
Gift Aid from HMRC		3515		3515	4035
Open Door Café		1875		1875	1425
Easyfundraising	1	227		227	269
Special Events	2	225		225	1210
Peru	3	1000	1001	2001	761
Books and Bibles donations		166		166	180
Other receipts		74		74	115
Bank Interest		71		71	54
Special Donations		650		650	6200
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30595</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>31596</b>	<b>51197</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Youth Worker Employment costs		7361		7361	27387
Youth Worker Travel		792		792	2858
Youth Worker Expenses		112		112	257
Youth Worker Telephone		59		59	722
Administration & Publicity	4	977		977	306
Other Sundries		390		390	220
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme		2004		2004	2004
Insurance		600		600	529
Staff Development		504		504	517
Special Events	2	1068		1068	1411
Peru	3	1001	1000	2001	541
Other activities/equipment		699		699	107
Books and Bibles purchased		100		100	263
<b>Payments Subtotal</b>		<b>15667</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>16667</b>	<b>37122</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>15667</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>16667</b>	<b>37122</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>14928</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14929</b>	<b>4258</b>
Transfers to / (from) funds					
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>		<b>14928</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14929</b>	<b>4258</b>

**Statement of Balances – As at 30 November 2018**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Total Funds (£)</b>	<b>Total Last Year (£)</b>
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank Balances at start of year	36050	1205	37255	32997
Surplus / (deficit) as shown on Receipts and Payments Account	14928	1	14929	4258
<b>Bank balances at end of year</b>	<b>50978</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>52184</b>	<b>37255</b>

**Bank Balances**

General Account			<b>25420</b>	<b>10562</b>
Deposit Account			<b>15014</b>	<b>15003</b>
Peru Account			<b>1206</b>	<b>1205</b>
Virgin Money Account			<b>10544</b>	<b>10485</b>
			<b>52184</b>	<b>37255</b>

**Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)**

	<b>Purchase Cost (£)</b>	<b>Current value (£)</b>	<b>Value at Last Year end (£)</b>
Laptop	679	679	n/a
Projector	366	183	274
External hard drive	115	57	86
Brother mono laser printer	40	20	30
Popcorn maker	250	125	187

Approved by the Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 signed on their behalf by:-



**C. MacDonald, Chairperson**

**Notes to the Accounts - For Period 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018**

- 1 Easyfundraising.org.uk gave £227 from online transactions carried out via their website by COOL supporters. We would again encourage all our supporters who shop online to consider using Easyfundraising to raise additional funds for COOL at no additional cost to themselves.
- 2 Despite not having the new Youth Worker in place, COOL still ran the usual Youth Weekend away event at Alltnacriche. The large discrepancy between income (£225) and expenditure (£1068) was due to paying the deposit for the similar event planned at Alltnacriche for March 2019 in November this year. In previous years we have been able to delay this payment until the start of December thus ensuring that all expenditure for the event occurred in the financial year in which it took place.
- 3 With the departure of COOL's previous Youth Worker in December 2017 the Peru Trip 2018 did not happen and there was very limited activity with COOL's Peru funds during this year. £1000 was transferred into the Deposit Account in January 2018 to earn some interest with the arrival of Timmy Currie, our new worker, the small amount of accrued interest was repaid to the Peru account. The funds in the Peru account will be retained to be used towards future trips.
- 4 The expenditure under the Administration and Publicity category was much larger than usual due to costs incurred in advertising the vacancy and recruiting our new Youth Worker. However, with Timmy now in post this can be regarded as money well spent.