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Annual Report

1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019



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Reference and Administrative Information

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Scottish Charity Registration Number: SC031455 Contact

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Trustees

Mr. Colin MacDonald (Chairperson)	Glenelg
Mr. Norman Gillies	Ardvasar
Rev. Roddie Rankin	Badicaul
Ms. Christine Matheson	Ardelve
Mrs. Frances Westerduin	Achnashellach

The Management Committee

Mr. Colin MacDonald (Trustee)	Glenelg
Mr. Colin Carmichael	Scripture Union Scotland,
Mrs. Fiona Macdonald	Inverness Ratagan
Ms. Christine Matheson (Trustee) Mrs.	Ardelve
Sheila Stewart	Kyleakin
Mrs. Lynne Kearns	Glenelg
Dr. Robert Shillaker	Lohcarron
Mrs. Helen Strang	Lohcarron
Mr. Robert McRae (Treasurer)	Breakish
Mr. Dave Mockett (Appointed 25/11/19)	Braeintra, Achmore

Resigned/Retired Management Committee Members

Miss. Naomi Stewart (Youth Representative)	Resigned 19/08/19
Miss. Corina Brown (Youth Representative)	Resigned 19/08/19

Independent Examiner

Mr. Robert Anderson

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland

Chairperson of the Trustees' Report

As the Chairperson of Trustees for COOL it is my duty and privilege to present the 2019 Chairperson 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, prayer supporters and financial supporters, without whom COOL could not function.

This year we are profoundly thankful to God for the first year of service from Timmy Currie as our COOL Youth and Schools Worker. We are delighted to see him fit into the role so quickly and seamlessly, and to see him use the gifts God has blessed him with so effectively in working with the young people of this area. His desire for the good of our young people is heart-warming to witness and his passion for the gospel is a blessing. We are excited to see how the Lord will continue to lead him in this role into the future.

The Trustees are profoundly grateful to God for the support of Colin Carmichael, our SU Regional Worker. COOL is a member of the SUS Associated Worker Scheme and we value the advice, support and expertise Colin offers. His dedication and faithfulness is deeply appreciated. We also thank our local volunteers, especially Megan MacDonald and Angus MacLennan, for continuing to support Timmy in the



Bible Clubs and prayer meetings in the High School and Youth Fellowships on Friday Night. We pray God's blessing on Megan as she starts her maternity leave soon.

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 are delighted to once again be able to report that COOL has an invited presence in every feeder primary of Plockton High School and the High School itself. We do not take these invitations for granted and are humbly grateful to God for opening these doors and to the head teachers and staff for allowing us to have a presence in their schools. We would very much like to see these positive relationships continue into the future.

It was with a deep and profound sadness that we learned of the death of Bea Westerduin, daughter of Frances (a COOL Trustee) and Maarten. Our sincere condolences go out to the family at this tragic time and we commit them to Him who

can give peace beyond understanding. Their faith in the face of this tragedy has been an encouragement and witness to many. We also continue to pray for Mrs Galloway, the staff and pupils of Plockton High School as they continue to come to terms with the loss of a pupil and a friend. May the Lord bear them up.

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, especially through the tragic circumstances recently. Please do pray for Timmy and the young people continuing to work through difficult and sometimes heart-rending circumstances.

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. We wish to thank all of those who faithfully 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.

We are grateful to God for His provision of generous supporters whose financial commitment has enabled COOL to run for eighteen years. The Trustees wish to thank everybody in their continuing support of COOL in this way. However, our financial position at the present shows that 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. We beseech our supporters to seek the Lord's face in prayer, to open the hearts of the Christian community in Lochalsh and South Skye, 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: www.coolscotland.org.uk.



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.

Management Committee Report

As we reflect back on the work of the Management Committee over the period from December 2018 to November 2019, we are filled with gratitude to God for His leading and provision during this period. Mr Timmy Currie has now been in post as Schools Youth Worker for over a year and has slotted very easily into his responsibilities.

Office space for the Youth Worker was secured in Kyle and we are grateful that it has been possible to obtain such a central location.



In terms of COOL activities, Timmy Currie has continued to lead Religious Observance Assemblies in Auchtertyre, Loch Duich, Glenelg, Kyle, Plockton, Kyleakin, Broadford, Elgol and Sleat Primary Schools throughout this year. Applecross and Lochcarron have recently been visited. We are grateful that COOL now has opportunities to participate in all primary schools in the area. The support and warm welcome

received from the school staffs has been really encouraging and the pupils' interest is a reflection of the prayer support that surrounds the work of COOL.

Engage and *60 Seconds* have continued to run in Plockton High School under the leadership of Megan Macdonald and this has been a real blessing with a constant group coming along. The Drop-in Club has a core group of S2 boys attending. This has given a good opportunity to support and talk with those facing exams. A highlight of the year was the S1-3 Easter Service when a real sense of freedom to share the biblical message of Easter was felt and the pupils were engaged and listened well. We deeply appreciate the support and encouragement we receive from Mrs Galloway and her staff.



Outside of schools, the Friday evening fellowship has continued and has been well supported throughout the year with 10 to 15 young people attending on a regular basis. An innovation this year was the 'Prayer, Praise and Pizza' evening which attracted over 20 young people. There is a great desire amongst those attending to explore the Bible and discuss questions in depth and pray together.

Twenty-six young people attended the *Alltnacriche Weekend*, where they had an enjoyable and fruitful time, and a real sense of God's presence was felt in the meetings. Grateful thanks are due to all the Leaders for making the weekend possible.

The success of the weekend was shown by the number of pupils and their parents who expressed their gratitude and appreciation following the outing.

The final *Soul Survivor* celebration was held in July 2019, with nine of our young people attending. It was great to see their thirst for God's Word



The COOL website is a valuable tool for distributing information. The Management Committee agreed to update the website as the current one is not yet compatible for use with hand-held devices. Work is ongoing on this

project and we hope to have the new site up and running early in the New Year.

During the year, the Management Committee also agreed there was a need to consider a 'support and fund-raising drive' and to this end it was decided that a sub-committee should be appointed to take this initiative forward. The Funding Sub-Committee was subsequently formed, and leaflets for distribution to all the churches in the area were prepared and distributed.

There were also Bible holiday club activities during the year. The Kyleakin Holiday Bible Club took place from 8th to 12th July 2019 with around 50 to 60 young people attending. Transport was also arranged to enable young people from Plockton and Broadford to hear God's Word and participate in all the events. The Inverinate Holiday Bible Club ran from 15th to 19th July 2019 and although the numbers attending here were lower, those who did attend had a fantastic time and listened attentively to all the stories and participated fully in all the activities.

Sixteen young people attended the *Awakening Conference* in Martin's Memorial Church in Stornoway in June 2019.

Overall, a significant number of events and other activities took place during the year under review, which are a testimony to the dedication of our Youth Worker and also all those who have supported him by assisting at the various events and through prayer and financial support.

Financial Review

This financial review covers the period 1st December 2018 to 30th November 2019.

The principal source of COOL's income remains regular pledged donations from local supporters, both individuals and church organisations. Over the year, the level of donations has remained steady compared with the previous year. Other, non-pledged and ad-hoc donations have increased considerably. Income was also boosted by the sale of the van. Contributions from our local church partners have been consistent. Expenditure during the year has significantly increased, as expected, now that our Youth Worker, Timmy, is fully employed. The year has shown an excess of expenditure over income, but not to the extent forecast at the beginning of the year.

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 supporters which enabled the background work of COOL to be maintained.

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 £46,257 plus £1,206 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 21st January 2020 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 2019 as set out on pages 10 to 12.

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: 21st January 2020

Statement of Receipts and Payments, for Period 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last
Receipts					
Individual Pledged Donations		13729		13729	17843
Other Personal Donations		4160		4160	150
Pledged Church Donations		3880		3880	4230
Other Church Donations		607		607	569
Gift Aid from HMRC		3105		3105	3515
Open Door Café		1000		1000	1875
Easyfundraising	1	233		233	227
Special Events		134		134	225
Peru		0		0	1000
Books and Bibles donations		115		115	166
Other receipts		2500		2500	74
Bank Interest		69		69	71
Special Donations		0		0	650
Total Receipts		29532	0	29532	30595
Payments					
Youth Worker Employment costs		25435		25435	7361
Youth Worker Travel		2358		2358	792
Youth Worker Expenses		542		542	112
Youth Worker Telephone		0		0	59
Administration & Publicity	2	2056		2056	977
Other Sundries		0		0	390
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme		2004		2004	2004
Insurance		576		576	600
Staff Development		314		314	504
Special Events		638		638	1068
Peru		0		0	1001
Other activities/equipment		330		330	699
Books and Bibles purchased		0		0	100
Payments Subtotal		34253	0	34253	15667
Capital Expenditure					
Total Payments		34253	0	34253	37122
Net receipts / (payments)		-4721	0	-4721	4258
Transfers to / (from) funds					
Surplus / (deficit) for year		-4721	0	-4721	4258

Statement of Balances, as at 30 November 2019

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Total Last Year (£)
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank Balances at start of year	50978	1206	52184	37255
Surplus / (deficit) as shown on Receipts and Payments Account	-4721		-4721	14929
Bank balances at end of year	46257	1206	47463	50978

Bank Balances

General Account			20669	25420
Deposit Account			15044	15014
Peru Account			1206	1206
Virgin Money Account			10544	10544
			47463	52184

Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)

	Purchase Cost (£)	Current value (£)	Value at Last Year end (£)
Laptop	679	509	679
Projector	366	92	183
External hard drive	115	28	57
Brother mono laser printer	40	10	20
Popcorn maker	250	63	125

Approved by the Trustees on 21st January 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



C. MacDonald, Chairperson

Notes to the Accounts, for Period 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019

1. Easyfundraising.org.uk gave £233 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. Administration & Publicity includes Office rental of £1920.