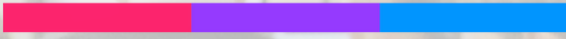




Prewired



**2021
2022**

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Autumn 2022

Scottish Charity Number SC047780

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Report



Administrative Information

Prewired Trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee Name	Office	Until	From
Ewan Klein	Chair	Oct 2021	
Benjamin Milne	Chair		Oct 2021
Oliver Littlejohn	Deputy Chair	Oct 2021	
Yula Syahrial	Treasurer		
Rikki Guy	Secretary	Oct 2021	
Claire Wheelan	Secretary		Oct 2021
Kelly Gardner	Secretary		Aug 2022
Freda O'Byrne	Child Protection Officer	Oct 2021	
Athina Frantzana	Child Protection Officer		Oct 2021
Charlotte Holland	Sessions Co-Ordinator		Oct 2021
Helen Williams			
Cameron Gray			
Jelmer van der Linde			Oct 2021
Chuks Ododo			Oct 2021

Independent Examiner: Alistair Christie

Structure and Governance

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was registered in its current legal form on 27 September 2017. The charity was an unincorporated association before changing its legal form to a SCIO. Its governing document is a Constitution, according to which the charity has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Trustees must retire from office at Annual General Meeting but will be deemed to have been re-elected except under certain conditions. In addition, the board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of eleven trustees.



Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes



Prewired's charitable purpose is to advance the education of young people and in furtherance of this:

- to encourage young people to become active participants in creatively using and building digital technologies;
- to provide a supportive environment in which young people can work collaboratively with their peers and with more experienced mentors to develop their digital skills and undertake individual and team projects; and
- to support mentors in building on their existing strengths and in acquiring new skills by working with young people, and to support them in demonstrating how they have developed personally and how they have made a positive impact.

Prewired is a programming club for young people under the age of 19 and is based in

Edinburgh. Participants attend weekly evening sessions where they improve their skills in digital technologies within a friendly, collaborative, and supportive environment. They

pursue a wide variety of projects, including web development, mobile applications, games and constructing robots and other hardware devices.

Prewired sets no lower bound on the age or experience of participants, as these do not help us to understand an individual's abilities or potential. The only requirement for attendance is enthusiasm about programming and a desire to learn. We think technology can help us move towards a better world, but only if future generations understand the opportunities it brings and the impact it can have.

Activities

At the beginning of 2021 Prewired was awarded funding from Creative Informatics' Resident Entrepreneur programme to support research into ways which could more effectively take Prewired online. We decided that as we were unable to provide our usual Prewired Summer Hackathon, we would instead run not one, not two - but three hackathons entirely online. These were very successful with an average attendance of ~9 attendees per 2-week-long "sprint". This was a significant increase from our initial attempts to take Prewired online in 2020. A showcase of the projects created during the sprints can be found online here: <https://eodd.prewired.org/>

In October of 2021 a number of long-term Trustees stepped down and were succeeded by existing and new volunteers from partner organisations. The board welcomes fresh perspectives on Prewired's activities and hopes the previous Trustees are enjoying a well-earned rest.

In early 2022 we began preparing for our return to physical sessions. Following strict adherence to governmental social distancing guidance, Prewired was finally able to safely and slowly welcome attendees back in April 2022, with weekly sessions returning to a regular schedule.

Our measured return to physical sessions has allowed us to connect with old and new attendees, while also building up our network of supportive mentors and volunteers. Our increased social media presence has helped us grow our engaged online audience and a number of new partnership opportunities have arisen which will allow us to expand our workshop offerings as we move into 2023.

While we had initial difficulties obtaining PVG Disclosure certificates due to COVID-19 backlog, we are now regularly adding more volunteers to our mentor community and in September 2022 we ran our first training evening for our new cohort of mentors. We are also continuing to experiment with running occasional themed workshops (e.g. on battery choice, and on using different types of hardware, like Microbits) and plan to incorporate more workshops into our regular club schedule, specifically for our younger audiences who may need more guided tasks.





Financial Review

Since our activities continued to be suspended for the majority of the year, we have not incurred our usual running expenses. Our main expenditure has been our annual insurance renewal.

Policy on Reserves

Because of the suspension of our usual activities, we have not considered it necessary to maintain a specific level of reserves.



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Benjamin Milne
Chair
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Financial Statement

Receipts and payments for the year to 31 March	2022	2021
Receipts	£	£
Donations - Unrestricted	5.23	-
Donations - Restricted	7,200.00	4,800.00
Total Receipts for Year	7,205.23	4,800.00
Payments	£	£
Salary - Restricted	8,400.00	3,400.00
Equipment	910.80	-
Insurance	208.76	205.90
PAT Test & Licence	72.45	-
Domain Registration	-	-
Sundry Expenses (snacks & soft drinks)	-	31.20
Office Supplies	-	-
Lottery-Prize Draw	50.00	-
Total Payments for the Year	9,642.01	3,574.70
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(2,436.78)	1,225.30
Balances as at 31 March	2022	2021
Of which:	£	£
Bank Balance as at 1 April	4,498.19	3,304.09
Excess of Receipts over Payments - Unrestricted	(275.98)	(174.70)
Excess of Receipts over Payments - Restricted	(2,160.80)	1,400.00
Bank Balance as at 31 March	2,061.41	4,529.39

Funds Analysis		
Unrestricted Funds brought forward	298.20	472.90
Surplus/(Deficit)for the year	(275.98)	(174.70)
Unrestricted Funds carried Forward	22.22	298.20
Restricted Funds brought forward	4,199.99	2,799.99
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,160.80)	1,400.00
Restricted Funds Carried forward	2,039.19	4,199.99
Total Funds as at 31 March	2,061.41	4,498.19
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account, Royal Bank of Scotland	2,061.41	4,498.19
Less outstanding payment carried forward	-	31.20
Add back outstanding payment	-	(31.20)
	2,061.41	4,498.19

Notes to Financial Statement

Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the organisation and for the day-to-day running expenses.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are assessed as to whether there are indications of impairment

IT Equipment	2021	2022
	Cost	Current Value
	£	£
	<u>910</u>	<u>835</u>

Trustee Remuneration and Related Party transactions

Due to the extension of the Prewired ++ project with Edinburgh University there was a short period of time during which one of the trustees held the position of Chair and data and computing manager for which latter role the individual received remuneration amounting to £1,800.

Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on page 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's 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 2006 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 particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by 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, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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