



Peace & Justice

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the Year ended
31 December 2023**

Scottish Charity No: SC 026864

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Reference and Administrative information For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Scottish Charity Number:

SC 026864

Management Committee (Trustees):

The following were members of the management committee (trustees of the charity)

Current Trustees

David Somervell	(Convener)
Jan Benvie	(Secretary)
Seonaid Stewart	(Treasurer)
Agatha Kai-kai	(Joined October 2023)

Trustees who resigned during the year

Juliette Daigre	(Resigned September 2023)
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Staff:

Jane Herbstritt	(Administration and information officer)
Janet Fenton	(Development officer freelance until March 2023)
Steve Gowenlock	(Peacebuilding coordinator June – September 2023)
Mark Birkett	(Peacebuilding coordinator September 2023 – present day)

Independent examiner:

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Annual Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with accounting regulations for Scottish charities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Peace & Justice (formerly Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre) is an unincorporated body, established by constitution in 2010, and is registered as a Scottish Charity (SC 026864). The management of Peace & Justice is entrusted to a Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Committee during the year. Further reference and administrative information, including the names of trustees, is shown on page 2.

Charitable Purposes

The principal objects of the Centre are:

- i. To promote understanding of methods of conflict resolution, the maintenance of human rights, and the environmental conditions needed for a sustainable world order, doing so by the provision of an information and educational resource centre for the general public and for various charitable bodies that work in the same fields.
- ii. to promote the above objects in a way which maintains ethnic, religious, gender and party-political neutrality.

And our Values: Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution, Alternatives to War, Human Rights, Ecological Responsibility.

The objects, powers and restrictions are set out in full in the constitution.

Review of Activities

Joint premises at Words & actions for peace and partnership with Secure Scotland

Peace & Justice continue to be based at 58 Ratcliffe Terrace where we share responsibility together with Secure Scotland for keeping the space open and welcoming members of the public Monday – Friday, 10am till 4pm. The lovely shop front allows us to have a public presence, and it is also useful for meetings and events. We are very grateful for Secure Scotland enabling us to share the space rent-free during 2023 thanks to their grant from JRCT.

Our partnership with Secure Scotland has led to a number of shared events during 2023 including an exhibition of photos bearing witness to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, which were displayed during August.

Throughout 2023 we worked with Secure Scotland to hold monthly Sunday lunches at the premises, providing bread and soup in exchange for discussion about our work, and general friendly chat between 12 and 2pm on the last weekend of the month. We have also been producing a joint newsletter which is printed and displayed at the centre for members of the public to take to read.

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Annual Report of the Trustees (continued)

Review of Activities (continued)

Staff changes

Our administration and information coordinator Jane Herbstritt continues to be employed by P&J working 12 hours a week - one day at the centre and a short day from home each week.

Janet Fenton was employed on a freelance basis as P&J's development officer until the end of March 2023. She played a valuable role, taking over from Brian Larkin when he went off on long term sick leave, and helped us envision the direction of the organisation without Brian at the helm. We continue to work closely with her in her role as founder and organiser for Secure Scotland, and also as the key organiser for our premises at Words & Action for Peace.

In May, we recruited for a peacebuilding coordinator, employing Steve Gowenlock in June. Using his prior knowledge and the connections in his previous job, Steve came up with the idea of a peace garden that could be used as a way of bringing together individuals and communities, specifically focusing on 'New Scots'; asylum seekers and refugees.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Steve had to step back from his role as peacebuilding coordinator, though he successfully laid the foundations to this new project which has been taken up by the current Peacebuilding Coordinator Mark Birkett. Steve continues to support the peace garden work, and is also working with the fundraising working group to look for grants for the project as well as core work.

Mark Birkett was employed as peacebuilding coordinator from September 2023, working 3 days a week.

New peacebuilding initiatives

Alongside the Peace Garden, and using his own connections, Mark has gone on to establish two complimentary projects alongside the Peace Garden. These are the peace camp and 51 Strangers. Both projects are focused on young people, reacting to a report published by the University of Glasgow - "Youth-Led Peace: The Role of Youth in Peace Processes" - which highlighted the ways in which young people are often excluded from the peace process. In the next stage of its evolution, Peace & Justice aims to reimagine its place within the peace network across Scotland, reacting to the current technological and sociopolitical landscape as well as proactively taking steps to carve out new creative ways of peacebuilding.

During 2023, Mark's initial focus was on raising the funds for and developing the peace garden. Plans for a peace camp and the 51 Strangers will be more fully developed in 2024.

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden is a collaborative project between Peace & Justice, Bridgend Farmhouse, and Multicultural Family Base. Members of each organisation formed a steering group who have guided the project from the planning stages during the end of 2023 to the construction stage in the spring and summer of 2024. Through a programme of workshops, equipping participants with new skills, the Peace Garden has taken shape and fulfilled its aim to engage and connect people from different cultural and economic backgrounds.

In the future, we plan to build on the connections created by the Peace Garden project, both interpersonal and organisational, using the garden space as a venue for future workshops centred on conflict resolution and transformation.

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Annual Report of the Trustees (continued)

Review of Activities (continued)

The Peace Garden will be a resource for peace education, with the potential for new garden projects developing out of the model we have created together. As we secure more funding and develop upon these solid foundations, the Peace Garden will no doubt adapt to new ideas. It is a strength of the project that in its DNA is a flexibility that allows it to change and mold to new contexts. Throughout its creation we have emphasised the importance of the process over the end product. Indeed, we are less concerned by what we create and more concerned about the process it takes to create. It will be exciting to see how the Peace Garden develops over the coming years.

Peacebuilding events and Opposing War Memorial

P&J continued to mark Conscientious Objectors day in May 2023, with a vigil on Princes Street Gardens where we remembered Conscientious Objectors around the world. Anne McCulloch-d'Lyske from Conscience Scotland compered the event that was supported by SWILPF, Secure Scotland, and Pax Christi Scotland with thanks to Protest in Harmony for the wonderful music which included 'We refuse' based on an open letter from teenage Israeli COs to Prime Minister Netanyahu in 2018.

Before he left P&J, Steve Gowenlock was instrumental in organising our annual Carnall Peace Award which was won by by Zoughbi Al'Zoughbi, centre director of Wi'am, the Palestinian conflict transformation centre in Bethlehem. Little were we to know how dramatically the situation in Israel/Palestine would change only a month later.

The hybrid event took place both on Zoom and in person at the Augustinian United Church on 20 September, with 50 people in-person attendees and an additional 25 on Zoom. As well as a lecture from Zoughbi Al'Zoughbi, the founder and director of Wi'am, the audience also heard from Jasmin Aden from One Community Scotland (Scottish Violence Reduction Unit) who talked about her work with young 'New Scots' ; Trishna Singh spoke about the work of her agency Sikh Sanjog with the Bhat Sikh community in Leith, and Colin Waters spoke about the work of the Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution.

The event talks and discussion helped to point P&J to some ideas of how we might support Scottish civil society capacity building for peace and conflict resolution. We also made helpful links with the organisations who provided speakers, and with the Fellowship of Reconciliation through the chair John Cooper.

Opposing War Memorial

The steering group re-formed at the end of 2022, and there has been some consultation with the council about a possible place for some sort of CO memorial that, although smaller than the original plans intended.

One great development has been the planting of a handkerchief tree in Princes Street Gardens that P&J sponsored. It has a plaque beneath it remembering Conscientious Objectors around the world. There is also now a peace bench near to the newly planted peace tree commemorating Conscientious Objectors.

We are hoping to make progress towards the next stages of the Opposing War Memorial in 2024.

In November, our alternative Remembrance Day event had more than 50 participants, many sharing very thoughtful contributions of poems or words about the need to remember the victims of war and call for peace. We met in the Quaker meeting house, then walked down to the peace tree to place a wreath of white poppies there. The peace tree was also part of the peace walk around notable sites in Edinburgh ahead of our AGM in 2023.

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Review of Activities (continued)

Passing of Brian Larkin

We were very sorry to hear in September 2023 of the death of Brian Larkin, who had resigned from his role as coordinator of the centre in 2022 due to ill health. Tributes to Brian poured into P&J after we heard the news. Board members, volunteers and members of P&J all have fond memories of working with Brian. He was a kind and thoughtful person, passionate peace campaigner, incredibly hard worker and truly inspiring person to work with.

You can read an obituary for Brian here: <https://peacenews.info/node/10736/obituary-brian-larkin-3-january-1960-26-august-2023>

Financial Review

Receipts and payments during the year are set out in the statement on page 8. There were net payments of £1,896 in the year, compared to net receipts of £5,842 in the previous year. The Peace-building in schools project finished and the balance of £11,107 was transferred to a designated fund for peace-building projects.

Income and Expenditure were 57% and 48% lower respectively than the previous year.

We are very grateful to all who support the charity through grants, donations, monthly standing orders, gift aid and fundraising activities.

Details of the balances at the start and end of the year are shown on page 9. Balances of £61,938 are carried forward with £41,474 of this held for restricted funds.

Details of the movement on funds are shown in note 7 on page 11. Restricted fund balances carried forward amount to £41,474 including £40,316 for the OWM project, and £798 for the Cranes project.

Excluding the balance of £17,585 in the designated fund for peace-building projects there is a balance of £2,879 remaining in unrestricted funds, which represents the free reserves of the charity. The policy of the charity is to maintain reserves at a level of at least half a year's normal expenditure. The current free reserves represent between 1 and 2 months of normal expenditure.

Approved by the Trustees on 1 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jan Benvie

Trustee

Date: 6 September 2024

Report of the Independent Examiner To the Trustees of Peace & Justice

I report on the accounts of Peace & Justice (the charity) for the year to 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

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 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 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 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 Regulationshave 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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Date: 6 September 2024

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts:					
Membership Subscriptions		5,309	-	5,309	6,011
Grants	3	1,000	-	1,000	33,500
Donations & fund-raising	4	10,977	-	10,977	11,379
Gift aid		4,905	-	4,905	2,808
Bank interest		455	-	455	26
Other income		205	-	205	-
Total receipts		<u>22,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,851</u>	<u>53,724</u>
Payments:					
Staff costs		19,650	-	19,650	26,854
Opposing War Memorial direct costs		-	1,000	1,000	-
Peace-building direct costs		-	1,500	1,500	-
Cranes project direct costs		-	500	500	10,356
Resource Materials		35	-	35	42
Events, publicity and printing		466	-	466	8,259
Office expenses		497	101	598	678
Insurance		893	-	893	973
Accountancy & independent examination		-	-	-	600
Other expenses		105	-	105	120
Total payments		<u>21,646</u>	<u>3,101</u>	<u>24,747</u>	<u>47,882</u>
Net (payments) / receipts in year		1,205	(3,101)	(1,896)	5,842
Transfers		<u>11,107</u>	<u>(11,107)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in year		12,312	(14,208)	(1,896)	5,842
Balance brought forward		<u>8,152</u>	<u>55,682</u>	<u>63,834</u>	<u>57,992</u>
Balance carried forward		<u><u>20,464</u></u>	<u><u>41,474</u></u>	<u><u>61,938</u></u>	<u><u>63,834</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation:				
Opening funds	8,152	55,682	63,834	57,992
Net movement in year	<u>12,312</u>	<u>(14,208)</u>	<u>(1,896)</u>	<u>5,842</u>
Closing funds	<u>20,464</u>	<u>41,474</u>	<u>61,938</u>	<u>63,834</u>

Closing bank & cash balances:

Current bank account	9,769	-	9,769	11,927
Deposit bank account	10,673	41,474	52,147	51,692
PayPal balance	<u>22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>215</u>
<i>Total closing bank & cash balances</i>	<u>20,464</u>	<u>41,474</u>	<u>61,938</u>	<u>63,834</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
Liabilities:		
Accountancy & independent examination	600	300
HMRC - payroll liabilities	640	403
Pension liability	52	52
Consultant Co-ordinator	-	750
External Contractors [Peace Building project]	-	1,500
External Contractors [Crane's project]	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>1,292</u>	<u>3,505</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 1 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jan Benvie

Date: 6 September 2024

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in furtherance of any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. *Designated funds* are set aside out of unrestricted funds for particular purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Details of each fund are shown in note 7 below.

3. Grants	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>for Peace-building projects</i>				
Nancy Massey Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
<i>for Core costs</i>				
Lansbury House Trust Fund	-	-	-	12,300
Peoples Postcode	-	-	-	1,068
<i>for Cranes project</i>				
Peoples Postcode	-	-	-	10,182
Creative Scotland	-	-	-	3,750
LocalGiving Ltd	-	-	-	500
<i>for Peace-building in Schools project:</i>				
Lansbury House Trust Fund	-	-	-	5,700
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>33,500</u>
4. Donations & fund-raising	£	£	£	£
for Peace-building projects	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Crowdfunder for Peace-building projects	2,957	-	2,957	-
for Cranes project	-	-	-	202
for general purposes	520	-	520	3,677
	<u>10,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,977</u>	<u>11,379</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the current year and no expenses reimbursed.

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				2023 £	2022 £
6. Paid in the previous year for accounts preparation and independent examination for 2020 and 2021.				-	600
7. Movement in Funds	At				At
	1.1.23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31.12.23
Restricted funds:	£	£	£	£	£
Peace-building in Schools	12,607	-	(1,500)	(11,107)	-
Opposing War Memorial	41,417	-	(1,101)	-	40,316
Cranes project	1,298	-	(500)	-	798
Weave Community	360	-	-	-	360
Total restricted	55,682	-	(3,101)	(11,107)	41,474
Unrestricted funds:					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Legacy Fund	8,152	-	-	(5,273)	2,879
Peace-building projects	-	14,457	(7,979)	11,107	17,585
<i>Total Designated funds</i>	8,152	14,457	(7,979)	5,834	20,464
General fund	-	8,394	(13,667)	5,273	-
Total unrestricted	8,152	22,851	(21,646)	11,107	20,464
Total funds	63,834	22,851	(24,747)	-	61,938

Notes:

At the end of the previous year £1,500 was due to external contractors. The peace-building in schools project is now ended and permission was given by donors to allocate the remaining funds to other peace-building projects. An unrestricted designated fund for peace-building projects has been created.

Expenditure during the year for the *Opposing War Memorial* (formerly the *Conscientious Objector Memorial*) comprises £1,000 for external contractors and an allocation of office overheads.

Direct expenditure of £500 was paid to external contractors for curatorial and co-curatorial services.

The role of the Centre as custodian of funds for the Scottish Peace Network ceased in 2018 with the transfer of remaining funds to the SPN. The Centre holds a small fund (£360) on behalf of the Weave Community Edinburgh.

The *designated legacy fund* arises from a legacy of £50,000 received in 2017 plus a final payment of £9,321 received in 2018.