

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

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YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021



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Organisational information

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Management committee

Hana Shono	Convenor
Georgiana Bugeag	Vice Convenor
Gari Donn	Executive Director of UN House Scotland
Patricia Cacho	Secretary
Gari Donn	Treasurer
Angela Watt	Alloa Branch delegate
Joe Ochei	Aberdeen Branch delegate
Laura Van Overbeek Crusells	Dundee Branch delegate
Elaine Paterson	Edinburgh Branch delegate
Fatima Iftikhar	Glasgow Branch delegate (
Anna Pilgrim	St Andrews Branch delegate
Lynn Hansen	Stirling Branch delegate

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Chair's Report

To ensure we remained on track, UNA Scotland reviewed the three goals from the previous year:

1. Define the UNHS / UNAS relationship both internally for ourselves and externally for others
2. Strengthen existing partnerships and, where possible, form new ones with different organisations and UNAs in Scotland and the UK
3. Nurture partnerships within our branches at UNAS

It was ultimately decided that while work was made towards these goals it would be helpful to maintain them throughout.

Our Constitution changed in keeping with the first goals to better define the relationship between UNAS and UNHS as well as that of the branches by introducing two sub-committees: UNHS and branch representatives. It is hoped that further changes to better showcase UNAS' management structure and projects would be made by continuing the constitution and strategy working groups.

We were very fortunate to have been able to maintain relationships with UKCSW, ICAN, the Wellbeing Economy, UNA-UK, EUAC, TogetherFirst and UNA Central Region as well as Heartstone, a project dedicated to the awareness of Kosovo through photographs. The continuation of Beyond COP in particular with UNA-USA and various other UNAs across the world was critical to ensuring that UNAS remained in touch with other UNAs around the world. It is hoped that this would continue.

The different branches across Scotland have also had a fantastic year building exhibitions with Heartstone and organising events and fundraising of their own.

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UNHS has also been significant in the work of UNAS both nationally and internationally with various teams and their members supporting and contributing to its growth. Through Roundtables both online and in person to MUNs in schools in Scotland, there is much that continues to raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals and moving towards our own goals to strengthen and nurture.

It has been a pleasure to be Chair of UNA Scotland as we continue to grow and remain supported by kind and dedicated individuals and communities across the world. We look forward to working in harmony for peace and sustainability.

Alloa Branch Report

The Alloa Branch is a recent addition to the UNAS family and has been in discussions across our community to find an inclusive way forwards for the work to benefit our community, both locally and globally. We have held events, we have instigated many conversations and discussions and we have shared the work of the UNA Scotland and the connections of this work to the global UN efforts.

UNAS Alloa Branch have, through listening to the concerns and worries of local people, elected to work towards the Sustainable Development Goal 17 'Partnerships for the Goals'. Across our community the impact of the cost of living crisis, currently means that 1 in 4 children in Clackmannanshire are living in poverty. The Ukraine Russia war, and the Israel Hamas war are both leading to a growing level of polarization in our community; for people are increasingly living in fear of difference. With these points and many others that have been contributed over the last months, the Alloa Branch will lead on building partnerships for encouraging us all to work together, to develop belonging , to increase kindness sharing and to achieve the remainder of the SDGs.

Edinburgh Branch Report

The period November 2022 to October 2023 has seen UNA Edinburgh branch continuing with its support of the work and activities of UN House Scotland (UNHS). As UNHS operates from the office owned by UNA Edinburgh, there is a close working relationship between these UN grassroots organisations. In particular, UNAE has been pleased to ensure that all office expenses (electricity, water supplies, IT charges) are taken by UNAS (as the legal entity under which UNHS operates).

There have been over ten events and meetings that UNAE has been able to attend and in some cases, jointly host. These include projects on many SDGs - No Hunger, No Poverty, Health, Education, Gender, Cities, Climate, Human Rights, Peace Security and Strong Institutions.

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Glasgow Branch Report

In the past year, the UN Association Glasgow has executed a series of impactful initiatives aimed at community engagement and global advocacy. These activities include:

1. **Recruitment Campaign:** Conducted a successful recruitment campaign for the Glasgow branch, distributing informative flyers and posters across key locations to attract new members and talent.
2. **Collaboration for SDGs:** Partnered with local organizations to raise awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the community, fostering understanding and action towards achieving these global objectives.
3. **Focus on Climate Justice:** Prioritized climate change and climate justice issues through various advocacy efforts, emphasizing the importance of addressing environmental challenges and promoting equity in climate action.
4. **Social Media Advocacy:** Leveraged social media platforms to launch impactful campaigns highlighting human rights violations and raising awareness about pressing global issues, reinforcing the association's commitment to advocacy and social justice.

These activities reflect the association's dedication to advancing the UN's mission and contributing to positive change at both local and global levels.

Highlands and Islands Branch Report

At the beginning of the year UNA Highlands and Islands focussed on bringing the work of the UNHS Local Sustainable Development Review team to events at COP26, in particular showcasing a dashboard for local authorities visualising progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and National Performance Framework at Scottish local authority level.

A highlight after COP26 was participating in the Glasgow Remembrance Day parade with a branch member as UN flag bearer. Although the rest of the year was quiet, we are looking forward to developing local events and recruiting more members during the next year."

UNA St Andrews Report

UNA St Andrews has focused on strengthening partnerships with other societies and raising awareness on current issues at local, national and international scales.

We made fundraising for charities and NGOs a priority, collaborating with societies such as St AndReuse and Transition St Andrews in order to arrange twice monthly events which included sustainable craft socials, film screenings, themed pub quizzes and bake sales, with all profits going to several different charities.

We also focussed a lot of our efforts on raising awareness of current issues by hosting monthly speaker events. Working with societies such as Women for Women St

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Andrews and Refugee Action St Andrews, discussions concerning gender based violence and issues facing asylum seekers and refugees in the United Kingdom were hosted in collaboration with St Andrews University Staff and representatives from Scottish NGOs such as Amina, the Muslim Women's Resource Centre.

The Parliamentary One Pager team developed infographics which give information on the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) Act and its implications, as well the Gender Reform Bill. We also created the "micro-POP" which oriented the POP research topics to a more local focus, concerning the St Andrews community.

UNA St Andrews revived the Podcast team this year; we produced Global Politics-oriented Recap episodes every month, as well as episodes concerning specific topical issues such as forced migration and intersectionality.

Stirling Branch Report

UNA Stirling are very pleased to announce that UNA Stirling relaunched its branch in January 2023.

Throughout the first half of the year, we focused mostly on establishing ourselves within Stirling and increasing our branch membership. We conducted most of our events online via Zoom.

We also collaborated with UNA Alloa to celebrate the UN Living Together in Peace World Day. Our aim was to creatively promote the ideals of peaceful coexistence and unity. On 16th May 2023, UNA Stirling held an Art & Peace workshop and exhibition at the University of Stirling.

At the beginning of the academic year 2023/4, UNA Stirling continued its efforts to engage with the community through various initiatives, and we carried out our Annual Give it a Go event. Additionally, we collaborated with the UN Politics Society to organize a Model United Nations (MUN) simulation in October 2023.

The Report was approved by the Management Committee on 22.7.2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Hana Shono
Chair UNAS

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UNHS Report

UN House Scotland, part of UNAScotland, is a civil society organisation committed to strengthening the implementation of the UN goals and values at grassroots levels, especially the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[Please see the UNHS Annual Report \(attached\)](#)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of United Nations Association Scotland

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 October 2023 which are set out on pages 9-15.

Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner

The management committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the branch constitution and relevant regulations and accounting standards. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the entity 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that:

- Proper accounting records have not been kept, or
- That the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michael Hynds, FCA

Omicron Consulting International Limited

Independent examiner

Date: 17.5.2024

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Statement of financial affairs for the period ending 31 October 2023	2023	2022
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Grant income		
Restricted grants	59,378.34	40,667.00
Unrestricted income	4,174.02	1,147.36
Affiliation fees	720.00	720.00
Total incoming resources	64,272.36	42,534.36
Resources expended		
Charitable activities	51,581.76	36,612.32
General expenses	7,397.59	10,631.22
Total resources expended	58,979.35	47,243.54
(Deficit)/surplus	5,293.01	(4,709.18)

Statement of financial position as at 31 October 2022	2023	2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	10,964.10	5,671.09
Net assets	10,964.10	5,671.09
Funds		
Restricted funds	10,964.10	5,671.09
Unrestricted funds		
Total funds	10,964.10	5,671.09

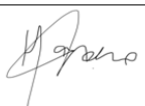
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		UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND						SC048547	
		Receipts and payments accounts							
		For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day	Month		Year	Day	Month		Year		
01	Nov		2022	31	Oct		2023		
Section A Statement of receipts and payments									
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period			
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £			
A1 Receipts									
Donations	4,174.02				4,174.02	1,147.36			
Legacies					-				
Grants		59,378.34			59,378.34	40,667.00			
Receipts from fundraising activities					-				
Gross trading receipts					-				
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-				
Rents from land & buildings					-				
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	720.00				720.00	720.00			
					-				
A1 Sub total	4,894.02	59,378.34	-	-	64,272.36	42,534.36			
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales									
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-				
Proceeds from sale of investments					-				
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Total receipts	4,894	59,378	-	-	64,272	42,534			
A3 Payments									
Expenses for fundraising activities					-				
Gross trading payments					-				
Investment management costs					-				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		51,581.76			51,581.76	36,612.32			
Grants and donations					-				
Governance costs:					-				
Audit / independent examination					-				
Preparation of annual accounts					-				
Legal costs					-				
Other	7,397.59				7,397.59	10,631.22			
					-				
A3 Sub total	7,397.59	51,581.76	-	-	58,979.35	47,243.54			
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements									
Purchases of fixed assets					-				
Purchase of investments					-				
					-				
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Total payments	7,397.59	51,581.76	-	-	58,979.35	47,243.54			
Net receipts / (payments)	(2,503.57)	7,796.58	-	-	5,293.01	(4,709.18)			
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-				
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,503.57)	7,796.58	-	-	5,293.01	(4,709.18)			

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Section B Statement of balances							
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year		5,671.09	-	-	5,671.09	10,380.27
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(2,503.57)	7,796.58			5,293.01	(4,709.18)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	(2,503.57)	13,467.67	-	-	10,964.10	5,671.09
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments							
				Total		-	-
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets							
			Total		-	-	
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities							
			Total		-	-	
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			Total		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name					Date of approval
		Hana Shono, Vice Convenor UNAScotland					29 June 2024

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Section C Notes to the Accounts		
C1 Nature and purpose of funds <i>(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)</i>	<p>Funds comprise affiliation fees, private donations and grants received from grant-making and other institutions to enable the organisation to carry out its charitable objects. This included a number of seminars organised throughout the accounting period, paid for from incoming funds. Day-to-day running costs, including subscriptions, internet, heat and light, insurance, telephone, travel and cleaning costs, were also met from incoming funds.</p>	
C2 Grants	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution
		Number of grants made
		£
	Conferences and seminars	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons</p> <p>UNRWA</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> </div> </div>
		59,073.34
		305.00
		Total
		59,378.34
C3a Trustee remuneration	<p>If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)</p>	
		X
C3b Trustee remuneration - details	Authority under which paid	£
C4a Trustee expenses	<p>If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)</p>	
		X
C4b Trustee expenses - details		Number of trustees
		£
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction
		Transaction amount (£)
		Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C6 Other information		

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Additional analysis (1)						
Analysis of receipts and payments						
1 Donations						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
United Nations Association Scotland office rent/projects	4,174.02				4,174.02	1,147.36
Total	4,174.02	-	-	-	4,174.02	1,147.36
	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Grants						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £			to nearest £	to nearest £
The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust-International		59,073.34			59,073.34	30,000.00
The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust-Secure						6,667.00
History Project						3,000.00
Wise Medact						1,000.00
UNWRA		305.00			305.00	-
		-			-	-
Total	-	59,378.34			59,378.34	40,667.00
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Affiliation fees	720.00				720.00	720.00
					-	-
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons		51,581.76			51,581.76	29,945.32
Secure Scotland					-	6,667.00
					-	-
	-	51,581.76	-	-	51,581.76	36,612.32

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Additional analysis (2)						
5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds						
	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below		
	General funds				Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	4,174.02				4,174.02	1,147.36
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	720.00				720.00	720.00
Sub total	4,894.02	-	-	-	4,894.02	1,867.36
					-	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,894.02	-	-	-	4,894.02	1,867.36
					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-				-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
General administration and office costs	7,397.59				7,397.59	10,631.22
					-	
Sub total	7,397.59	-	-	-	7,397.59	10,631.22
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Net receipts / (payments)	(2,503.57)	-	-	-	(2,503.57)	(8,763.86)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(2,503.57)	-	-	-	(2,503.57)	(8,763.86)
Nature and purpose of funds						
Funds include affiliation fees, private donations and grants received from grant-making and other institutions to enable the organisation to carry out its charitable objects. These included a number of seminars organised throughout the accounting period, paid for from incoming funds and reserves. Day-to-day running costs were also met from incoming funds and reserves.						

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Additional analysis (3)						
6 Breakdown of restricted funds						
	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below		
	Restricted funds				Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	59,378.34				59,378.34	40,667.00
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	59,378.34	-	-	-	59,378.34	40,667.00
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,378.34	-	-	-	59,378.34	40,667.00
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	51,581.76				51,581.76	36,612.32
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	51,581.76	-	-	-	51,581.76	36,612.32
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Net receipts / (payments)	7,796.58	-	-	-	7,796.58	4,054.68
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	7,796.58	-	-	-	7,796.58	4,054.68
Nature and purpose of funds						
Funds comprise grants received from grant-making and other institutions to enable the organisation to carry out its charitable objects. This included a number of seminars organised throughout the accounting period, paid for from incoming funds and reserves.						