

2GETHER
**(PAISLEY & DISTRICT
EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE)**

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Scottish charity number: SC029653



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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2017.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name: 2gether (Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance)

Also known as: 2gether

Charity registration number: SC029653

Registered office: 29 Glenvilla Circle, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA2 8TS

Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 8 Church Street, Johnstone, PA5 8DX
Bank of Scotland plc, The Cross, Paisley, PA1 1DB

Website: www.2gether-renfrewshire.org.uk
www.paisley.streetpastors.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/2getherRenfrewshire
www.facebook.com/PaisleyStreetPastors

Twitter: @2gether_PDEA
@PaisleySP

Trustees

The committee of the charity are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The following served as charity trustees during the year and continue to serve on an ongoing basis up to the date of this report:

Philip Arbon	Chairman
Hugh Chalk	
Graeme Clark	
Peter Gill	
Christopher Greenhalgh	
David McGregor	Treasurer
Kenneth Trench	
Amy Walker	

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Zgether (Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance) ("the charity") is a charitable unincorporated association and is a registered Scottish charity (no SC029653), governed by its written constitution. The charity is a local evangelical fellowship of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

Appointment of trustees

The charity's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by members annually at the Annual General Meeting and in accordance with the terms contained in the charity's constitution.

Administrative Structure

The committee are responsible for the overall direction of the charity and serve on a voluntary basis.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian Religion by:
 - encouraging unity between evangelical Christians and churches throughout the area through communication and co-operation as a pan-evangelical, membership body;
 - co-ordinating evangelical Christian work in the area;
 - being a 'voice' for the evangelical community to local government and media
 - providing a link with the National Evangelical Alliance and be a local expression of Evangelical Alliance UK concerns
- To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:

In relation to activities:

- **Inter-church celebrations** took place on a quarterly basis. These events based at different churches throughout the Renfrewshire area, encouraged churches of various denominations to come together for an evening to celebrate Jesus and enjoy the different flavours of worship and teaching at various churches. These events continue to be well attended with often at least fifteen local churches represented.
- For the sixth year running, the **Filling Station summer evening events** were held at Mossvale Community Church, Paisley on seven Wednesday nights throughout the summer months. These events included attendees from churches throughout Renfrewshire coming together to worship and hear from God's word. The services were led by different people each week from many churches adding to the variety and in a celebration of the unity within the churches in the district.
- The **Easter sunrise service** continued to attract a great number of people to joyfully celebrate our Lord's resurrection and share communion together on the Gleniffer Braes, Paisley.
- Facilitation of the weekly **Leaders prayer meeting** – which has become known as 'pastor's church'. This allows leaders of various churches in the area to come together at least once a week to pray and fellowship together.
- The **Renfrewshire Church Leaders Retreat** enables church leaders to be refreshed and recharged as they take time out of their normal activities to come together for a time of worship, teaching and fellowship.
- A **Community Carol Service** was held in the Paisley Piazza shopping centre in December, bringing Renfrewshire churches together to spread the joy of Christmas to Paisley shoppers.

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- **Street Pastors** continued to operate on a Friday evening throughout the year in Paisley town centre. This project has developed this year and now operates on some Saturday evenings throughout the year also. Trustees meet once a month with Street Pastors coordinators before the team goes out to serve. The team are now expanding this work to include Rail Pastors, which is an exciting new development with an aim of working around Paisley Gilmour Street train station as well as on some trains between Paisley and Glasgow.
- We continued to support the **Renfrewshire Foodbank** project by having some of our trustees also serve as trustee of this charity which continues to work collaboratively to meet the needs of local people in crisis situations.

In relation to funding

- Ongoing financial support from our members through their annual subscriptions, and regular gifts.
- Street Pastors volunteers contributed towards the on-going running costs of this project.
- Specific gifts received from both individuals and local churches and other organisations and businesses towards the Street Pastors project.
- Continued participation by supporters in the Gift Aid scheme.
- Occasional gift donations from other supporters.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

- We will continue with the regular inter-church activities to continue to enhance the relationships of Christians in the Renfrewshire area.
- Working closely with the council, police and local churches, the Street Pastors work will continue to be developed. Recruitment of more Street Pastor volunteers will be the priority for the coming year in order to ensure the sustainability of the work going forward.

We are grateful to all our supporters and wish to thank them for their ongoing commitment and encouragement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity reported a surplus of £3,577 (2016: £1,022 deficit) for the year and has accumulated reserves of £6,723 (2016: £3,146) as at the year end. The Paisley Street Pastors restricted fund continued to be well supported by the local community and enabled the project to continue to meet this need within the town.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds (ie. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets) at a level that equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. The charity's unrestricted reserves at 30 September 2017 amounted to £726 (2016: £568). Six months unrestricted expenditure was estimated to be between £1,200 and £1,400 therefore the current level of reserves is not considered by the trustees to be adequate. The trustees are considering fundraising opportunities in order to address the shortfall within the coming year, to include expansion of membership opportunities for individuals and organisations.

Risk Management

All major insurable risks are subject to normal charity and employer's insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the charity's ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the trustees in conjunction with staff and volunteers responsible for the area of activity being reviewed.

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Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the charity's constitution.

Independent examination

The trustees recommend that the accounts are independently examined and Mr Iain Higgins was appointed as independent examiner. The trustees recommend that the services of Mr Higgins are utilised until further notice.

This report was approved by the trustees on 2 November 2017 and signed on their behalf by

Philip Arbon
Chairman

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

I report on the accounts of 2gether (Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance) for the year ending 30 September 2017 which are set out on pages seven to ten.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

Iain Higgins FCCA

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10 November 2017

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 Total £	2016 Total £
RECEIPTS	Note				
Donations	7	1,682	4,005	5,687	3,680
Charitable Activities	8	1,037	550	1,587	1,914
Investment income		1	-	1	2
Fundraising activities		-	474	474	-
Total Receipts		2,720	5,029	7,749	5,596
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities	9	2,512	1,560	4,072	6,518
Governance (Independent Examiners Fee)		50	50	100	100
Total Payments		2,562	1,610	4,172	6,618
Surplus / (deficit) before transfers		158	3,419	3,577	(1,022)
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) after transfers		158	3,419	3,577	(1,022)

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 Total £	2016 Total £
BANK AND CASH IN HAND				
Opening balances	568	2,578	3,146	4,168
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	158	3,419	3,577	(1,022)
Closing balances	726	5,997	6,723	3,146
OTHER ASSETS				
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	375	-	375	497
LIABILITIES				
Evangelical Alliance	224	-	224	-
Independent Examiner's Fee	100	-	100	100
Ascension Trust Levy	-	176	176	-

Approved by the trustees on 2 November 2017 and signed on their behalf by

David McGregor
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Basis of accounting

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

2. Transactions with trustees or connected persons

During the year, one charity trustee received an amount of remuneration for services provided to the charity. The total received during the year was £2,160 (2016: £2,160). The remuneration was paid in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 67 and met the requirements laid down in the Act. In relation to this remuneration, the charity has a Trustee Remuneration Agreement in place which was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the charity on 3 April 2013.

No charity trustee received expenses during the period.

3. Grants received

No grants were received during the period.

4. Grants & Donations made

Gifts to external organisations and individuals are considered by the trustees on the basis of need and are only made to those organisations and activities which are compatible with the charitable objectives of the charity. No gifts were made to political parties.

5. Restricted Funds

	1 Oct 16	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 17
	£	£	£	£	£
Paisley Street Pastors	2,578	5,029	1,610	-	5,997

The Paisley Street Pastors Restricted Fund comprises funding received from various sources to further the work of the Street Pastors project in Paisley which involves a team of volunteers helping and serving those in need on weekend evenings in the town centre.

6. Unrestricted Funds

	1 Oct 16	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 17
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	568	2,720	2,562	-	726

The General Unrestricted Fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

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7. Donations received

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 Total £	2016 Total £
Membership - individuals	207	-	207	382
Membership - organisations	180	-	180	420
Gift Aid Gifts from individuals	228	-	228	253
General Gifts from individuals	90	360	450	250
Gifts from churches/organisations	480	3,645	4,125	2,250
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	497	-	497	125
Total Donations	1,682	4,005	5,687	3,680

8. Charitable activities income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 Total £	2016 Total £
Inter-church celebration offerings	798	-	798	989
Other charitable activities offerings	239	-	239	-
Street Pastors joining fee	-	550	550	925
Total Charitable Activities income	1,037	550	1,587	1,914

9. Charitable Activities payments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 Total £	2016 Total £
Staff costs	2,160	-	2,160	2,160
Evangelical Alliance	-	-	-	559
Insurance	280	-	280	744
Website administration	72	-	72	72
Office supplies	-	-	-	70
Ascension Trust Levy	-	579	579	415
Food	-	36	36	224
Uniforms	-	-	-	924
Flip-flops	-	705	705	1,205
Training & Conferences	-	200	200	-
Printing & Publicity	-	-	-	138
Health & Safety / First Aid	-	40	40	7
Total Charitable Activities payments	2,512	1,560	4,072	6,518

10. Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.