

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

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Scottish charity number: SC029653



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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2015.

Reference and administrative information

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

Also known as: 2gether

Charity registration number: SC029653

Principal office: 31 Broomlands Street, Paisley, PA1 2NG

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 committee serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Philip Arbon (chairman)
Hugh Chalk
Graeme Clark
Alistair Cook
Peter Gill
Christopher Greenhalgh
Kenneth Trench
Amy Walker appointed 23 April 2015

Treasurer

David McGregor

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing document

2gether (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:

- We held one inter-church **prayer evening** this year bringing individuals together to pray for local, national and international issues.
- **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 fifth 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.

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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 now meet at least once a month with Street Pastors coordinators before the team goes out to serve. A Street Pastors recruitment focus day was recently held and more volunteers are sought in order to continue to develop this project going forward.
- 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 £530 (2014: £1,609 deficit) for the year and has accumulated reserves of £4,168 (2014: £3,638) as at the year end. Continued expenditure on the Paisley Street Pastors project resulted in a deficit of £267 (2014: £1,117) in the restricted fund which was acceptable to the trustees due to funding income received for this project in previous years, as well as ongoing donations received this year. The trustees were satisfied to use existing reserves from previous donations to cover the small shortfall for the year.

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 2015 amounted to £1,345 (2014: £548). Six months unrestricted expenditure was estimated to be between £1,200 and £1,400 therefore the trustees consider the current level of reserves to be acceptable.

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 21 January 2015 and signed on their behalf by

Philip Arbon
Chairman

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

I report on the accounts of 2gether (Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance) for the year ending 30 September 2015 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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11 February 2016

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Donations	2,765	1,330	4,095	2,583
Charitable Activities	412	-	412	1,274
Investment income	1	-	1	-
Total Receipts	3,178	1,330	4,508	3,857
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities	2,281	1,597	3,878	5,366
Governance (Independent Examiners Fee)	100	-	100	100
Other payments	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	2,381	1,597	3,978	5,466
Surplus / (deficit) before transfers	797	(267)	530	(1,609)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) after transfers	797	(267)	530	(1,609)

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
BANK AND CASH IN HAND				
Opening balances	548	3,090	3,638	5,247
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	797	(267)	530	(1,609)
Closing balances	1,345	2,823	4,168	3,638

OTHER ASSETS

Gift Aid Tax Rebate	500	-	500	735
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LIABILITIES

Insurance	372	-	372	-
Ascension Trust Levy	-	7	7	-

Approved by the trustees on 21 January 2015 and signed on their behalf by

David McGregor
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

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 (2014: £2,220). 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. One gift (2013: One) was made to one individual during the year as a result of an emergency relief appeal:

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5. Restricted Funds

	1 Oct 14	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 15
	£	£	£	£	£
Paisley Street Pastors	3,090	830	1,097	-	2,823
Emergency Relief Fund	-	500	500	-	-

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.

The Emergency Relief Restricted Fund was established this year to provide financial assistance to individuals or organisations in need, as agreed by the charity trustees and in accordance with the charity's purposes. The fund assisted one individual during the year.

6. Unrestricted Funds

	1 Oct 14	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 15
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	548	3,178	2,381	-	1,345

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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**ANALYSIS OF RECEIPT & PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
DONATIONS				
Membership - individuals	307	-	307	339
Membership - organisations	655	-	655	610
Gift Aid Gifts from individuals	285	15	300	228
General Gifts from individuals	303	30	333	448
Gifts from churches/organisations	480	1,285	1,765	958
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	735	-	735	-
Total Donations	2,765	1,330	4,095	2,583
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME				
Inter-church celebration offerings	412	-	412	824
Street Pastors joining fee	-	-	-	350
Other income	-	-	-	100
Total Charitable Activities Income	412	-	412	1,274
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS				
Staff costs	2,160	-	2,160	2,220
Insurance	-	-	-	738
Website administration	72	-	72	72
Inter-church celebration	-	-	-	50
Easter sunrise service	-	-	-	26
Office supplies	49	49	98	-
Ascension Trust Levy	-	117	117	136
Food	-	195	195	391
Uniforms	-	-	-	869
Flip-flops	-	354	354	699
Travel	-	121	121	65
Training & Conferences	-	163	163	-
Gifts	-	500	500	100
Accommodation	-	98	98	-
Total Charitable Activities Payments	2,281	1,597	3,878	5,366