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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	November	2021	To	31	October	2022

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Code the City
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	**SC047835**
Charity's principal address	9 Cattofield Place
	Aberdeen
	Postcode AB25 3QN

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ian Watt			
2	Bruce Scharlau	Treasurer		
3	Andrew Sage			
4	Karen Jewell			
5	Pauline Cairns			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

~~Name~~	~~Dates acted if not for whole year~~

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Deed of Trust
Trustee recruitment and appointment	

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The advancement of science and the advancement of education in service design, computing science and coding using open data for the public benefit in the City of Aberdeen and such other places as the trustees may decide and in furtherance of this by;
	   i) Promoting the potential of design-led approaches to tackle the challenges of modern life
	   ii) Promoting education and instruction in programming, computer science and design-led creative problem solving
	   iii) Promoting events to deliver design solutions to social issues
	   iv) Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve the above purposes

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	This last year we spread our work remotely across a number of areas:
	   i) Providing facilitation of co-design hack events under our 'coding for public good' space. We ran four events this year.
	   ii) Hosting the first Scottish Open Data Unconference to provide space for discussions around the use, opportunities and challenges of open data in Scotland.
	   iii) Organising and delivering monthly meetups for Python developers, and for data scientists in order to share ideas, and help each other learn more about these two areas.
	   iv) Running bi-monthly Young Coders learning sessions from 14 Sept 2019 to 04 March 2020. These attracted 114 young people to 10 sessions with a total of 24 volunteers.
	   v) Running Aberdeen Data Meet-ups which between November 2019 and March 2020 saw 261 attendees come to 5 events at which we had 12 speakers on a variety of data related topics.

	vi)	We are also working with others as part of Air Aberdeen to deliver an air quality monitoring system for the city.

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Achievements and performance

| **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period** | We ran SODU 2021 on 2nd and 3rd November 2021. This was held fully online. We had a total of 44 people attending over 2 days. We had strong representation from civic society: data practitioners, journalists, enthusiasts, analysts, academics and so on but, sadly, almost no government representation.

Code the City 24: Open in Practice 27/28 November 2021 was also online with 12 people participating on Saturday, and 11 on Sunday. The focus was on the creation and soft launch of the opendata.scot site.

Code the City 25: Creating and Sharing Openly 19/20 March 2022 ran online with 19 people on the Saturday and 14 people on Sunday. We ran a Wikipedia Editathon during the event, which focused on artists in the Aberdeen Art Gallery. The Editathon resulted in 280 new articles being produced, and a further 4.57k edited as can be seen in the dashboard. Teams also looked at Flooding and Air Quality.

Code the City 26: A New Reality on 21/22 May 2022 saw us in the ONE Tech Hub with no one attending online. We had 13 people on Saturday, and 11 on Sunday. It was great to be back in person for an event. In addition to the development of Open Data Scotland, there were two more projects including one which sought to map the cycling infrastructure of Aberdeen. The final presentations are available on Youtube.

Code the City 27: Education on 10/11 September 2022 saw us back in the ONE Tech Hub for our event with 21 people on the Saturday, and 16 on the Sunday, including one person online. There were four projects which included the start of developing a computer-science-in-a-box for educators, creating a wikidata-powered quiz machine, and mapping code and data-learning resources across Scotland. The final presentations are available as a YouTube playlist.

Our biggest achievement of the year was probably the launch of the opendata.scot site as an open source project. The code behind it has had contributions from 19 developers. With 1907 data sets currently indexed from across the public sector in Scotland, it is a focal point for finding Scottish Open Data. As importantly, it makes plain what is not currently available.

We continue to run Aberdeen Python User Group meetings. There were ten meetings this year with ten speakers and 193 attendees.

We also re-started our Aberdeen Data Meetup events, which started again in October 2022 with 78 people attending the inaugural restart. |
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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We continue to hold enough to cover expected outgoing payments, and aim to build this up so that we can cover one or more events if we want to run one without needing a sponsor.
Details of any deficit	There was a small deficit in this accounting period, which was covered by charity reserves.
Donated facilities and services (if any)	Following the pandemic we have been allowed to use the ONE Tech Hub in Aberdeen with no charge for the facilities other than for security costs. This has allowed us to continue to deliver a large and varied number of events to benefit the data and coding communities and society at large.

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Other optional information

2021-2022 saw Code the City move back to physical events in the ONE Tech Hub. We moved the Python User Group meetings to in person, and followed this up with hack weekends too. Eventually we also restarted the Data Meetup events too.

The other big event for us was the launching of the Open Data Scotland site as an open source project. This has found good support in the community, and helped people find data more easily than before. This ties in well with our charity mission.

Our mission as a charity is to use code and data for civic good. We work in the civic space to raise the profile of these as engines of social change. Our events either formally or informally help attendees learn new skills. We continually find in our activities that we need to remind people that open data has the power to bring about economic, social, environmental, and other benefits for everyone. It should be the fuel of innovation and entrepreneurship, and provide trust and transparency in government.

Award nominations

For the second year running our trustee Ian Watt received an honourable mention in the UK Wikimedian of the Year awards.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)   Ian Watt   Bruce Scharlau

Position (e.g. Chair)   Trustee   Treasurer

Date   21 July 2022

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