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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	November	2022	To	31	October	2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Code the City

SC047835

95 Hammerfield Avenue

Aberdeen

Postcode AB10 7FD

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	Jack Gilmore		Joined 11 November 2022	
4	Steve Shearman		Joined 8 October 2023	
5	Arrash Nekonom		Joined 16 Nov 2023	
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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
Pauline Cairns	Left 30 November 2022
Andrew Sage	Left October 2023
Karen Jewell	Left 13 March 2024

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Deed of Trust
Trustee recruitment and appointment	See above

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Promoting the potential of design-led approaches to tackle the challenges of modern lifeii) Promoting education and instruction in programming, computer science and design-led creative problem solvingiii) Promoting events to deliver design solutions to social issuesiv) Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve the above purposes
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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

Our first event of the reporting year was the [Scottish Open Data Unconference](#) on 5-6 November 2022. We saw 31 open space sessions with most attendees there in person this time. A small number also took part online. There were a total of 37 people taking part in the event.

We ran three **Hack Weekends** over the reporting year:

- [Code The City 28 - Connections](#) on 18-19 March 2023 saw 19 participants on day one, and 15 on day two, working on seven projects ranging from a tool to see who participated in which projects in the past, one updating a project from CTC 1 in 2014, and a WikiData Editathon focusing on updating information about the University of Aberdeen that added six new articles, plus 668 other articles were edited.
- [Code the City 29 - Health](#) on 17-18 June 2023 had 33 people on the Saturday, and 16 on the Sunday, working on four projects ranging from open prescribing data for Scotland to health data, and the food hygiene data pipeline.
- [Code the City 30 - Union Street and the City Centre](#) on 23-24 September 2023 saw us working with Our Union Street and 37 people on Saturday, and 20 on Sunday, working on 5 projects to make the city centre more useful to the community.

Scottish Open Data Unconference

In 2023 we hosted the next [Scottish Open Data Unconference](#) 2/3 October 2023 which meant two of these within the reporting year. This one had increased numbers, with 33 attendees on the Saturday and 24 on the Sunday. Saturday saw nine parallel sessions, while Sunday there were ten sessions.

Monthly meetups

Having restarted the monthly **Aberdeen Data Meetup** in October 2022, attendance continued to be very good with 243 attendees over the reporting period.

Similarly, we continue to run the monthly **Aberdeen Python User Group** meetings. These attracted 205 attendees for the reporting period. Both events have seen attendance both in person and online, although most people now attend in person.

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)

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Other optional information

2022-2023 was a mixed year for Code the City. While we have been able to cover our costs thanks to previous contributions, attendance at our events has been roughly the same as the previous year - or marginally less. This shows that the impact of the pandemic continues to be an issue. Our assessment of the situation is that in previous years we would see computing science and data science students join our events as new undergraduates and that cohort would stay with us, in the main, throughout their academic journey. During the pandemic, with events online, we didn't pick up the new potential attendees and we've not entirely recovered from that.

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

12 June 2024