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Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				**Period end date**			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	November	2023	To	31	October	2024

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Code the City
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	**SC047835**
Charity's principal address	
	The Soap Factory, 111 Gallowgate
	Aberdeen **Postcode AB25 1BU**

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		Resigned June 2024	
4	Steve Shearman			
5	Arrash Nekonam		Joined 16 Nov 2023	
6	Karen Jewell		Resigned March 2024	
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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
Jack Gilmore	Resigned June 2024
Karen Jewell	Resigned March 2024

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document   Deed of Trust

Trustee recruitment and appointment   See above

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	Our main efforts this past year were continuing with our meetups, and hack events, plus our open space conference. i) We held a number of Aberdeen Data Meetup events. ii) We held numerous Aberdeen Python User Group events. Iii) We organised a handful of hackathons, and iv) held our annual Scottish Open Data Unconference.

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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 18-19 November 2023. 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 63 people taking part in the event. We ran two Hack Weekends over the reporting year: Code The City 31 - Democracy on 16-17 March 2024 saw 21 participants on day one, and 17 on day two, working on four projects ranging from a tool to make it easier for parents to find unbranded school uniforms, and others providing metrics on city councillors. Code the City 32 – Community Safety on 21-22 September 2024 had 17 people on the Saturday, and 15 on the Sunday, working on three projects ranging from making it easier to book a taxi from the airport, to using AI tools to spot swimmers in distress on the beach. **Monthly meetups** The Aberdeen Data Meetup ran most months over the reporting period with mixed levels of attendance. Similarly, the Aberdeen Python User Group meetings continued most months. We had some issues with attendance in the summer months, which is something we'll consider pausing in the future. Informal discussions with other groups in the city suggest that attendance is down in general for meetups and similar events.

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

2023-2024 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 marginally less. This shows that the impact of the pandemic continues to be an issue. While we continue to promote our events similar to previous years, we are exploring new approaches, thanks to the efforts of our new trustees.

On 19 June 2024 we registered 'Code the City SCIO', SC053447. After we wind up the accounts for this year, we'll move our funds from SC047835 'Code the City' to SC053447 'Code the City SCIO' and then close this organisation.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures*	**Bruce Scharlau**	Ian Watt
Full name(s)	**Bruce Scharlau**	Ian Watt
Position (e.g. Chair)	**Treasurer**	Trustee
Date	**2 May 2025**	**2 May 2025**

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