

Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report for 2018

Charity

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation was established and registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 29 December 2016. Charity Number SC047067. Principal address of the Foundation: 3 Rosevale Crescent, Hamilton, ML3 8NX.

The Board of Trustees has discussed and accepted the duties and responsibilities of trustees.

Trustees

The following are the Trustees of the Charity:

Brian Filling Chair
Jim Tait Vice-chair
John Nelson Secretary / Treasurer*
Janis Carson
David Kenvyn
Brian Purdie
Lorraine Purdie
Isobel Tait

*Isobel Tait stood down as Treasurer on 5 March 2018. John Nelson was appointed interim Treasurer.

Trustee recruitment and appointment is constitutionally in the hands of the Board of Trustees. No external organisation is involved in any appointments.

Governing Document and Charitable Purposes

The Foundation's governing document is its Constitution, in which its charitable purposes are stated as:

The advancement of heritage and education, particularly through increasing knowledge and understanding of:

- (1) the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela;
- (2) his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa;
- (3) the lessons of that struggle for continued active commitment to human rights, equality and racial harmony;
- (4) the historic role of Glasgow in particular and of Scotland more generally in the world-wide campaign for his release and for human rights in South Africa.
- (5) Scotland's strong historical connection with other leading South African figures and its wider links with South Africa's history.

Patrons

The Patrons of the Foundation are:

The Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, Councillor Eva Bolander
Her Excellency Nomatamba Tambo, High Commissioner of South Africa to the UK.

The living Freemen of the City of Glasgow:

Billy Connolly
Kenny Dalglish
Sir Alex Ferguson
Lord Macfarlane

and the surviving South African Rivonia Trialists, who were jailed along with Nelson Mandela:

Denis Goldberg
Andrew Mlangeni

Volunteers

A number of people have/are working for the Foundation in a voluntary capacity including John Stevenson (Website and social media), James Tait (Statue), Emma Quinn (Design), Annie Shanahan (Trade Unions coordination), Debbie Gillespie, Walter Maclellan, June Murray, Doreen Kean (Mandela Centenary Dinner).

Nelson Mandela Foundation

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation has links with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, South Africa, and has received approval for its logo and design of its website.

Finance and fund-raising

A bank account is held with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Registration with HMRC is established allowing Gift Aid to be collected from donations. "My Donate" and PayPal accounts are set-up as is "text giving"

A budget, income and expenditure projections have been drafted.

Grant applications to various organisations have been drafted by Janis Carson, developed and submitted. The Merchant House of the City of Glasgow has given a substantial grant to the Foundation.

The Kiltwalk was undertaken by Claire Dunphy and raised over £1000.

During 2018 and early 2019 fund-raising has been conducted at a number of successful Foundation events including:

- Nelson Mandela Centenary Gala Dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, 24 August 2018;
- Nelson Mandela Anniversary Celebratory Dinner, sponsored by City of Glasgow College, 8 October 2018;
- Mandela Centenary Exhibition at the Lighthouse, 25 January - 3 March 2019;

- Screening of the film, “Life is Wonderful: Mandela’s Unsung Heroes” followed by a Q&A with the Director, Sir Nick Stadlen, on 11 February 2019 at the Lighthouse.

A review of these events is outlined below under separate headings.

Nelson Mandela Centenary Gala Dinner

A sub-group was established to plan for the Centenary fund-raising dinner at the Hilton Hotel. Debbie Gillespie coordinated the sub-group, whose members were, Brian Filling, John Nelson, Isobel Tait, Brian Purdie, Lorraine Purdie, Walter Maclellan, June Murray and Doreen Kean.

The dinner was held on Friday 24 August 2018 in the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, with some 300 people in attendance. Many organisations took tables including Glasgow’s Lord Provost, University of Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian University, City of Glasgow College, Clyde College, UNISON Scotland, STUC with a number of trade unions (FBU, MU), Merchant House, EIS, USDAW, GMB, SOGO, People’s Ford, ACTSA Scotland as well as many individuals. Other organisations and individuals made substantial donations towards the dinner, including Sir Robert McAlpine, Thompson’s Solicitors and Lord Macfarlane.

The ticket and Programme for the event were designed by Emma Quinn.

Donations for the public and silent auctions and the raffle were received from a wide variety of organisations and individuals including Sir Alex Ferguson, Arlington Private Baths, Peoples Ford, Alan Wylie, Alison Cowan and the Thistle Gallery, Irene Turnbull, Cathleen Nicol, Lord Foulkes, Johfrim Art and Design Studio, Two Fat Ladies at the Buttery restaurant, the Ubiquitous Chip restaurant and the Hilton Hotel.

The format of the evening included a VIP reception; introductions by Dave Anderson (MC) and Brian Filling (NMSMF Chair); videos of Sir Alex Ferguson launching the Foundation and of Nelson Mandela’s visit to Scotland; a panel (comprising Deputy South African High Commissioner, Golden Neswiswi; Marah Louw and Brian Filling) shared ‘Memories of Mandela’, chaired by journalist and broadcaster, David Pratt; a raffle and a silent auction. Anita Manning conducted the public auction. The evening concluded with a musical contribution by South African singer Marah Louw.

After all expenses had been covered a total of £29,114 was raised for the Foundation.

Mandela 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner sponsored by the City of Glasgow College

This dinner was held in the College Scholar’s restaurant on the 25th anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s visit to Glasgow on 8 October 1993. Some 60 people attended the dinner, which was hosted by College Principal, Paul Little. Guest of Honour was the South African High Commissioner, Nomatamba Tambo.

The dinner was prepared under the direction of Gary Maclean, Winner of BBC Professional Masterchef and had a South African theme.

After dinner speeches were given by Brian Filling on behalf of the Foundation and the High Commissioner.

Proceeds from the dinner amounted to some £2500.

Mandela Centenary Exhibition at the Lighthouse

The Mandela Centenary Exhibition, supplemented by a section, 'The Anti-Apartheid Movement in Scotland' was held at the Lighthouse from 25 January until 3 March 2019. The Scottish section of the exhibition was largely put together and installed by John Nelson, Brian Filling, Brian and Lorraine Purdie. Carole McCallum, GCU Archivist, selected items from the AAM archive at GCU as part of the exhibition. Alan Wylie provided his photographs and frames.

The Lighthouse staff were extremely helpful, competent and professional in installing the exhibition and assisting with the Scottish section.

The official opening on 30 January was chaired by the Lighthouse's Theresa Searle, who introduced Glasgow's Lord Provost, Councillor Eva Bolander; High Commissioner, Nomatamba Tambo; Suresh Kamath, Anti-Apartheid Movement Archives Committee and Brian Filling, NMSMF Chair.

The Opening event was attended by some 130 people.

Guided tours of the exhibition on four days each week for the duration of the exhibition were conducted by John Nelson, Brian Filling, David Kenvyn, Iain Whyte and Paddy Hanrahan. The Scottish section of the exhibition was staffed mainly by John Nelson assisted by volunteers including Jacqueline Torrens, Arthur West, Brian and Lorraine Purdie, Karin Mackinnon, David Kenvyn, Cathy Crawford, Isobel Tait, Sheila and David McGeoch, and Joan Weir.

The exhibition was very well received and substantial donations (totalling some £1500) were received from the public towards the Foundation.

"Life is Wonderful: Mandela's Unsung Heroes"

The film, "Life is Wonderful: Mandela's Unsung Heroes", directed by Sir Nick Stadlen, was screened at the Lighthouse on 11 February 2019, the anniversary of Mandela's release. The screening was attended by some 80 people and afterwards Nick Stadlen held a Question and Answer session. A substantial collection was taken at the end of the event.

Communications

John Stevenson designed and manages the Foundation's website, Facebook and twitter account. The Foundation's launch was filmed by the City of Glasgow College's Television students. Editing of the film footage was undertaken by City of Glasgow College staff and a promotional video was produced.

A second edition of the promotional brochure was designed by Jim Tait.

Media

The Foundation and its activities received media coverage including pieces in the *Herald*, *Evening Times*, *Scotsman* and the *National*. BBC Television and STV also covered activities of the Foundation including news reports and interviews with Brian Filling. Radio Scotland had a piece with Michael Kelly, David Pratt and Brian Filling when the exhibition opened at the Lighthouse.

Education

The West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WoSDEC) was commissioned by the Foundation to develop educational materials about apartheid, Nelson Mandela's life and connections with Glasgow. The curricular materials were piloted by six schools in Glasgow and were received positively.

Glasgow Museums Anti-Apartheid Movement display

A display of Anti-Apartheid Movement materials, curated by John Nelson, opened on Nelson Mandela International Day in the Kelvin Hall. The Kronendal Music Academy attended the opening and afterwards performed in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Later that day KMA performed in St George's Tron Church in Nelson Mandela Place at an event organised by ACTSA Scotland following a reception held by the Lord Provost in Glasgow City Chambers.

Statue

The proposed site for the statue of Nelson Mandela is Nelson Mandela Place in Glasgow's city centre. A survey was commissioned in preparation for the planning application.

The application for Planning Permission to create a statue of Nelson Mandela in Nelson Mandela Place was lodged with Glasgow City Council by James Tait, architect, on behalf of the Foundation. The application was approved in October 2017.

A survey of the underground services below the proposed site for the statue was commissioned. Investigations into material for the plinth are underway and a brief for the design competition for the Sculpture is being developed. A provisional timeline for the work has been drafted.

Meetings

Meetings to seek advice and secure support for the Foundation have been held during the course of the year with a variety of organisations including:

- South African High Commission
- Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost and Leader.
- UNISON Scottish Secretary
- Scottish Trades Union Congress General Secretary
- Scottish Trades Union Congress Black Workers Committee
- City of Glasgow College
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Glasgow University
- University of the West of Scotland
- Stephen Wright and Fair Pley, arts production company
- Rab Noakes

- Chris Stephens MP
- Paul Sweeney MP
- Thompsons Solicitors
- The Lighthouse
- WoSDEC
- Glasgow Museums

Events

The Foundation's objectives were publicised at various events including:

- ACTSA Scotland's annual ANC anniversary social
- Glasgow Caledonian University event including a presentation and Q&A
- Scottish Trades Union Congress (Aviemore) including a fringe event
- Irvine May Day
- Nelson Mandela International Day
- Scottish Labour Party Conference
- ACTSA Scotland/Glasgow City Council Conference "Celebrating Mandela's Centenary: Partnerships for Development"
- STUC Women's Conference
- STUC's annual anti-racism rally
- Fair Trade on the Fringe (Edinburgh)
- Dundee's Ethical Christmas Fair

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees believe a formal policy is not appropriate at this stage. The Board of Trustees will endeavour to exercise prudent management of the charity's cash-flow and consider the question in the near future. For the foreseeable future the building of a large capital sum required for the creation of the statue is the main task.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 1st April 2019.