

Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report 2019

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
John Stevenson*
Isobel Tait

*John Stevenson was appointed to the Board at its meeting on 30 May 2019.

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 Philip Braat.
Her Excellency Nomatamba Tambo, High Commissioner of South Africa to the UK.

The living Freemen of the City of Glasgow:

Sir Billy Connolly
Sir Kenny Dalglish
Sir Alex Ferguson
Lord Macfarlane

and the surviving South African Rivonia Trialist, jailed along with Nelson Mandela:
Andrew Mlangeni.

Death of our Patron, Denis Goldberg

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of our Patron and close friend, Denis Goldberg, another Rivonia trialist along with Nelson Mandela. Denis died on 29 April 2020.

Tributes were paid to Denis from all over the world for his outstanding contribution to the struggle for the liberation of South Africa from apartheid and his work to build a new South Africa.

The South African on-line Memorial event was hosted by Debbie Budlander of the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation's House of Hope and included contributions from the President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, Albie Sachs, Tina Jerman, Andrew Mlangeni and others along with moving tributes from Denis's grandchildren.

In Episode 1 of the on-line series Makar2Makar the Scottish singer and supporter of the Foundation, Suzanne Bonnar, paid tribute to Denis.

"Denis Goldberg, 1933-2020: An Appreciation" by Brian Filling was published on the Foundation website.

Volunteers

A number of people are working for the Foundation in a voluntary capacity including James Tait (Statue), Emma Quinn (Design), Annie Shanahan (Trade Unions coordination), Stephen Wright and Rab Noakes (music).

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. Donations may be made online via the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and PayPal.

A budget, income and expenditure projections have been drafted.

Grant applications to various organisations have been drafted by Janis Carson, developed and submitted.

NMSMF received a grant from EIS towards the work it is doing with West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WoSDEC) in producing an educational resource for schools.

City Charitable Trust gave a grant to the Foundation. The Kiltwalk was undertaken by David Kenvyn and Jim Matheson and raised £3256. Substantial donations were received from John Stevenson's retiral event; John and Hetty Nelson's Golden Wedding anniversary; and Kate Henry's birthday celebration.

During 2019 and early 2020 fund-raising has been conducted at a number of successful Foundation events including:

The Great May Day Cabaret at Oran Mor was organised by FairPley and Friends of Glasgow Mayday with the proceeds coming to the Foundation. This amounted to £1415, which included ticket sales, a collection, commission on cd sales and Gift Aid.

The performers included Dave Anderson, Rab Noakes, Arthur Johnstone, Stephen Wright, Suzanne Bonnar, Kevin Gilday, Rosa Moxham, Heir of the Cursed and JoJo Sutherland.

Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July 2019 was celebrated in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers and was attended by some 120 people. A Council Bailie welcomed the guests and Brian Filling introduced Jim Cathcart, the artist who had designed the banner celebrating Glasgow's award of Freedom of the City in 1981. Jim Cathcart talked about the symbolism of the banner. Carole McCallum and her team had brought the banner from the AAM Archives at Glasgow Caledonian University and it was on display. Greeting Cards featuring the banner were on sale at the stall.

Brian Filling then spoke about the legacy of Mandela in South Africa and the Foundation, its aims, achievements and plans. He introduced a band put together by members of the Musicians Union. The band comprised Rab Noakes, Stephen Wright, Jani Lang and Iona Fyfe. Suzanne Bonnar rounded off the evening with a moving rendition of Nkosi Sikalele' iAfrika.

Glasgow City Council provided a drinks reception and the Scottish Government funded the entertainment. A collection at the event raised £269.57.

The event was well received by those attending and a number of new contacts were made by the Foundation.

A Comedy Night at the Stand Comedy Club was held on 9 October 2019, the anniversary of Mandela's visit to Glasgow. Fair Pley organised the evening, which was attended by some 90 people. Susan Morrison hosted the evening and performers included Susie McCabe, JoJo Sutherland and Vladimir McTavish.

Susan Morrison conducted a Q&A with Jim Tait about the Foundation. Proceeds from the event including ticket sales, donations and Gift Aid amounted to £1254.

The annual ACTSA Scotland ANC Anniversary Social was held at the Glasgow UNISON office on 11 January 2020 and was attended by some 50 people. ACTSA Scotland donated the proceeds from the event to the Foundation. This amounted to £627.

Communications

John Stevenson designed and manages the Foundation's website, Facebook and twitter accounts. Website: There have been 26,173 views since it was launched. From January 2019 to February 2020 there was an average of 712 views a month. From February 2020 to May 2020 there was an average of 625 views a month (down a little on the previous period which included a number of public events). The biggest months with over 1,000 views each were May 2019 (25th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's inauguration as President) and July 2019 (UN Nelson Mandela International Day events). There were 897 views in February 2020 which coincided with the 'Patrons' press release.

Facebook has 680 followers and 665 likes. When people 'like' the page our posts show up on their Facebook. 504 'likers' are in the UK, 42 are based in South Africa, 72 in Bangladesh and the rest from 28 other countries. 55% are men and 43% women (not all likes define gender). The boosted post (£10) for the Comedy Night in October 2019 reached 1,322 people and the reach for the WoSDEC resource pack launch was 564 people.

Twitter: There are 259 followers including the Nelson Mandela Foundation, The Lighthouse, individuals, trade unions, politicians and campaigning and political organisations.

Media

John Stevenson has been issuing media releases for the Foundation. Media coverage has included pieces in the *Herald*, *Glasgow Times*, *Scotsman*, *Daily Record*, *London Times*, *Glasgow Live*, BBC radio and television, STV and Radio Clyde.

A press release was issued on 11 February 2020, the 30th anniversary of Mandela's release from prison. It contained quotes from our Patrons, Denis Goldberg; Sir Alex Ferguson; the Glasgow Lord Provost, Philip Braat; Nomatamba Tambo, South African High Commissioner and Brian Filling. There was considerable media coverage in the press, radio and television arising from the release and a substantial amount of donations were received.

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. Following the piloting of the curricular materials by a variety of schools in Glasgow funding was received from the Gordon Cook Foundation, paid directly to WoSDEC, and EIS for the design, printing and putting online of the materials. Part of the earlier Merchant House of Glasgow's grant along with other monies from the Foundation had paid for the development and piloting of the educational materials. A podcast involving some of the school students and Brian Filling was produced by WoSDEC to accompany the material.

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.

The Foundation has agreed to seek an extension to the planning permission in order to raise more funds before launching the competition for the sculpture.

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.
- Scottish Trades Union Congress General Secretary
- City of Glasgow College
- Ayrshire College
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- University of the West of Scotland
- Stephen Wright and Fair Play, arts production company
- Rab Noakes
- Chris Stephens MP
- The Lighthouse
- WoSDEC

Events

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

- ACTSA Scotland's annual ANC anniversary social
- Scottish Trades Union Congress (Dundee)
- Irvine May Day
- Nelson Mandela International Day
- Scottish Labour Party Conference
- STUC Women's Conference
- STUC's annual anti-racism rally
- Cooperative Party Conference
- Fair Trade on the Fringe (Edinburgh)
- Ethical Christmas Fair (Edinburgh)

Policies

1 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.

2 Other Policies

The Foundation has developed policy statements covering the following key areas. These are kept under regular review:

- Safeguarding and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Notifiable Events.

In addition, the Board has developed and approved a GDPR Compliance Action Plan.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8th June, 2020 and signed on their behalf

John C. Nelson (Secretary)

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