



MALAWI LEADERS OF LEARNING

IMPROVING EDUCATION IN GLASGOW AND MALAWI

Scottish Charity Number SC044361

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

For the year ended 31 July 2015

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 July 2015.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Malawi Leaders of Learning (MLOL)
Scottish Charity Number	SC044361
Principal Address	Education Services, Glasgow City Council, 40 John Street, Glasgow G1 1JL

Current Trustees

Maureen McKenna (Chair)	Fiona Ross
Susan Aitchison (Secretary)	Tom McDonald
David McClelland (Treasurer)	Wendy O'Donnell
Samir Sharma	Brenda Wallace
Les McLean	John Lawson
Stephen McGowan	

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted in September 2014. Malawi Leaders of Learning was granted charitable status by OSCR on 25 October 2013.

Appointment of Trustees

The Board of Trustees normally meets on a 6 monthly basis. Individual Trustees are appointed by means of a majority vote, with a minimum of five and a maximum of 15 holding office at any one time.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of Malawi Leaders of Learning. There are no paid members of staff and all support is given on a voluntary basis.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The advancement of education by:

- Improving the quality of learning and teaching in schools and early childhood development centres in Malawi
- Developing and establishing links with appropriate authorities and bodies in Malawi, providing advice and advocacy when necessary
- Maintaining a public profile through promotion of the project in Malawi and in Scotland.

Activities

- Partnering schools in Glasgow with schools in the Blantyre area
- Introducing libraries to partner primary schools
- Supporting teachers from Glasgow to travel to Malawi and work in local schools for 4 weeks once a year
- Enabling teachers from Malawi to travel to Scotland and spend two weeks working in Glasgow schools
- Supporting visits of young people to work alongside young people in Malawi
- Providing sponsorship for individual girls to keep them in education in Malawi
- Working in partnership with Mary's Meals in Scotland and in Malawi
- Delivering training to Malawian teachers and primary education advisers, including a leadership training programme.

Achievements and Performance

<http://www.glasgoweducationmlol.org.uk>

This is the link to the annual progress report for 2015 which outlines achievements to date.

Financial Review

The Financial Statement to 31 July 2015 accompanying this report represents the first full year accounts prepared for MLOL following the formal granting of charitable status by OSCR in October 2013. Charitable status allows us to claim gift aid, increasing by 25% the value of donations from many of our generous supporters.

Total income of £150,438 was generated from donations and fundraising during the year, including a £34,055 initial grant award from Scottish Government following a successful bid to the Malawi Development Programme 2015-2018.

Expenditure totalled £116,347, resulting in a net surplus of £34,091 for the year.

Fundraising was our greatest source of income this year, generating net proceeds of £41,359.

This year's fundraising activity was extremely successful, reflecting the efforts of our cohort of Malawi Leaders of Learning (MLOLs) and the team behind the hugely enjoyable and profitable Zikomo Ball held in February 2015. Funding was also raised to purchase library books in Malawi and to sponsor, for a further year, 12 students at Stella Maris secondary school in Blantyre.

Travel accounted for the majority of UK spend with a total of £51,770 incurred on flights and accommodation for Schools and for Trustees travelling to Malawi to undertake charitable work there, including delivering the leadership training programme. This includes £37,628 advance payment for flights in respect of the 2016/17 programme of activity.

Expenditure of £8,988 was incurred locally in Malawi. This main items of expenditure included vehicle running costs and maintenance (£1,788) Leadership training (£2,160), local co-ordinator costs (£1,400), and sponsorship of Stella Maris pupils (£2,158).

MLOL is in a strong financial position moving into 2015/16. Our closing balance of funds now stands at £71,416.

Plans for Future Periods

We aim to continue to build on the success we have achieved to date. We will extend the number of primary schools where we are working and we will develop a leadership programme for Primary Education Advisers, similar to the one we deliver to senior leaders. We will also provide funding to support the establishment of more libraries. We have more secondary schools that want to participate in MYLOL programmes - Eastbank/ St Mungo's for September 2015 and Rosshall / Knightswood for 2016.

Approved by the trustees on 29 February 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

Maureen McKenna



Chair

Date 29/2/16

David McClelland



Treasurer

Date 29/2/16

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year 31 July 2015

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Malawi Leaders of Learning

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the ended 31 July 2015 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Boyd CPFA

Signature 

Date 22/2/2016.

Statement of Receipts and Payments For the Year to 31 July 2015

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015	2014
Receipts					
Donations and Gift Aid	4	£33,346		£33,346	£36,081
Government Grant	5		£34,055	£34,055	-
Fundraising Activities		£82,993		£82,993	£37,687
Bank Interest Earned		£44		£44	£75
		£116,383	£34,055	£150,438	£73,843
Payments					
Cost of Fundraising Activities		£31,574		£31,574	£1,862
Cost of Charitable Activities		£54,204	£30,569	£84,773	£34,656
		£85,778	£30,569	£116,347	£36,518
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		£30,605	£3,486	£34,091	£37,325

Statement of Balances as at 31 July 2015

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015	2014
Funds Reconciliation					
Opening Cash at Bank and Hand		£31,424	£5,901	£37,325	-
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		£30,605	£3,486	£34,091	£37,325
Closing Cash at Bank and Hand		£62,029	£9,387	£71,416	£37,325
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Account	6			£71,416	£37,308
Cash in Hand				-	£17
				£71,416	£37,325
Other Assets					
Vehicle Purchased in Malawi 2014	7			£1,817	£3,634
Other				-	£6,278
Liabilities					
Fundraising by MLOLs					£5,901

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 29 February 2016 and signed on their behalf by



Maureen McKenna



David McClelland



Chair



Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year to 31 July 2015

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the year (2014 nil).

Travelling and other expenses were paid on behalf of four trustees in direct support of their work in Malawi.

4. Donations and Gift Aid

Donations during the year included £22,000 from the MCR Charitable foundation and claims totalling £1,433 were reimbursed by HMRC during the year.

5. Government Grant

The Grant award totals £68,110 for 2015/16, with indicative offers of £68,607 and £72,593 for 2016/17 and 2017/18 respectively.

6. Bank Deposit Account

MLOL maintains three bank accounts, with balances at 31 July 2015 as follows:

Clydesdale Bank PLC (UK)	£57,121
Indebank Top Mandala (Malawi) GBP	£14,113
Indebank Top Mandala (Malawi) MKW	£182
	£71,416

The balance of £14,113 in the Malawi sterling account includes funds transferred for the purchase of a new vehicle, the cost of which will be reflected in the 2016 accounts.

7. Assets and liabilities

The vehicle purchased in Malawi during 2014 has been recorded at cost price less depreciation.

There are no other amounts owing or due.

9. Governance Costs

No costs have been incurred in relation to governance.

10. Expenses paid to Trustees and the number receiving expenses

A total of £5,081 was spent on flights and accommodation for four trustees travelling to Malawi to undertake charitable work there, including delivering the Leadership training programme.

