



Camphill Scotland

The membership body for
Camphill communities in Scotland

Annual Review 2019 – 2020





Introduction

"I'd like to offer my heartfelt appreciation for all the work set out here. It is truly remarkable to see again what a difference a small but dedicated team can do on behalf of our members."

Marcus Sangster

Chair of Camphill Scotland

Welcome to our annual review of 2019-20 which provides a snapshot of some of our key work and achievements this year. For a more detailed report please contact us.

Celebrating Camphill in Scotland

- We are an outward-looking social movement with values that resonate with current social concerns including the value of community, disability rights, ecological sustainability, inclusion and an international outlook
- We provide distinctive and excellent care, education and support for people with learning disabilities and other support needs

"We need really, really specialist provision that properly understands what type of disability our child has and plans to that. Every time. Every child. Every need.

*Respond to who they see before them. Plan, care, live together. Live well. Not 'us and them'
Super awesome. Super specialist. Super special people. Lifesavers"*

@becausewematter
Advocacy Group for Parents and Carers of People with a Learning Disability





Representing Our Members

Preserving Camphill's International Identity

- We arranged **18 visits** for politicians and civil servants from the Scottish and UK governments to communities to hear first-hand from members about the potential impact of Brexit particularly on international volunteering
- We ensured that **case studies and evidence** from Camphill in Scotland about the impact of Brexit featured in Scottish Government publications about Brexit
- We have maintained a strong partnership with **Brendan O'Hara MP** who introduced on behalf of Camphill Scotland, the Health and Social Care Scotland, SCVO and our other partners the European Union Withdrawal (Evaluation of Effects on Health and Social Care Sectors) Bill at Westminster. We also worked closely with the **Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland** and the **Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations** to protect members from the potential impact of Brexit.
- We worked with the **Home Office** to ensure that it fully engaged with our members through its series of events in Scotland focusing on the EU Settlement Scheme.

"Great to get the Newsletter and can see how active you have been in getting a positive message across re the work of Camphill. Never has it been so important to have this with the challenges we all face providing residential accommodation within a community setting."

Marian McDonald, Chair of the Board
Garvald West Linton

Raising the Profile

- Our Director spoke on the theme of citizenship at an event at the **SCVO annual conference** for the Third Sector, which included the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon MSP. He highlighted the importance of European citizenship and the rights of people with a learning disability
- Our high profile on Brexit prompted **Channel Four News** to film at Camphill Corbenic, and broadcast a very positive portrayal of life in Camphill
- Together with our members we had articles published nationally, and **Third Force News** also featured articles about many of the visits by politicians to our communities and about the EU Bill
- We published **54 'Our Voice' articles** covering a range of topics relevant to Camphill communities, reflecting the depth and breadth of Camphill as an international values-based movement





Ensuring Better Transitions for Young Disabled People

Sadly, people often have great difficulty securing the necessary support from local authorities to access the opportunities available at Camphill. Parents and carers in particular have expressed strong frustration with the lack of effective support their children receive as they approach the transition to adulthood.

- In response, Camphill Scotland and Inclusion Scotland, with support from our members, worked with Johann Lamont MSP to develop legislation that would give every child or young person with an impairment or long term health condition the right to a transitions plan
- The new law would also require the Scottish Government to introduce a national transitions strategy to improve outcomes for children and young people with a disability in the transition to adulthood, and to appoint a specific Minister to lead on transitions.
- Johann Lamont MSP gave her enthusiastic support for new legislation and we supported her efforts to complete a public consultation on the proposals.

"Camphill Scotland's contribution to this work has been invaluable. We have also continued to enjoy a close and productive working relationship with Camphill Scotland in progressing issues surrounding inclusive communication in the provision of public services such as Social Security and Consumer Advice. Camphill's expertise and ongoing support is greatly appreciated".

Bill Scott, Senior Policy Advisor
Inclusion Scotland

Cross-Party Groups

Camphill Scotland continues to play an active role in various cross-party groups in the Scottish Parliament. Of particular note, we:

- Provided inputs about the impact of Brexit at the Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
- Provided inputs about the Disabled Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill at the Cross Party Groups on Learning Disability and on Carers
- Arranged for Johann Lamont MSP to provide an input at the Cross Party Group on Disability

Camphill Tiphereth's Planning Application

We supported Tiphereth's planning application to build a "unique and innovative new service...the first of its kind in Scotland" by highlighting the application through our networks and by successfully encouraging other organisations to write to the City of Edinburgh in support of the application.



"Camphill Scotland were able to highlight our project to the many organisations and individuals they had formed relationships with over the past years. Their speed in contacting others to write letters of support and to arrange meetings with MSPs, was an insight for us on the confidence others placed in their ability to reflect our value as a Camphill community."

Tobi Emonts-Holley, CEO
Camphill Tiphereth



Building Strong Networks

Our forums help members to collaborate and learn from one another. This greatly enhances the resilience and strength of all our members and Camphill in Scotland as a whole.

Forums for Collaboration

- The **Influencing Group** meets twice a year. It is a well-attended forum that has proved invaluable in exploring the impact of policy on practice and developing a cohesive influencing agenda
- The **Strategic Finance Group** met three times this year to enable members to share current financial challenges and support one another to take a more strategic view of their finances
- We held two meetings with senior managers from the **SSSC** where members were able to discuss practice and policy
- We held two meetings with Claire Drummond of the **Care Inspectorate** where members were able to discuss practical issues
- The **Volunteering Group** met three times this year. The group helps members consider the impact of Brexit on volunteering – both in the long and the short term. We extend thanks to Aberdeen Consortium of Voluntary Organisations, Citizens Advice Scotland, Freunde Waldorf, Project Scotland, Community Jobs Scotland and the International Voluntary Service for their attendance and input

Promoting Leadership for Succession

- Nineteen emerging leaders came forward to take part in two **leadership development programmes**. The programmes have been very well received
- We provided opportunities for established leaders to develop greater range and depth in their peer networks through **action learning sets**
- Twenty trustees came forward to participate in the **trustee development days** to enhance their leadership contribution

"I really appreciate the newsletter that Camphill Scotland produces. It is a very clear and accessible summary of their work and invaluable as a way of sharing what they do with parents, trustees and wider stakeholders."

Dave Mitchell, Co-worker
Camphill Loch Arthur





Working with others

This year we further strengthened our links with the **Scottish Commission for Learning Disabilities (SCLD)** and their new CEO Charlie McMillan

- Jen Ang, Director of **Just Right**, spoke at our AGM on Brexit and the Challenges of Future Migration
- We met with Sandra Brown, Scotland Leader of **The Eden Project** to discuss how we can support each other's work
- Dahlia Somerville, Speech and Language Therapist at Ochil Tower School, represented Camphill Scotland on **Social Security Scotland's Inclusive Communications Stakeholder Reference Group**
- Our work on Brexit is greatly enhanced through partnership with **SCVO** and the **Alliance for Health and Social Care** in particular
- **Inclusion Scotland** has been a strong ally on the transitions work
- **Freunde Waldorf, Community Jobs Scotland, Project Scotland, International Voluntary Service** and **Citizens Advice Scotland** have supported our practical work around Brexit and volunteering

Income & Expenditure 2019/2020

EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

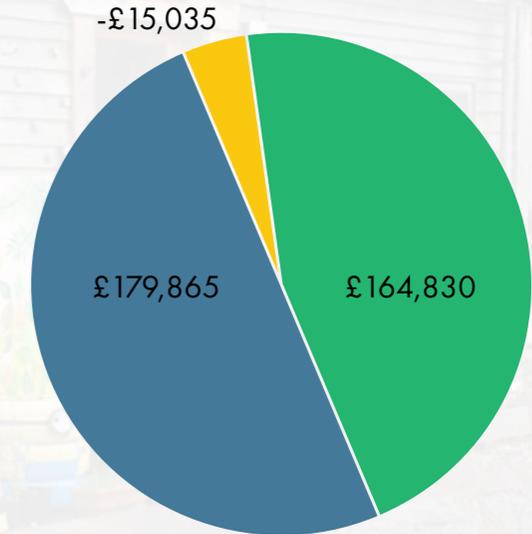
Unrestricted Fund	2019/2020 £	2018/2019 £
Wages and NI	121,463	118,928
Pension	5,597	5,482
Honorarium	-	2,400
Travel and subsistence	10,598	10,883
Insurance	785	771
Learning and development - staff	1,384	1,893
Learning and development - trustees	2,220	2,096
Communications and website	2,407	3,004
Policy and influencing	3,224	2,249
Office costs	4,682	5,579
Subscriptions and publications	4,763	4,580
HR assistance	393	393
Bookkeeping & annual accounts	2261	1921

Projects for Members

Leadership development	12,818	11,384
Media training	-	1,993
GDPR	-	600

£172,595

£174,156



- Income
- Expenditure
- Net loss (planned deficit)

A more detailed financial review for 2019/20 is available on our website



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