(Limited by guarantee)

Report & Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2003

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Legal & Administrative Information

Council of Management

The Council of Management is responsible for conducting the affairs of the company and consists of registered directors and co-opted members. The following served during the year:

Registered Directors:

Aileen Stewart (Chairperson)
Is Szoneberg (Vice Chairperson)
Seb Fischer (Treasurer to September 2002)
Jacqueline Mok
Lesley Smith (Treasurer from September 2002)
Helen Watt
Ian McInnes

Auditors

Norman. Downie & Kerr Ltd, C.A. The Courtyard 130 Constitution Street Leith Edinburgh EH6 6AJ.

Registered Office & Carer Centre

Norton Park 57 Albion Road Edinburgh EH7 5QY.

Company Number: SC 212971

Scottish Charity No: SC 026270

Bankers

Bank of Scotland 6 Picardy Place Edinburgh EH1 3JT.

Report of the Council of Management

The Council of Management are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003.

General Information

Edinburgh Young Carers Project is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1 (one pound) each.

The company is recognised as a Scottish charity (reference no. SC 026270).

Members of the Council of Management and other general information are listed on page 2.

Objects & Review of Activities

The principal objects of the company are to relieve the poverty and distress, increase the health and welfare, and advance the education of young people with caring responsibilities in Edinburgh and elsewhere.

During the year Edinburgh Young Carers Project received 50 new referrals and worked directly with over 171 young carers from across Edinburgh. Support was offered to young carers through a range of 22 different groups, including support groups, sibling groups and activity groups. Activities included drama, art and outdoor activities. There were 6 day trips for young carers through the year and a fun day. Rights work continued to develop through work with the youth forum, younger persons forum and magazine group. There were also 10 residential trips ranging from two days to a week in length. The Family Support and Advocacy Service attracted 26 new referrals from young carers and worked with 41 families seeking support and information. The Befriending service trained 9 volunteers and matched 15 befriending partnerships before its closure due to lack of funding in October 2002.

New areas of development included an action research project exploring young carers' access to leisure and cultural activities and research into the mental health of young carers in transition 'Under Pressure' by Viv Cree. A partnership project with VOCAL (Voice of Carers Across Lothian) was started in South East Edinburgh to develop support for young carers coping with drug and alcohol abuse in the family and a pilot project was launched in partnership with the Sunflower Garden Project to provide support to young carers under 11 affected by drug abuse in the family.

The end of the year saw significant changes in the staff team with the coming to an end of the 3-year funding from the Community Fund. Unfortunately this led to the closure of the Befriending Service, a freeze on new referrals and a fall in activities at the end of the year. Staff changes included the appointment of a new Director, Rob Warren in March 2003. A major review of services was begun at the end of the year.

Financial review

There was a net reduction in funds of £28.825 over the year leaving total funds carried forward of £51,129, comprising £26.577 in restricted funds and £24.552 in unrestricted funds. Further details of funds are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7 and in note 6 on page 12. There was a fall in income this year due to the expiry of the 3-year project funding by the Community Fund which was not replaced (see note 1 on page 9 for details of grant funders). There was also some reduction in expenditure due to lower staff costs (see note 2 on page 10 for details).

Report of the Council of Management (continued)

Financial review (continued)

Major funders during the year included City of Edinburgh Council (Social Work, Community Education and Carers' strategy), NHS Lothian, Comic Relief and The Lankelly Foundation. Grants received in the previous year from Lloyds TSB Foundation and the Henry Smith Charity for family support and advocacy work were expended during the year. In addition a total of £50,038 was raised from trust funds and other donations.

Core funding for 2003/04 is available at a similar level from City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian. Project funding continues for a further 2 years for family support and advocacy (Lloyds TSB and the Henry Smith charity) and for work with over 12's (Comic Relief). Funding from The Lankelly Foundation for rights work continues for a further year. Fund-raising from trusts is continuing and the Robertson Foundation is contributing to core costs over a 3-year period.

The company's reserves policy is to build up the free reserves of the charity (represented by the general fund) to a level equivalent to 3 months' annual expenditure over the next 2 years. This is considered to be a prudent level to cover short-term funding gaps and other contingencies.

Responsibilities of the Council of Management

Company law requires the Council to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its results for that period.

In preparing financial statements, the Council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Council are aware of the major risks, financial and otherwise, affecting the charity and consider that appropriate procedures are in place to mitigate those risks. They are committed to an ongoing quality assurance process and continued monitoring of risk.

Signed

Chairperson

Date: 24/11/03

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of the Edinburgh Young Carers Project

We have audited the financial statements of Edinburgh Young Carers Project for the year ended 31 March 2003 set out on pages 6 to 13. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Council of Management and the Auditors

The responsibilities of the Council of Management for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the statement of their responsibilities on page 4.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the information contained in the Report of the Council of Management and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2003 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Norman, Downie & Kerr Ltd

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors The Courtyard 130 Constitution Street, Leith Edinburgh EH6 6AJ Date: 25 November 2003

Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in October 2000.

Grants and Donations

Income from annual grants is recognised in the period to which the grant relates. Any annual grant received in advance are included as deferred grants in creditors. Income from other grants and donations is recognised on receipt.

Where a grant or donation is received for a specific purpose, it is included in restricted income and any unexpended portion carried forward as a restricted fund.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. As far as possible costs are attributed directly to the various categories of charitable expenditure. Staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent on each activity by employees and other overheads according to estimated usage.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated by the straight line method to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Computer equipment:

33% per annum

Other equipment & furniture:

20-25% per annum

Taxation

The company is a recognised charitable body and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activity. It is not registered for VAT and expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Pensions

The company contributes defined contributions to personal pension plans for certain employees. Contributions are charged to expenditure as they become payable.

Cash Flow Statement

The company qualifies as a small company under section 247 of the Companies Act 1985 and is consequently exempt from the requirement to publish a cash flow.

Edinburgh Young Carers Project

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account)
For the Year ended 31 March 2003

·	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2003 £	Total 2002 £
Incoming resources:	Note	3 -	*	∞	*
Grants & donations	1	140,668	63,853	204,521	308,302
Fees & other income		7,500	-	7,500	1,590
Bank interest		1,508	-	1,508	1,544
Total incoming resources		149,676	63,853	213,529	311,436
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating funds		9,683	۔	, 9,683	9,074
Costs of activities in furtherance of					
the charity's objects:					
Group work		62,402	17,230	79,632	101,324
Individual support		16,258	4,489	20,747	24,590
Residentials		5,095	17,634	22,729	24,137
Rights work		5,733	10,900	16,633	19,697
Befriending project		14,990	-	14,990	30,117
Family support & advocacy		12,081	23,341	35,422	35,402
Research work		728	5,390	6,118	8,777
Drugs work		-	2,357	2,357	-
Strategy & development work		25,864	-	25,864	-
Management of the charity		6,627	1,552	8,179	9,501
Total resources expended	2	159,461	82,893	242,354	262.619
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources					
- Net income / (expenditure) for year	r	(9,785)	(19,040)	(28,825)	48,817
Net movement in funds		(9.785)	(19,040)	(28,825)	48,817
Funds at 1 April 2002		34,337	45,617	79,954	31,137
Funds at 31 March 2003		24.552	26,577	51,129	79,954

Further details of funds are shown in note 6 on page 12.

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,246	2,289
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	2,865	3,994
Cash at bank & in hand		54,320	80,819
		57,185	84,813
Creditors	4		
Amounts falling due within one year	5	7,302	7,148
Net Current Assets		49,883	77,665
Net Assets		51,129	79,954
Funds			
General fund		23,306	5,676
Designated funds		1,246	28,661
Total unrestricted funds	6	24,552	34,337
Restricted funds	6	26,577	45,617
Total Funds		51,129	79,954

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The accounts on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the Council on and are signed on their behalf by:

24/11/03

Members of the Council of Management

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2003

1. Grants & donations

Sources of income and purposes of grants and donations received during the year were as follows:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Core grants:		
City of Edinburgh Council	71,368	70,552
NHS Lothian	30,562	10,355
Comic Relief	30,000	, -
Community Fund (formerly National Lottery Charities Board)	-	66,486
Family support & advocacy:		
Northern Rock Foundation	-	30,000
Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland	-	11,341
The Henry Smith Charity	-	12,000
For Drugs work		
Scottish Communities Against Drugs	7,553	-
The Lankelly Foundation for Rights work	15,000	20,000
Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Partnership (EYSIP)		
for Social inclusion research:	-	9,167
Trust funds for Group work	4,600	50,900
Trust funds for Residentials	9,500	13,950
Trust funds for Research	•	5,000
Trust funds for General purposes	33,700	5,703
Other grants & donations	2,238	2,848
Total Grants & donations	204,521	308,302

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

2.	Resources	Expended
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Resources Expended					
	Staff	Direct	Indirect	Total	Total
	costs	costs	costs	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating funds	-	9,683	-	9,683	9,074
Group work	53,673	17,422	8,537	7 9,632	101,324
Individual support	16,338	1,852	2,557	20,747	24,590
Residentials	13,730	7,347	1,652	22,729	24,137
Rights work	12,567	1,768	2,298	16,633	19,697
Befriending project	11,350	2,280	1,360	14,990	30,117
Family support & advocacy	27,389	2,079	5,954	35,422	35,402
Research work	-	6,118	-	6,118	8,777
Drugs work	2,020	337	-	2,357	-
Strategy & development work	25,864	-	-	25,864	-
Management of the charity	4,757	-	3,422	8,179	9,501
Total resources expended	167,688	48,886	25,780	242,354	262,619
Analysis of above expenditure:					
Staff costs	167.688	-	-	167,688	187912
Direct operating costs:					
Young carers' activities	-	19,683	-	19,683	21,219
Residentials	-	6,787	-	6,787	5,871
Travel & subsistence	-	2,729	-	2,729	2,429
Information & training	<u>-</u>	4,276	_	4,276	5,231
Fund-raising consultant	-	9,683	-	9,683	9,074
Mental Health research	-	5,728	-	5,728	-
Evaluation fees	*	-		-	2,590
Allocation of indirect costs:					
Rent & property costs	-	₩	13,993	13,993	14,145
Office running costs	-	-	8,295	8,295	9,353
Professional fees	-	-	1,175	1,175	2,671
Depreciation	-	-	1,043	1,043	2,046
Other expenditure			1,274	1,274	78
Total resources expended	167,688	48,886	25,780	242,354	262,619
Analysis of Staff costs				£	£
Salaries				147,882	166,057
Social Security costs				12,450	10,755
Pension costs Recruitment				5,790 1,566	5,180 5,920
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				167,688	187,912

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

2.	Resources Expended (cont.)		2003	2002
	Auditors' remuneration (net of VAT):		£	£
	- for audit & accounts		1,000	850
	- for other services			650
			1,000	1,500
3.	Tangible Fixed Assets	Office Equipment & furniture	Project Equipment	Total
	Conti	£	£	£
	Cost: At 1 April 2002	6,984	8,340	15,324
	Additions	-	-	-
	At 31 March 2003	6,984	8,340	15,324
	Depreciation:			
	At 1 April 2002	5,226	7,809	13,035
	Charge for year	777	266	1,043
	At 31 March 2003	6,003	8,075	14,078
	Net Book Value:			
	At 31 March 2003	981	265	1,246
	At 31 March 2002	1,758	531	2,289
4.	Debtors		2003	2002
			£	£
	Accrued income		-	1,054
	Prepayments		2,865	2,940
			2,865	3,994
5.	Creditors		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:			
	Tax and social security		3,043	3,368
	Accruals		4,259	3,780
			7,302	7,148

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

6. Movement on Funds

		At	Movement in Resources		At	
		1/4/02	Incoming	Outgoing	31/3/03	
		£	£	£	£	
Restricted Funds:						
Community Fund	(1)	5.540	-	(5,540)	-	
Comic Relief	(2)	-	30,000	(16,179)	13,821	
Lankelly / Rights work	(3)	2.964	15,000	(10,900)	7,064	
Residentials		8,382	9,500	(17,634)	248	
Family support & advocacy	(4)	23,341	-	(23,341)	-	
SCAD / Drugs work	(5)	-	7,553	(2,357)	5,196	
Other funds	(6)	5,390	1,800	(6,942)	248	
Total restricted	-	45,617	63,853	(82,893)	26,577	
Unrestricted Funds					\$	
Designated funds:						
Group`work		26,372	4,600	(30,972)	-	
Fixed Asset fund	(7)	2,289	-	(1,043)	1,246	
General fund	-	5.676_	145,076	(127,446)	23,306	
Total unrestricted	-	34,337	149,676	(159,461)	24,552	
Total Funds	=	79,954	213,529	(242,354)	51,129	

Notes:

- (1) The Community Fund 3-year project ended during the year.
- (2) Comic Relief are funding a staff post and associated costs for 3 years from September 2002.
- (3) Rights work is being funded by the Lankelly Foundation over a 3-year period to June 2004.
- (4) Family support & advocacy during the year has been funded by grants from Lloyds TSB and the Henry Smith charity which were received in the previous year.
- (5) Scottish Communities Against Drugs are funding a project supporting young people affected by parental drugs misuse.
- (6) Other funds include £5,000 from the Diana fund for research into mental health expended during the year, £1.800 from the Diana fund for recruitment and a balance of £390 from EYSIP expended during the year.
- (7) The fixed asset fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets. The cost of assets purchased is transferred into the fund and annual depreciation is charged to the fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

7. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Unrestricted funds					
	General Designated		Restricted	Total	
•	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,246	-	1,246	
Debtors	2,865			2,865	
Cash at bank and in hand	27,743	-	26,577	54,320	
Creditors	(7,302)			(7,302)	
Net assets at 31 March 2003	23,306	1,246	26,577	51,129	