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Skills & Volunteering Cymru



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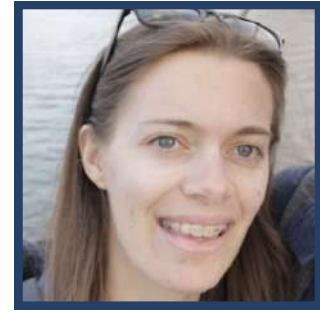
Give a little, Gain a lot!

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 25

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CHAIR REPORT



Welcome to the 2024-2025 annual report for Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC). It's been another fantastic year for SVC where we've continued to offer a range of accessible opportunities to our beneficiaries, and a variety of opportunities to our volunteers across Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Vale of Glamorgan. This report will highlight some of the progress we've made over the past year.

SVC has maintained a focus on digital inclusion this year. Our digital inclusion officer has continued to ensure digital inclusion and improving digital skills remains a priority across our staff, volunteers and beneficiaries. Additionally, digital opportunities remain available to beneficiaries who are more suited to, or have a preference for, this format, alongside our in-person opportunities. Our communications trustees have also recently launched an exciting new opportunity called "SVC's Community Chat" – a monthly online group discussion session, offering individuals a chance to connect with new people and develop friendships in an inclusive environment. Our communications trustees have also continued to work hard to ensure accessibility and clear communications with our users and have started producing 'board summaries', to improve awareness of our board members and activities to the SVC community.

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Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) work has also remained an important area of focus for SVC this year, with both our EDI staff and board members working hard to ensure EDI is considered in everything we do. The staff team has undertaken some important training in gender identity and expression, with additional training being offered to the SVC community in areas including understanding microaggressions, ADHD awareness, suicide prevention training, introduction to BSL – to name a few. Further work is ongoing related to the monitoring and evaluation of staff EDI training sessions to better understand where additional learning is required moving forward, to ensure our staff continue to update their EDI knowledge and awareness.

SVC's long-standing projects have continued to develop and attract new volunteers and beneficiaries over the past year. SVC's inclusive choir project in particular has gone from strength to strength this year, with the choir having been asked to perform in the Senedd for their international day of disabled people event!

Alongside a continuation of our long-standing projects, this year SVC have also demonstrated our commitment to EDI by offering a variety of new and exciting opportunities for our volunteers, and valuable activities for our beneficiaries. In particular, we have supported a range of inclusive sports projects, including; 'Goals and Giggles' – an inclusive football project for children aged 5-11 with disabilities; 'Frame Running' – encouraging individuals of all ages to walk and run with confidence; and 'Cycling without Age' – a project bringing the joy of cycling to individuals with limited mobility.

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We have also offered a range of one-off volunteering opportunities this year throughout Winter Giving Week and Student Volunteering Week, which have included environmental volunteering opportunities such as tree planting and litter picking. More work will be done over the next few months to assess the sustainability of our current projects and work practices and consider scope for new environmental volunteering opportunities.

In 2024, SVC was delighted to be awarded an Investing in Volunteers (IiV) quality standard. Having been assessed against six quality areas, SVC excelled in all aspects of working with volunteers. SVC was particularly recognised for working hard to remove barriers to participation for certain groups of volunteers, ensure two-way communication is good and provide opportunities for volunteers to give feedback and be involved in decision-making. IiV also provided some useful suggestions for continuous development which have enabled SVC to continue working to improve the volunteer experience. A big thank you goes to the WVCA and their assessors for guiding us through the process, and all the volunteers, staff and board members who worked so hard to help us achieve this accreditation.

This success, alongside many others, could not have happened without the whole SVC community working together to achieve great things. Firstly, I'd like to extend our thanks to our patrons Councillor Bablin Molik and Amanda Coffey for their continued support. I would also like to thank our partnering organisations and funders, without whom none of our fantastic projects would be possible. Special thanks go to Innovate Trust, Cardiff University, University of South Wales and Cardiff Metropolitan University for their continued support.

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Special thanks also to our board of trustees, who continue to demonstrate unwavering commitment and support to SVC. Our trustees share their wealth of knowledge and expertise for SVC's benefit, with many performing roles as volunteers as well. Each and every board member provides invaluable insight and is appreciated greatly.

A massive thank you also goes to our brilliant staff team. Despite losing a few of our staff members this year, the team have managed to continue to deliver fantastic projects for our local community while working hard to safeguard SVC's future through scoping funding opportunities and new projects. Our fantastic staff this year have included Adrienne, Emma, Charlotte, Shamima, Mia, Dan, Lucymay, Rosie, Georgia and Hannah. Thank you for everything you all do!

Finally, a big thank you goes to our volunteers, without whom, none of SVC's important work would be possible. Our volunteers put so much time and energy into supporting SVC projects and providing invaluable opportunities for beneficiaries in our local community. We're all incredibly grateful for what you do, and I hope you all feel very proud of yourselves too!

Here's hoping the next year will be as exciting as the last!

Best wishes,

Heidi

VISION & MISSION

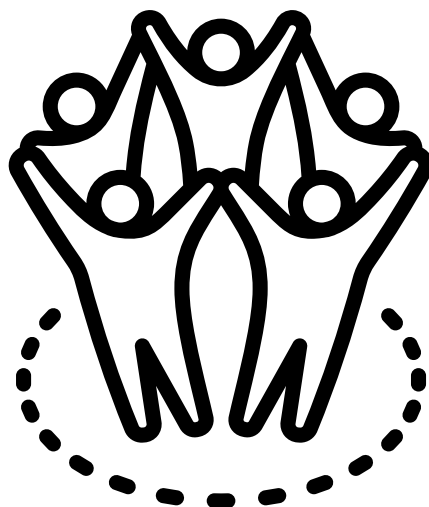
Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the local community through volunteering.

We want volunteering in South Wales to be part of everyday life, where all members of the community are encouraged to “give a little and gain a lot”

Our Vision

Our vision is to build stronger and more inclusive communities by bringing people together, creating opportunities for them to develop skills and have new experiences.





2024-25 TEAM

Staff

Adrienne Earls - SVC Manager

Emma Dixon - Team Leader

Charlotte Lavery - Project Coordinator

Daniel Mapatac - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

Georgia Taylor - Project Coordinator

Hannah Hall - Year in Industry, Project Coordinator

Lucymay Treacy - Year in Industry, Project Coordinator

Rosie Rudd - Project Coordinator

Shamima Aktar - Project Coordinator

2024-25 TEAM

Board of Trustees

Heidi Smith - Chair

Rebecca King - Vice Chair

Nicole Hughes - Treasurer

Kieran Vass - Secretary

Hassan Ahmed - Communications & Marketing Officer

Rhian Fish - Communications & Marketing Officer

Grace Piddington - Digital Trustee

Lauren Conway - EDI Trustee

Lizzie Madden - Environmental Officer

Hassan Ahmed- Communications & Marketing Officer

Huw Williams - General Trustee

Karen Harvey-Cooke - General Trustee

Kelly Fenton - General Trustee

Lucie Mathison - General Trustee

Kuban Freeman - General Trustee

Lucy John - General Trustee

Nina Di Cara - General Trustee

Emma Board-Davies - Associate Trustee

Gavin Hawkey - Associate Trustee

Henry Morris - Associate Trustee

Jessica Rumble - Associate Trustee

Rhian Perridge - Associate Trustee

Anneka Bisi - Advisor to the Board

2024-25 TEAM

Lead Volunteers

Emily Bullen - Huggard Partnership
Jonathan Jones - Huggard Partnership
Abhilash Kamalaranjith - NHS Placement Scheme
Aleyna Meftahpour - NHS Placement Scheme
Callum Turner - NHS Placement Scheme
Chioma Nwozo - NHS Placement Scheme
Diogo Godoi - NHS Placement Scheme
Edward Sy - NHS Placement Scheme
Farhana Firdaus - NHS Placement Scheme
Hannah Lincoln - NHS Placement Scheme
Helena Lande - NHS Placement Scheme
Sedthawnd Meena - NHS Placement Scheme
Shannon Ferran - NHS Placement Scheme
Taylor Lambert - NHS Placement Scheme
Nancy Som - Out & About
Shannon Ferran - Out & About
Alison Smith - Shiny Happy People & Coffee Morning
Patricia Birch - Shiny Happy People & Coffee Morning
Emily Marshall - Young Carers Club (Teens)
Roni Adeola - Young Carers Club (Teens)
Jenna Booth - Young Carers Club (Kids)
Robyn Wright - Young Carers Club (Kids)
Mair Wilcox - Laugh Out Loud Fridays
Louisa Thum - Laugh Out Loud Fridays
Klaudia Zwawiak - Laugh Out Loud Fridays

Volunteer Testimonials

I have thoroughly enjoyed organising and planning for the Young Carers trips. It's such a joy to see both the teens and kids thriving and enjoying themselves during the activities. I've met so many amazing people, volunteers, young carers and their families and hope to continue volunteering for SVC in the future!

Emily (YCC Lead Volunteer)

I have been very lucky to be able to co-lead the kids group of the young carers project. The team of volunteers and coordinators at SVC are amazing to work with, everyone is patient and encouraging and you can really feel their passion for the project.

Getting to go on trips with the kids has also been a delight, they are such a well behaved group and it's wonderful to see the output of all the work that goes into organising the trips- the kids having the best time. I have been able to learn so much about leadership and working with children and I am very grateful to get to take these experiences forward into my future career.

Jenna (YCC Lead Volunteer)

It has been really valuable experience as it helps to gain experience working with patients in clinical settings.

Anstruta (NHS Volunteer)

Volunteering has been an amazing and personally fulfilling opportunity to support others in the community by having a positive impact on a patient's day, where they may not have had the opportunity to engage in different conversations/activities otherwise.

Rebecca (NHS Volunteer)

Volunteering in the Young Carers' Club has been an extremely fulfilling and enjoyable experience. As someone who was previously a young carer, it has been very cathartic and rewarding to give back to the community and provide young people with the support and respite they deserve

Emily (YCC Volunteer)

Beneficiary Quotes

"K is very happy, and feels very comfortable around his volunteers"

Be Friends Parent

"M always comes home with a smile"

Be Friends Parent

"This has been a positive experience for C, he has warmed to the chaperones very quickly as this normally takes quite some time.

It has given him some confidence to go and do activities without mum or dad being there.

I would recommend this project to any new recipients."

Be Friends Parent

"B is loving it, we can't thank you enough"

Be Friends Parent

Statistics Overview



520

Volunteer Opportunities



8768 Beneficiaries



12,000 Hours



158,589

Estimated Volunteer
Value

Health & Social Care



Charlotte Lavery & Hannah Hall

Befriending Adults with Disabilities

The Befriending project pairs volunteers with people who have disabilities who are supported by Innovate Trust. The goal is for the people we support to have new opportunities to build skills, have fun, and make new friends!

We run the project over three different areas: Cardiff, The Vale, and RCT. Our befriending pairs do lots of different activities together, from going out to lunch, cinema or crafts at home.

This year, we've had many international students join the Befriending project. These students often miss home and are looking to make new friends. It's great to see how these friendships have developed over the course of the project!

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning is a fun and relaxed project which is held every other Friday in RCT. During the sessions we learn new crafts, catch up, drink coffee and play bingo (which is a must!). It's lovely to see everyone each week, and we love seeing new people attend.

A big thank you to Trish and Alison, our two amazing volunteers who help us to make Coffee Morning special.

Health & Social Care

Club Night

Our Accessible Club Night project aims to create a safe clubbing environment for anyone with additional needs to attend. The aim of the project is to bring people together, encourage them to meet new people, and catch up with friends. This event is supported by four volunteers; Richie, Kat, Isabel and Vanshika. They welcome people at the door, take the entry fee and attendance, and socialise with the people who attend.

This event was previously held at The Moon in Cardiff, but sadly, due to The Moon's sudden closure we have moved to a new another local venue called Callaghan's. A special thank you to The Moon and all its staff for supporting our event for many years, we wish you all the best going forward!

You've Got A Friend

Kate & Stef aka 'Shiny Happy People' continue to run their hugely popular daytime disco every Wednesday in RCT. Now in its fifth year, the project has relocated to Capel Farm Community Resource Centre in Tonyrefail and continues to create a fantastic sense of community, with beneficiaries, staff and volunteers all coming together to have a sing, dance and lots of laughs. The project is also hybrid with beneficiaries attending online and being able to wave to their friends through the large projector screen!

Health & Social Care

Out & About

Out & About RCT is a project that began in 2023, where we organise one monthly evening activity in the RCT area for adults with additional needs. Outings usually happen on a Thursday evening, and activities have included Bowling, Cinema and a recent fan favourite – Bingo! This project continues to evolve, we have recently recruited two volunteers who will be leading on the project in the near future.

Accessible Choir

In 2024 we launched our accessible choir at V21 Sbectrwm Centre. Our choir is open to any adult with additional needs, supported by a team of community volunteers with great skills, including sign-language. The choir has gone from strength to strength, and they have now done numerous performances, including being invited to the Senedd to perform for Disability Pride. We are so proud of our choir, and can't wait to see where they go next!!

Fantastic 4 (Digital)

We now have 4 peer-led volunteers to help us run a digital version of our parties for Insight members. So far this year the team have organised Halloween and Christmas events, complete with a range of entertainment and interactive opportunities for members. The team's next project is an online drag queen party, and we are really excited to see this take place. Well done team!

Fantastic 4 (In-Person)

Last year, we were lucky enough to recruit four volunteers who have committed to supporting us to organise parties over the coming year, for the people we support. So far, we have done a Halloween party, and a Christmas Party and are looking ahead to Valentine's. They are a lovely team, and we are really grateful to have their help!

Health & Social Care

Digital Projects: Entertainer-Led Sessions

Sessions are promoted and accessed through the Insight App: an accessible and safe social media app created by Innovate Trust as a place for adults with learning disabilities to enjoy online activities.

Chris Kelly

Chris is a professional singer who has been running weekly online sessions for SVC for over 4 years, playing his guitar and singing. He is fantastic individual, who is always up for a chat with the 'Tuesday Gang' and keen to give any song requests a go, no matter how wild. This year we have started a Spotify playlist to keep a record of all Chris' covers. His sessions are really popular and deeply appreciated.

Wiggles and Giggles with Eliana

Throughout the last few months, we have tailored our weekly Zumba sessions into a weekly wiggles and giggles session with our dance instructor Eliana. Wiggles and giggles uses the medium of dance to enhance the health and wellbeing of our beneficiaries. The sessions take place every Wednesday afternoon for 30 minutes and consist of a range of dancing tracks chosen by both the participants and Eliana.

Painting with Mabel

Painting with Mabel has been running monthly since June 2024 on Zoom. The aim of the session is to give beneficiaries the opportunity to learn and develop their painting skills through the step by step guidance of painting instructor Mabel. Previously in the sessions, beneficiaries have painted beautiful pictures of fruit, mountainous scenes and Christmas trees using techniques like mixing colours and creating texture using household items.

Health & Social Care

Digital Bingo

Digital bingo is a new monthly project that started in February following a discussion about offering more digital projects during the winter months. We know that the winter can be lonely and isolating for the beneficiaries we support, but digital bingo has brought so much fun and increased socialisation to those we support.

One-Off Opportunities:

RCT Club Night

Last year, as a one off opportunity we were able to organise an extra Club Night session in RCT. It was “neon themed” and everyone came dressed to impressed. We had balloons and a photo booth at the event from local businesses, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We hope to do another one in the future!

Make Music Picnic

Last summer we held a picnic in Bute Park to celebrate Make Music Day. It was a perfect day with something for everyone. We brought outdoor games, had live music from a local artist and a performance from our accessible choir. Thank you to our volunteers for helping us set up and organise the day. It was one to remember!!

Safe Foundation: Skill Building Sessions

Last year we were lucky enough to team up with another organisation called The Safe Foundation. Over a series of months, we worked together to help the people we support to build skills around specific area of interest like cooking, DJ skills, barista training, music video making and shopping sustainably. The sessions were awesome, and the people we support really learnt a lot. Thank you to the team at Safe for their time!

Health & Social Care

History Walk at Bute Park

At the end of the summer last year, we were lucky enough to take a group of beneficiaries and volunteers on a guided tour around Bute Park to learn its history. This session had to be rescheduled a few times due to an unpredictably rainy summer, but when we finally got to attend it was fabulous and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Meriel for your time and for helping us to learn the history of Bute Park.

Cardiff Met Bees & Flower Bomb Session

As part of a volunteering placement opportunity with SVC, a volunteer called Lauren organised a session for the people we support to go to Cardiff Met and take part in their session learning about bees and pollinators. It was a really interesting session, and the best part was putting the bee keeping suits and going to visit their bee hives. Thank you to Lauren and Cardiff Met for having us!

Sing along with John

During 2024 we started a new project called Sing along with John. John is a friend of SVC's and an esteemed musician. A lot of the sessions we offer are loud, so we thought it would be nice to start a project which would appeal to people who would prefer something quieter. We ran this project monthly for a portion of the year but decided to end it due to attendance. Thank you so much for your time John, we really appreciate it!

Health & Social Care

Numeracy Strengthening Workshops (Multiply)

At the end of last year, we were lucky enough to be awarded a grant to fund workshops centred around strengthening numeracy skills of people we support.

The first session was an advent calendar making session where participants were supported to use numeracy skills to create their own advent calendar. We also spent two sessions making terrariums with different groups. Participants were supported to learn about what plants need, and weigh the correct amounts of components like soil, charcoal, moss and gravel for their jars.

When purchasing materials for these sessions we really tried to buy of local businesses. Special thank you to Pepe Cactus in Canton for being so wonderful, and giving us the best supplies for the terrarium workshop.



Children & Young People



Rosie Rudd

Be Friends

Our "Be Friends" project is a befriending project for children and young people aged 5-18 with physical and/or learning disabilities. Volunteers operate in pairs, offering weekly sessions either at our beneficiary's house or engaging in various activities around Cardiff, such as bowling, cinema, trampolining, rock climbing, escape rooms and so much more.

The aim of our project is to help our beneficiaries develop their social skills and independence whilst providing access to enjoyable activities and offering valuable respite for families. Thanks to partnerships with Cardiff University School of Medicine and Cardiff Metropolitan University, as well as our wonderful community volunteers, the project has been able to support a large number of beneficiaries this year. It has been great witnessing the bonds between our beneficiaries and volunteers as well as receiving such positive feedback after sessions.

EYST

SVC has continued to work in partnership with EYST (Ethnic Minorities & Youth Support Team) this year. EYST run a Homework Club to support young people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds with mainly English and Maths tuition but other subjects are considered where needed. In this club, volunteers aged 16+ are matched with a young person based on their specialised subject and the young person's need, to provide weekly tutoring digitally.

Children & Young People

Young Carers Club

Being a lead volunteer at the Young Carers Club has been an incredibly rewarding and eye-opening experience. The club is a safe and supportive space where the kids can take a break, have fun, and connect with their peers and other volunteers, who are all happy to engage in the activities planned.

Every monthly hangout is filled with exciting activities; from movie trips to laser tag and bouncing castles. These activities create lasting memories and raving reviews amongst the kids and the parents. It's been amazing to witness the kids relax and enjoy themselves, and I've learned so much from their strength and resilience. The club is more than just a place for fun; it's a diverse community where young carers are recognized, supported, and celebrated.

I'm grateful to be part of such a meaningful initiative, and I look forward to continuing this journey with the Young Carers Club.

-Roni (YCC Teens lead volunteer)

Children & Young People

Laugh Out Loud Fridays

The LOL project is a fortnightly social club for children and young people with Down's Syndrome. This is an in-person session, and over the last year our wonderful volunteers have put on a range of different activities such as karaoke, a talent show, smoothie making, movie nights and a disco with Shiny Happy People! They've also got some trips to the cinema and to bowling coming up, which are always so much fun.

This project aims to help our beneficiaries gain independence, develop social skills and also feel comfortable to be themselves whilst being involved in great activities. Our volunteers strive to help create a fun, safe and supported environment where everyone can engage altogether, which in turn helps build confidence and communication skills throughout sessions. It is always a joy seeing the smiles on our beneficiaries faces whilst at LOL!



Community & NHS



Georgia Taylor

NHS Placement Scheme

Volunteers work in 18 NHS mental health and medical wards, along with one mental health rehabilitation residential setting, helping patients with a range of conditions including dementia, enduring mental health issues, and those recovering from medical treatments.

Volunteers are responsible for offering social support, companionship, and facilitating a variety of engaging activities. This includes one-on-one interactions, group support, and organising activities like board games, arts and crafts, and charades to boost patients' morale and encourage participation. Volunteers work closely with NHS staff to ensure activities are safe and appropriate while helping to create a welcoming, supportive environment for patients.

Since November, around 80 volunteers have been actively involved in the scheme, participating weekly in a variety of exciting and stimulating activities. Volunteers have been facilitating engaging activities such as arts and crafts, board games, and seasonal events like festive colouring. These activities not only provide therapeutic benefits but also create opportunities for social connection, especially for patients with dementia or long-term mental health conditions.

In addition to group activities, volunteers offer one-on-one companionship, fostering meaningful conversations and relationships with patients. Many patients look forward to the volunteers' regular visits, making these interactions an essential part of their care and recovery.

Community & NHS

The Huggard Centre

This year, our volunteers have played a crucial role in enhancing the well-being of those facing homelessness, providing them with a variety of activities, support, and opportunities for personal growth.

Volunteers support clients at the Intervention Centre, where immediate needs such as showers, clothing, and meals are addressed. They are instrumental in facilitating activities that help build confidence, reduce stress, and encourage clients to develop new skills.

On Mondays, volunteers work alongside kitchen staff and client volunteers to provide meals for around 85 clients during the lunchtime service. They also assist with cooking activities, such as baking, where clients are encouraged to participate in meal preparation and learn new culinary skills. Wednesdays bring a different focus, with volunteers running a social club offering a range of fun and engaging activities. These have included quizzes, bingo, mini golf, summer BBQs, and Christmas parties, all aimed at improving mental well-being, reducing stress, and fostering relationships in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Volunteers take on roles as activity leaders, designing and leading sessions based on clients' interests, or as befriending volunteers, offering companionship to those who may feel isolated and providing a friendly ear for conversation. Over the past few months, we have seen our volunteer numbers grow to 10 active participants. These volunteers have had a significant impact, not only assisting with meal preparation but also building meaningful relationships with clients, which contributes positively to clients' mental health and self-esteem.

Community & NHS



Emma Dixon

Community Safety:

Over the last year, our volunteers on our partnership project with South Wales Police have continued to provide invaluable support to vulnerable individuals across the city, provide crime prevention advice and engage with the local community across a variety of different events.

This year our volunteers have supported over 450 vulnerable individuals on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday nights on the safety bus. The volunteers work throughout the night supporting individuals to a place of safety.

Additionally, they have provided crime prevention advice to 2666 residents through the door knocking 'walkabouts', and have engaged with students during arrivals and Freshers.

Our volunteers have also supported with regular bike marking sessions, supporting community members to register their bikes to the national Bike Register system and advise on how to reduce the likelihood of bike theft.

Across the last year, they have also supported on a variety initiatives including; taxi licensing operations with Cardiff Council to identify 'rogue' taxi drivers, Public Order role play to support with Officer training, Emergency Service Open Days, Hot Food Vendors operation with Cardiff Council, Pride and Cowbridge Christmas Parade.

This year we have provided a variety of training opportunities to help upskill our volunteers including; Bystander Training, Suicide Prevention Training, Cardiff and Vale Drug and Alcohol Service - Addiction Training and Fearless/Crimestoppers Training on County Lines and Hate Crime.

The safety bus alongside our wonderful volunteer Becky and colleague Blane (PCSO from South Wales Police) were also featured on Crimewatch back in October talking about the wonderful work our volunteers do across Cardiff!



One-Off Volunteering

Winter Giving Week



Card Making Workshops

To spread Christmas cheer, we held several Christmas card workshops. Volunteers had a cuppa and mince pies and made cards for patients in Hospital over the festive period. To the sounds of the Christmas classics, volunteers displayed their creative talents and produced some truly amazing cards! They were all well received by patients in the local hospitals!

Christmas Party for Adults with Disabilities

Amidst twinkling lights and festive tunes, our Christmas Party was a joyful celebration for adults with learning and physical disabilities. We decked the halls with decorations and Christmas crackers, along with a festive buffet and raffle. Thank you to our 5 volunteers who helped organise the party, and to all the beneficiaries who came along!

Coffee Morning & Terrarium Workshop

Volunteers supported SVC to run an accessible coffee morning and terrarium workshop for adults with disabilities. The group had a wonderful time, having a cuppa and some festive treats and making a terrarium to take home!

One-Off Volunteering

Student Volunteering Week

Conservation at Forest Farm

Volunteers joined a group of adults with disabilities with the One Planet project to undertake conservation activities in Forest Farm, thankfully in lovely weather!

Tree Planting at Splott Community Centre

Volunteers joined the One planet project again and worked with adults with disabilities to plant trees at Splott Community Centre.

BBQ at Huggard Homeless Centre

Our wonderful volunteers practiced their BBQ skills and put on a brilliant spread for clients at the Huggard Centre. The volunteers got stuck in and provided a wonderful afternoon of food and fun activities!

Litter Pick

We had a wonderful group of volunteers join us for a couple of hours to help clean up the local area. We enjoyed being out in the fresh air and giving the local area a bit of TLC!

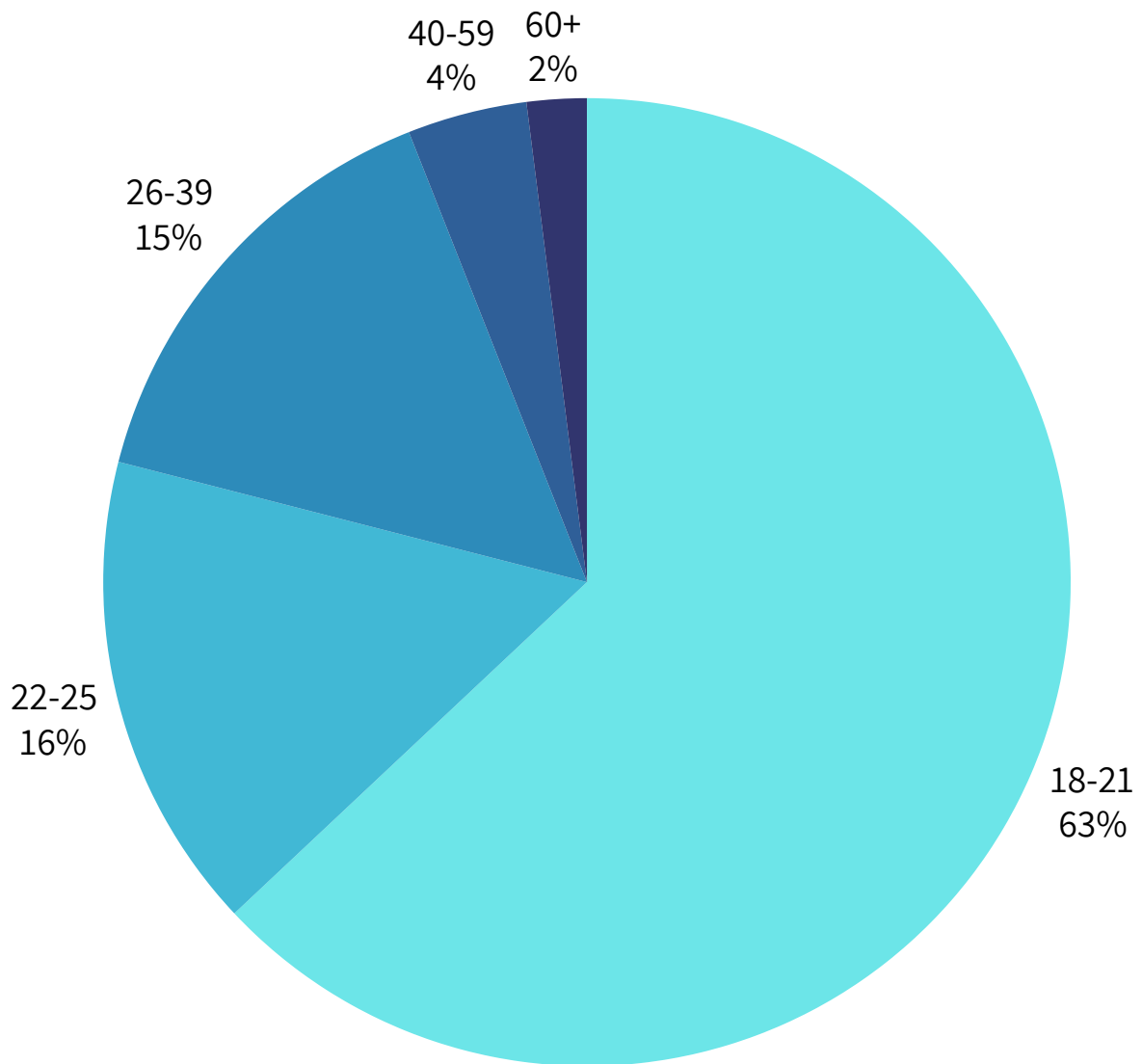
Valentine's Party for Adults with Disabilities

Our Fantastic 4 team put on a brilliant evening for the adults we support! For entertainment we hired a local photobooth company and a local singer. A volunteer had also very kindly offered to DJ for us. It was a lovely night and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you all for your hard work, it was a great night!



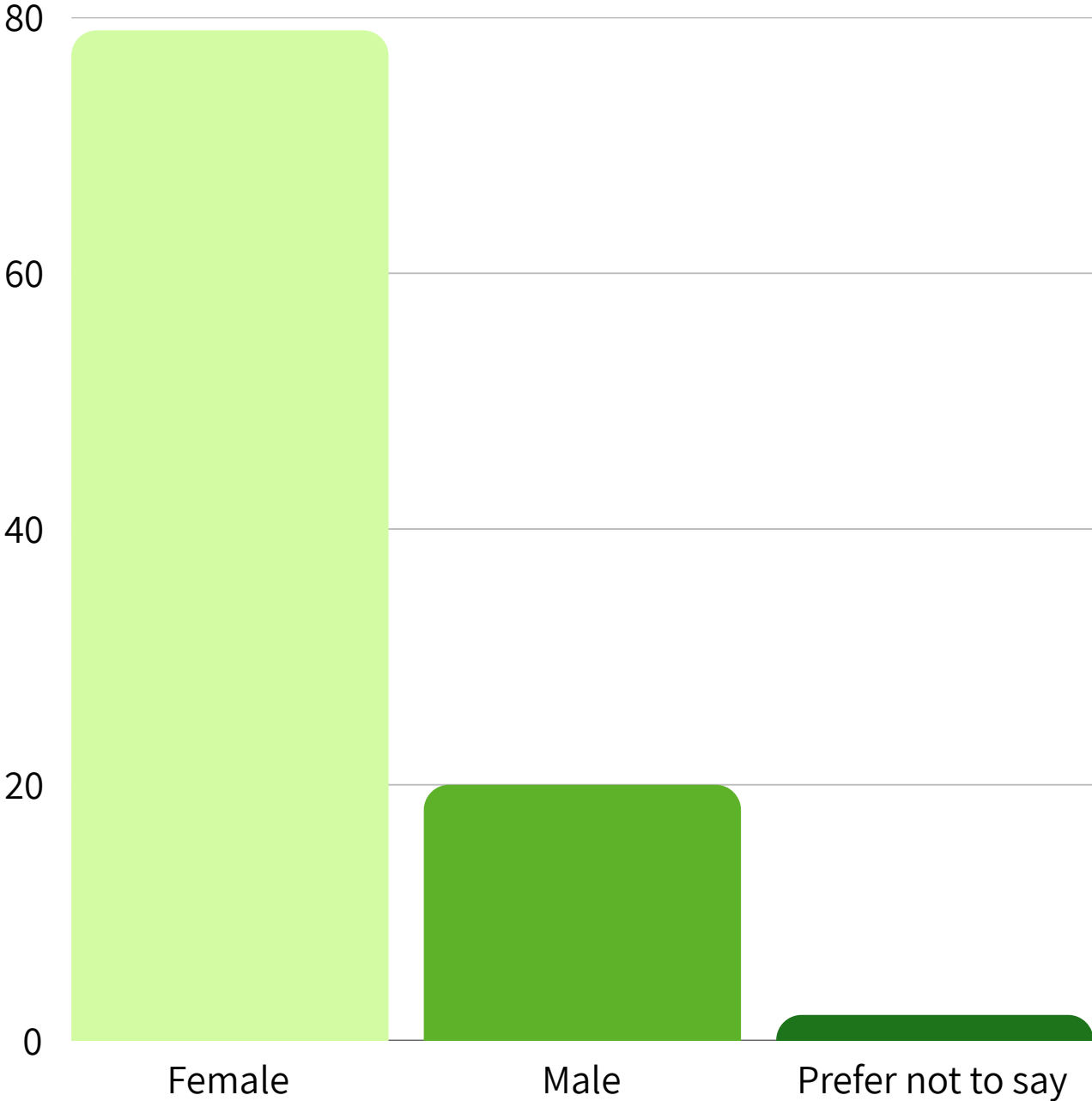
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Age



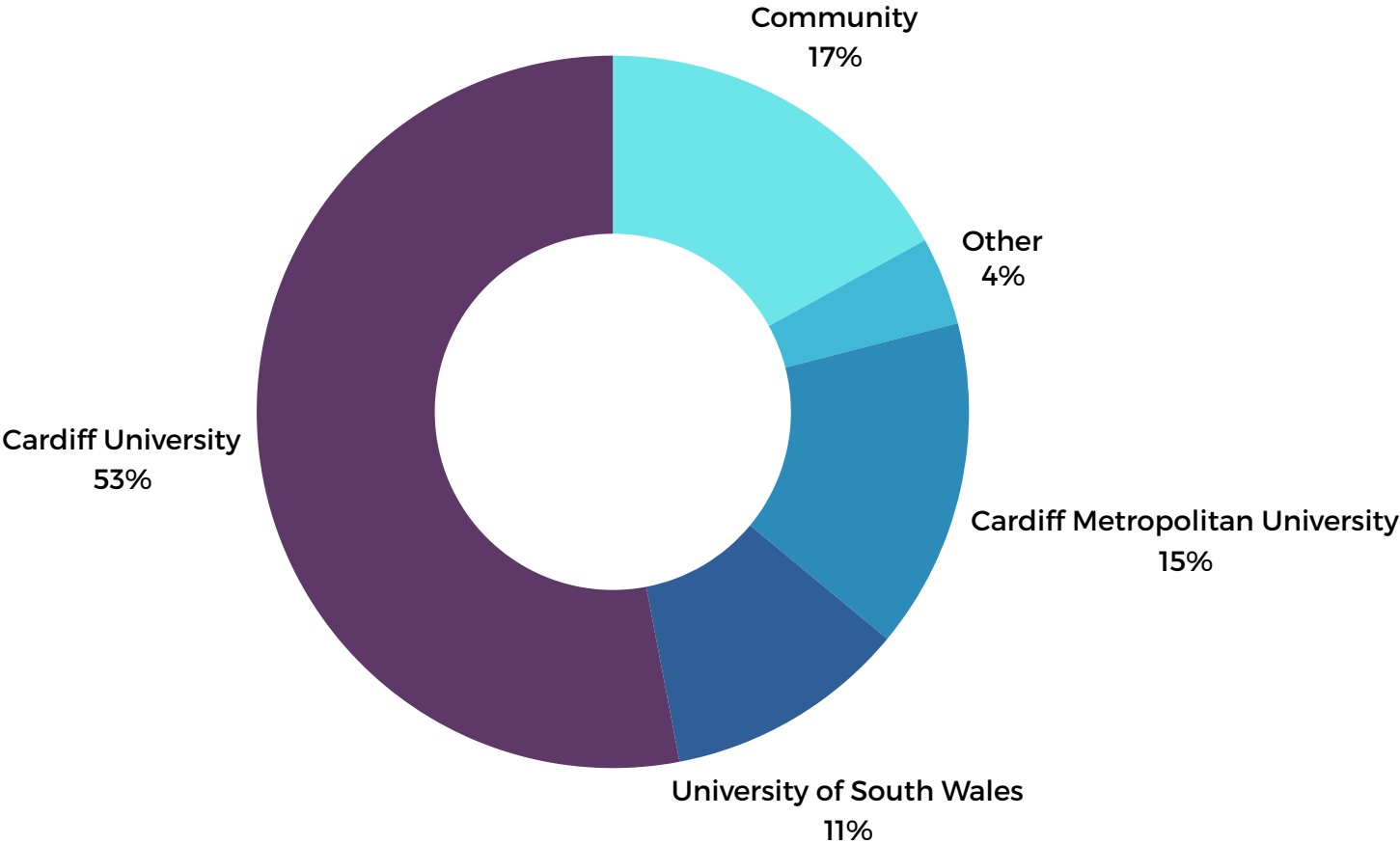
Volunteer Demographics

Gender (%)



Volunteer Demographics

Community/University



Partners & Supporters

BBC Children in Need

Callaghan's

Cardiff Council

Cardiff Metropolitan University

Cardiff University

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

Chris Kelly

Community Foundations in Wales

Co-op Local Giving

Co-op Foundation

Critical Arc

C3SC

Digital Communities Wales

Eliana Keen

EYST

First Choice Housing

FOR Cardiff

Garfield Weston Foundation

Glamorgan Voluntary Services

Grange Gardens

Huggard Centre

Hedley Foundation

Innovate Trust

Investing In Volunteers (IiV)

Mirus

Monmouthshire Building Society

My Cool Music

National Lottery



Partners & Supporters

NUS Wales

Oakdale Trust

People's Postcode Lottery

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council

Shiny Happy People

Solace

South East Wales Down's Syndrome Support Group

South Wales Police

True Colours

Unite Students

University of South Wales

WCVA - Volunteering in Wales Grant

Welsh Assembly Government

Welsh Centre for International Affairs

YMCA

**We have tried to make
our Annual Report more
accessible.**

**We would love to hear
your thoughts on
anything that works
well or could be
improved!**

Thank you!



Charity registration number: 1173198

Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC)

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Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC)

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects

The main purpose and objects of the charity are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan and Rhondda Cynon Taf. In particular, the advancement of education, the furtherance of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

Significant activities

Our main activities include: supporting children and adults with disabilities to access the local community, providing support for people with mental health conditions, supporting young carers, supporting the homeless community, environmental projects, crime prevention and community engagement.

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

This year our work has focused on providing opportunities which combat loneliness and isolation, whilst also developing new skills within our different beneficiary groups.

We continued to develop our scope for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), via funding from the Future Communities Fund, Co-op Foundation (£30,000). We recruited Dan Mapatac, our new full-time EDI Officer on our staff team. In addition, we have:

- Continued to deliver numerous free training sessions for staff, trustees and volunteers within Suicide Prevention, Neurodiversity Awareness, How to Reflect & Sell your Volunteering, Digital Storytelling, AI for Beginners, Epilepsy Training, Inclusive Sport Coaching, Food Hygiene to name a few!
- Completed one-to-one workshops with the staff team to look at what we do well, and where we can do better.
- Working together with our Communication Officers on the Board of Trustees, we have raised awareness of important issues via national awareness days, through our website and social media. Where possible we have also embedded these days into our project delivery.

Another area which is very important to SVC is our Environmental responsibility. This year we recruited a new Environmental Officer to join our Board of Trustees, Lizzie Madden. We have continued to develop our Teracycle scheme within SVC, and have made new partnerships with Environmental organisations. We are currently recruiting for four environmental projects delivered through our colleagues at Innovate Tryst, and have keys to a shared allotment in the Heath where we delivered several on- off community events over the summer.

We were delighted to continue to develop our partnership with Shiny Happy People on our You've Got a Friend project, delivering music therapeutically to disabled adults My Cool Music, £1,000. We jointly launch our new SVC Shiny Happy Choir – an inclusive choir which has already preformed at Cardiff University and the Senedd.

This year we also teamed up with the Safe Foundation to support adults with a disability to learn new skills. Workshops included sound and film production, barista skills and cooking. We are also delighted that our partnership with Cardiff & the Vale Health board continues to flourish, and together we were able to support over 80 volunteers to provide befriending support across 18 mental health wards and rehabilitation settings.

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We have welcomed our fourth Year in Industry placement, Hannah Hall, an opportunity for a student to gain experience of the Third Sector and Health & Social Care. Additionally, we welcomed back one of our previous Year In Industry's into a permanent role overseeing our Children & Young People provision – Rosie Rudd. Finally, we recruited a previous SVC volunteers to oversee our Mental Health partnerships – Georgia Taylor and develop our work with the Huggard Centre further.

We have continued working on our partnership with South Wales Police, we have seen much expansion in initiatives such as our Safety Bus Scheme supporting vulnerable people within the night-time economy. The police were successful in gaining funding to enable the provision of two safety buses at busy times, which is truly welcomed in keeping our streets safer. We were also successful in securing additional funding for this project from the Volunteering in Wales grant scheme from WCVA to help us grow the project further.

We also held regular one-off events across the year, to support more volunteers to get involved with their community. We celebrated our annual Winter Giving Week in December and National Student Volunteering Week in February. We held parties for different groups of beneficiaries, we walked rescue dogs with Cardiff Dog Home, we held collections for food banks, and we supported our local homeless shelter at the Huggard.

The Trustees continued to recognise the loss of funding from our partners as one of the main risks to the charity. However, we were delighted that our partnership with Innovate Trust has continued to blossom. In partnership, we launched several new volunteering projects supporting adults with learning disabilities, mental health conditions and/or physical impairments within the local community. We continue to work in partnership to combat feelings of loneliness and isolation for vulnerable beneficiaries.

SVC continued to develop volunteering opportunities for students from the three local Universities - Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University and the University of South Wales. Additionally, we have worked hard to continue to diversify our volunteering demographic by working closer with community volunteers, and attending community events. Our Trustee Board continued to reflect these changes with more community Trustees sitting on the Board than ever before, bringing with them a range of expertise and knowledge, further enriching our Board.

At SVC, we are constantly amazed by the dedication and support of our volunteers and partners. As SVC continues to grow in this new chapter of our history, we remain very confident that SVC's projects truly enhance the lives of many disadvantaged local residents, whilst continuing to build stronger community links.

Financial review

Financial position

Unspent and available unrestricted funds held at the balance sheet date amounted to £215,615 (2023: £202,046). These funds are supported by funding from SVC's contract with Innovate Trust £105,593 (2023: £112,608). This funding is viewed as core funding and contributes towards SVC's charitable purposes, salary and project costs.

Restricted funds at the accounting date amounted to £89,140 (2023: £90,794). These funds are classed as project-specific funding, helping with the everyday costs of specific projects - such as volunteer training and travel costs or different resources for individual projects.

We were very grateful to receive the following funding to support our project delivery this year: To launch our Inclusive Choir we received £18,300 from National Lottery. £3,250 from Cardiff University to support their Medicine students to gain valuable experience for their future careers.

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Working in partnership with South Wales Police, we managed to secure several additional funding streams in order to secure the Police Volunteering Project and increase the amount of work our volunteers undertake in order to make Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan safer areas. Project support came from Cardiff University (£10,000), and Cardiff Metropolitan University (£6,000), SW Police (£3,500), Unite (£5,000) and Volunteering in Wales Grant, WCVA (£21,971).

Our LOL Fridays project supporting young people with Down's Syndrome continued to thrive via funding from the Co-operative (£1,688) and funding from Local Giving (£500). SVC received funding to develop our work in RCT further, this funding was agreed through our continued partnership with RCT Council and Innovate Trust (£31,250). Furthermore, we received £895 from C3SC and £100 from First Choice Housing to deliver more inclusive and accessible club nights in Cardiff.

We received our last payment of £5,400 to complete our International Volunteering with Taith.

SVC received total support of £119,850 from Innovate Trust supporting the staff salaries and general project delivery of work combating loneliness and isolation in disadvantaged groups of our community. We additionally received gifts in-kind from Innovate Trust (£6,300) through the use of two vehicles for SVC volunteers and support towards stationery and postage costs.

All funds, other than the general fund, are treated as restricted and are used only for the purpose for which they were given.

The expenditure during the year has enabled the charity to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged children and adults of the local community.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recognise their responsibility to spend the funds received in a reasonable time, but also recognise the need to hold funds in the event of the level of income falling and to operate an exit strategy should the charity need to cease its activities.

Future plans

In 2024/25, SVC will be launching some volunteering opportunities around sport and making this inclusive for all.

As a charity, we continue to educate ourselves and will build on the training we have already received this year, aiming to make volunteering accessible to all, and make SVC an inclusive community for all.

Structure, governance and management

Legal Status

Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission (Number 1173198) and governed by its constitution.

Risk management

The Trustees have recognised the loss of the support from our partners, losing funding for projects and the loss of the organisation's premises to be the main risks facing the charity. To mitigate these risks, the Trustees have devised a Reserves Policy to build up the level of free reserves to cover the charity's overheads.

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Reference and administrative details

Trustees

TRUSTEES AND THEIR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS

The Trustees Board is a mixture of community members, postgraduates and undergraduates. Most of the Trustees live in South Wales, however several have moved back to their hometowns or countries since the Covid-19 pandemic. The Trustees have no financially beneficial interests in the charity.

The charity is administered by the Board of Trustees, comprising:

Chair	Heidi Smith – Re-appointed April 2024 Sophie Smith – Resigned April 2023
Vice Chair	Rebecca King– Re-appointed April 2024 Heidi Smith – Resigned April 2023
Treasurer	Nicole Hughes – Re-appointed April 2024 Emma Board Davies – Resigned September 2023
Secretary	Kieran Vass – Re-appointed April 2024 Ewelina Freitag - Resigned April 2018

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Divisional Representatives	Jessica Rumble – Re-appointed April 2024 Karen Harvey-Cooke - Re-appointed April 2024 Kelly Fenton – Re-appointed April 2024 Dr Henry Morris – Re-appointed August 2024 Lucie Mathison – Re-appointed August 2024 Nina Di Cara – Re-appointed August 2024 Rhian Fish – Re-appointed August 2024 Grace Piddington – Re-appointed August 2024 Kuban Freeman – Re-appointed April 2024 Hassan Ahmed - Re-appointed April 2024 Huw Williams - Re-appointed April 2024 Lizzie Madden- Appointed April 2024 Rosie Rapado – Resigned April 2023 Emily Carter – Resigned September 2023 James Galloway - Resigned April 2023 Georgia Taylor - Resigned January 2023
Associate Trustees	Lucy John - Re-appointed August 2024 Gavin Hawkey - Re-appointed August 2024 Rhian Perridge - Re-appointed August 2024 Emma Board-Davies - Re-appointed April 2024

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Registered Charity number

1173198

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

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Heidi Smith
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC)'s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC) as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....
Mr Andrew Hill
FCCA ACA DChA BFP

Severn House
Hazell Drive
Newport
NP10 8FY

Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		344	3,787	4,131
Charitable activities		139,343	99,071	238,414
Investment income	4	2,910	-	2,910
Total income		<u>142,597</u>	<u>102,858</u>	<u>245,455</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(182)	-	(182)
Charitable activities		<u>(112,800)</u>	<u>(120,558)</u>	<u>(233,358)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(112,982)</u>	<u>(120,558)</u>	<u>(233,540)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		29,615	(17,700)	11,915
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(16,046)</u>	<u>16,046</u>	-
Net movement in funds		13,569	(1,654)	11,915
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>202,046</u>	<u>90,794</u>	<u>292,840</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>215,615</u>	<u>89,140</u>	<u>304,755</u>
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		4,881	3,003	7,884
Charitable activities		150,436	151,924	302,360
Investment income	4	1,362	-	1,362
Total income		<u>156,679</u>	<u>154,927</u>	<u>311,606</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(312)	-	(312)
Charitable activities		<u>(105,842)</u>	<u>(151,863)</u>	<u>(257,705)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(106,154)</u>	<u>(151,863)</u>	<u>(258,017)</u>
Net income		50,525	3,064	53,589
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(4,925)</u>	<u>4,925</u>	-
Net movement in funds		45,600	7,989	53,589
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>156,446</u>	<u>82,805</u>	<u>239,251</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>202,046</u>	<u>90,794</u>	<u>292,840</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1173198)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	12	1,682	20,682
Cash at bank and in hand	13	<u>387,081</u>	<u>320,672</u>
		388,763	341,354
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(84,008)</u>	<u>(48,514)</u>
Net assets		<u>304,755</u>	<u>292,840</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		89,140	90,794
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>215,615</u>	<u>202,046</u>
Total funds	15	<u>304,755</u>	<u>292,840</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue onand signed on their behalf by:

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Heidi Smith
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Skills & Volunteering Cymru (SVC) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office equipment	33% straight line

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	344	-	344	816
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	-	3,787	3,787	7,068
	<u>344</u>	<u>3,787</u>	<u>4,131</u>	<u>7,884</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Volunteering & Support Activities	<u>139,343</u>	<u>99,071</u>	<u>238,414</u>	<u>302,360</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>2,910</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>1,362</u>

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Events and conferences		182	182	312
		<u>182</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>312</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Volunteering & Support Activities		23,301	39,788	63,089	88,753
Staff costs		87,849	80,770	168,619	167,638
Governance costs		1,650	-	1,650	1,314
		<u>112,800</u>	<u>120,558</u>	<u>233,358</u>	<u>257,705</u>

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,650	1,650	1,314
	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,314</u>

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8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating leases - other assets	<u>13,463</u>	<u>13,263</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>168,619</u>	<u>167,638</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Project coordinator	5	4
SVC Team Leader	1	1
SVC Manager	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	19,000
Other debtors	1,682	1,682
	1,682	20,682

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	845	-
Cash at bank	286,236	179,310
Short-term deposits	100,000	141,362
	387,081	320,672
Bank overdrafts	(41,088)	-
Cash and cash equivalents in statement of cash flows	345,993	320,672

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	41,088	-
Accruals	1,255	1,254
Deferred income	41,667	47,260
	84,010	48,514
	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	47,260	33,333
Resources deferred in the period	41,667	47,260
Amounts released from previous periods	(47,260)	(33,333)
Deferred income at year end	41,667	47,260

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15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General unrestricted	202,046	143,958	(114,343)	(57,134)	174,527
<i>Designated</i>					
Fantastic 4	-	-	-	2,200	2,200
Club Night	-	-	-	475	475
CoffeeMorning	-	-	-	1,513	1,513
NHS	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
YCC	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
You've Got a Friend	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Huggard	-	-	-	400	400
Staff & Volunteer EDI Training	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
LOL	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Supporting Disabled People New Car	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,088</u>	<u>41,088</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>202,046</u>	<u>143,958</u>	<u>(114,343)</u>	<u>(16,046)</u>	<u>215,615</u>
Restricted funds					
NHS Placement Scheme	3,266	-	(1,813)	-	1,453
YCC	7,188	500	(6,105)	-	1,583
Huggard	572	500	(356)	-	716
Police (Cardiff)	38,798	42,971	(24,228)	-	57,541
LOL	1,188	1,687	(1,573)	-	1,302
Be Friends	17,944	-	(9,987)	-	7,957
Social Club (Cardiff)	4	-	-	-	4
RCT	10,234	38,275	(63,894)	15,385	-
Karaoke / Meet & Greet	21	-	-	-	21
Grange Gardens	1,690	-	(1,690)	-	-
Shiny Happy People - You've Got a Friend	8,891	1,290	(8,577)	-	1,604
Club night	998	1,894	(1,242)	-	1,650
Taith	-	-	(661)	661	-
Choir	-	19,745	(4,436)	-	15,309
Total restricted funds	<u>90,794</u>	<u>106,862</u>	<u>(124,562)</u>	<u>16,046</u>	<u>89,140</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Total funds	<u>292,840</u>	<u>250,820</u>	<u>(238,905)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,755</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General unrestricted	156,445	156,679	(106,100)	(4,978)	202,046
<i>Designated</i>					
Innovate Projects	-	-	(54)	54	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>156,445</u>	<u>156,679</u>	<u>(106,154)</u>	<u>(4,924)</u>	<u>202,046</u>
Restricted					
NHS Placement Scheme	3,759	400	(893)	-	3,266
YCC	2,659	11,500	(6,971)	-	7,188
Huggard	618	-	(46)	-	572
Police (Cardiff)	29,052	37,172	(27,426)	-	38,798
LOL	321	2,250	(1,883)	500	1,188
Be Friends	12,317	16,309	(10,683)	-	17,943
Social Club (Cardiff)	4	-	-	-	4
RCT	30,909	46,875	(63,950)	(3,600)	10,234
Karaoke / Meet & Greet	21	-	-	-	21
Grange Gardens	138	1,569	(17)	-	1,690
Shiny Happy People - You've Got a Friend	1,565	10,683	(6,956)	3,600	8,892
Exploring Equality - Post Code Lottery	1,442	-	(1,597)	155	-
Club night	-	1,170	(172)	-	998
Taith	-	26,999	(31,268)	4,269	-
Total restricted funds	<u>82,805</u>	<u>154,927</u>	<u>(151,862)</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>90,794</u>
Total funds	<u><u>239,250</u></u>	<u><u>311,606</u></u>	<u><u>(258,016)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>292,840</u></u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

NHS Placement Scheme

Under this umbrella area our volunteers work across several different locations, including multiple wards at Llandough Hospital, and additionally the new Adult Mental Health unit called Hafeny-Coed based at this site. Volunteers also assist at the Park Road Rehabilitation Centre.

YCC

The volunteers on our Weekenders project organise day trips for children who are 'Young Carers' or the siblings of children with learning disabilities. The aim of the project is to provide a variety of trips and activities for children who may not otherwise get the opportunity to go to places that may be available to their peers.

Education

SVC's Education project works in partnership with Greenhill Special School, specifically designed for pupils who have social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. SVC volunteers provide additional classroom support to help to improve the pupils' communication skills. Additionally, we advertise opportunities to support young people from BME backgrounds to excel through local Homework Clubs, this work is delivered by our partners at EYST.

Huggard Centre and Salvation Army

Volunteering involves engaging and befriending homeless people by carrying out a variety of different activities from arts and crafts, games nights, quizzes and cooking sessions.

The Police Volunteering Project

A partnership project between SVC, South Wales Police, Cardiff University, Cardiff University's Students' Union, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff Metropolitan Students' Union and the University of South Wales. The project trains student-volunteers to work alongside local community groups and South Wales Police to reduce local crime and increase residents' awareness of Crime Prevention education. The project has grown from strength to strength, with more volunteers and more sponsors each year.

LOL Fridays

An activity club run by SVC volunteers for young people with Down's syndrome. The volunteers assist by running a variety of different activities such as arts and crafts, board games, computer games, pool and karaoke. The club also have themed parties and trips out, for example dinner and bowling.

Be Friends

The Home and Away project matches children/young people aged 5-18 with two student-volunteers, who then visit the young person regularly throughout the academic year, undertaking activities the home or in the community. The aim of the project is to build the young person's skills, whilst providing some respite for their families.

Rhondda Cynon Taff (RCT)

Projects included - a befriending project matching volunteers with an adult with learning and/or physical disabilities to undertake activities within the home or in the Community. We also trained Digital Mentors, SVC volunteers who then support beneficiaries with disabilities to learn more about how to increase their use of their Intelligent Personal Assistants to enhance their independence. Additionally, we developed a Clubbing project for adults with disabilities based in Pontypridd, and a social club based in Talbot Green.

Karaoke / Meet & Greet

Funded through the Postcode Lottery, this club provides regular events for adults with disabilities and mental health conditions to meet new people and undertake new activities.

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2024 £
	General £	Designated £		
Current assets	217,448	41,088	89,140	347,676
Current liabilities	(42,920)	-	-	(42,920)
Total net assets	<u>174,528</u>	<u>41,088</u>	<u>89,140</u>	<u>304,756</u>
		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2023 £
Current assets		250,560	90,794	341,354
Current liabilities		(48,514)	-	(48,514)
Total net assets		<u>202,046</u>	<u>90,794</u>	<u>292,840</u>

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