

2024 Annual Plan

ScottishPower Foundation

1. Introduction

The ScottishPower Foundation was established in 2013 by ScottishPower, which is part of the Iberdrola Group; one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy.

Within its [Master Plan 2022-2025](#), the Iberdrola Foundations Committee sets the general strategy, planning, evaluation and reporting for all five Foundations within the Iberdrola Group. It serves as a guide for all of the Foundations to prioritise and align actions of common interest, whilst recognising that there may be individual requirements within each country.

The ScottishPower Foundation has created a complementary Strategic Plan which aligns closely with the Master Plan whilst adapting it for the UK.

Within this framework, the ScottishPower Foundation publishes an Annual Plan each year, setting out its budget, annual funding programme and indicators for evaluating success. This is the Annual Plan 2024.

The ScottishPower Foundation is keen to be as supportive and flexible as reasonable in relation to its 2024 grants. In response to external circumstances, a change request process exists for this purpose.

2. Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The [Sustainable Development Goals](#), are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand in hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

The ScottishPower Foundation is committed to helping achieve these goals, with a particular focus on Goal 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing, Goal 4 – Quality Education, Goal 10 – Reduced Inequalities, Goal 13 – Climate Change and Goal 14 – Life Below Water.





3. General Objectives







The ScottishPower Foundation's Strategic Plan sets out the overall purpose of its support for charitable work as:

- Education, Training and Research – To support education, training and research in general, prioritising innovation in order to contribute to energy sustainability.
- Biodiversity and Climate Change – To support the protection of the environment and to enhance biodiversity, to actively contribute in the fight against climate change.
- Art and Culture – To protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage by promoting conservation and restoration of the arts and supporting local development.
- Social Initiatives – To contribute to sustainable human development by supporting the most vulnerable people and groups.

4. Specific Objectives

The below tables outline the specific objectives that are linked to the grants approved for 2024, including the target groups and associated SDGs and targets.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH			
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<p>STEM: Inspiring young people to pursue qualifications and a career in STEM in order to contribute to energy sustainability.</p>	Registered Charities	 	3.4 4.4 4.5
<p>Raising Aspirations: Addressing society's educational needs by inspiring and challenging the next generation through innovation.</p>		 	4.6 4.7 10.2 13.3

BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE				
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS	
<p>Environmental Protection or Improvement: Protecting and enhancing the environment.</p>	Registered Charities			3.4 4.7 10.2
<p>Habitat Conservation: Contributing to protection and conservation of habitats and enhancing biodiversity.</p>				13.3 14.2 15.2
<p>Knowledge & Research: Developing new solutions to the challenges for climate change.</p>				15.5

ART AND CULTURE				
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS	
<p>Restoration, Development & Conservation: Protecting & safeguarding artistic and cultural heritage.</p>	Registered Charities			3.4 4.4 10.2
<p>Cultural Initiatives: Celebrating diversity and cultural identity through the arts.</p>				

SOCIAL INITIATIVES			
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<p>Economic Security: Alleviating poverty, including in-work poverty, caused by the cost-of-living crisis.</p>	Registered Charities	 	1.2 1.4 2.1 3.4
<p>Economic Opportunity: Supporting entrepreneurship and skills development for the most vulnerable groups.</p>		  	5.1 8.5

5. 2024 Annual Projects

The Foundation has agreed to support the following annual projects during 2024:

EDUCATION, TRAINING & RESEARCH

Archaeology Scotland

Energy Through Time

The project will work with teachers, children, and young people from the most deprived quintile to co-design inclusive and engaging enquiry-based learning activities and challenging skills development through levels 2 and 3 of the Employability Pipeline that encourages them to explore 'Energy Through Time'. How did the communities heat their homes, power their mills, or keep their food cool and fresh?



Deafblind UK

Standing Out, Fitting In & Moving Forward (Phase 2)

Deafblind have the research and evidence, now they must act and instigate change for these children and families. In this next phase, they plan to act on the revelatory findings from our SO&FI report, progress our existing work to include Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children aged 0-5 years, and continue to raise awareness in schools about deafblindness and temporary hearing and sight limitations. The charity want to support a wider range of children affected, through awareness raising initiatives and platforms, and by providing vital resources for children, parents and schools. They wish to research and share models of best practice around the support of deafblind children and their families, including suggestions for social gatherings and peer support platforms.



Footprints Conductive Education Centre

Communication & Connection Project

This project aims to support children of all abilities to develop communication skills in order to connect with the world around them, increasing children’s ability to understand others and to make themselves understood. The charity hopes that this project can improve independence, wellbeing, and to reduce isolation as children develop social skills, and meaningful relationships.



Techniquet

Ocean Extravaganza: Extended

Building on their existing programme, the charity will adapt the ‘Ocean Extravaganza’ show for a new audience, extending their reach across Wales. Engaging with over 4,000 children and young people, their inclusive and high-quality educational enrichment programme will inspire the next generation to become environmentally responsible adults, empowered with knowledge on how to take positive action.



ART & CULTURE

Brass Bands England

Brass Bands in (about) 100 Objects

This project will protect and safeguard the artistic and cultural heritage of brass bands whilst introducing new diverse groups to the world's largest brass band archive. As custodians of the Brass Bands archive, the charity will develop a programme of podcasts, exhibitions, schools' outreach, and social media to share unique cultural identity to brass bands with new, more diverse audiences.



Four Corners

East End Stories

This project will provide twenty-four Tower Hamlets residents with the opportunity to participate in a programme of training and cultural activities which will culminate in making films celebrating the local communities' diverse histories and culture. Participants will visit local archives and other sites and learn new skills which will enhance their wellbeing and employability.



Glencoe Folk Museum

History on the Move!

While the museum is closed for redevelopment, the charity will take their collection all over Glencoe and Lochaber to promote Highland history and Gaelic culture, visiting schools, community centres, libraries, and other charities to give their community an opportunity to reconnect to their heritage.



Pan Intercultural Arts

Amies Freedom Choirs

The charity aims to improve the health and wellbeing of female trafficking survivors by running Amies choirs, which celebrate cultural identity by singing songs from the diverse cultures that choir members represent. The choirs are testament to the power of the arts to enable vulnerable people to find a way through trauma, rediscover their voice and turn their lives around.



The Rachel Kay Shuttleworth Textile Collections

Documenting the papers of Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth

The charity aims to preserve cultural heritage, by raising awareness of a nationally significant Collection of textiles through researching Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth written archive. This will improve knowledge of items in the Collection and the stories they tell. A new talk programme and a range of events will be created to engage and inspire new audiences.



BIODIVERSITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Wilder Education Network - The Clean Water Challenge

This project will support young volunteers through STEM to promote Sustainable Drainage Schemes as a nature-based solution to the biodiversity decline caused by urban runoff water pollution. The rain gardens will be designed to support wildlife, create carbon sinks, and build nature connections, providing happier people and healthier nature.



The Magdalen Environmental Trust

Wetlands and Wood Pasture at Magdalen Farm

The charity will develop a range of habitats for wildlife by creating 560m of river restoration, 3 hectares of standing open water habitat through a range of ponds, 11,000 square metres of seasonal wetland, and 100 semi-mature trees that will be planted and guarded. 270 metres of boardwalk made from recycled plastic lumber will also be developed, making the farm accessible to all. A series of 6 butterfly banks created in the floodplain of the Axe (south-facing combs, creating warm micro-climates) otherwise missing on site.



The Renewal Trust

New Roots – Branching Out

In partnership with the National Probation Service, the project will deliver a programme of practical training and work experience to create employment and training opportunities for ex-offenders and improve overall wellbeing within the community.



SOCIAL INITIATIVES

Hope Kitchen

Pilot Upcycle and Repair Shop: Oban

The charity will pilot an upcycling, repair, and short date food shop in Oban, providing affordable food, clothing and homeware whilst also reducing waste. They will deliver workshops and events to enable people to learn the skills to repair and upcycle. The shop aims to alleviate the impacts of poverty, specifically by reducing food and textile waste, and improving skills.



Lancashire Women

Home Repair Service for Vulnerable Women

This project aims to create a social enterprise which provides female trade services across Lancashire, with the primary outcome of addressing social issues related to poverty, the cost-of-living crisis and inadequate housing, and secondary benefits of creating well-paid flexible jobs for women, whilst promoting gender equality in a male-dominated sector and a exploring a new, self-sustaining income stream for the charity.



LifeCare Edinburgh

Community Care for Everyone

This project will deliver significant, life-changing benefits for the growing population of older people living on low incomes, providing practical help within the home, companionship, and hot freshly cooked meals, improving both physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Over 210 vulnerable older people will feel secured and supported, remain connected, eat well and enabled to thrive in their own homes.



People Know How

Reconnect: Digital and wellbeing community support

By working directly with local communities, the charity will eradicate digital exclusion by providing place-based digital support in collaboration with local community partners.



Tenovus Cancer Care

By Your Side: Welfare support for people facing poverty due to cancer

A cancer diagnosis routinely causes intense financial difficulties on top of heartache and grief. To ease this, the charity will employ a Benefits Advisor who will secure £1million for 400 families facing cancer. Ensuring their clients feel supported appropriately in specialist circumstances as needed i.e, make sure they have bereavement support through partnership with Marie Curie. In doing so, it increases people's available income, improve their sense of wellbeing, and reduce their money worries.



Volunteering Hebrides

Souper Food Initiative

The project will work across the very remote Northwest Islands of Scotland to reduce poverty across the population by supporting employers to reduce in-work food poverty via practical toolkits and incorporating local grassroots producers in direct delivery.



Winter Comfort for the Homeless

Restart Programme

The project will provide a wide range of support activities to get homeless and vulnerably housed men and women back into work. It's designed to help people increase their confidence and self-esteem, learn new skills, gain qualifications, and work experience to secure paid employment. With the aim of supporting 150 people over the twelve months.

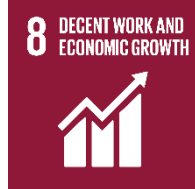


Young Roots

Supporting skills development for young refugees and asylum seekers in Brent

The Young Development Programme supports young refugees and asylum seekers to develop their leadership and communication skills. Young people will improve their confidence through their Young Volunteers' scheme, 1:1 work-readiness support, and life-skills workshops. The Advice and Support Hub also supports young

people experiencing poverty and homelessness, through their one-to-one Casework drop-in.



6. Budget per Theme

Category	Amount
Education, Training, and Research	£210,009.74
Biodiversity and Climate Change	£189,004.40
Art and Culture	£249,396.00
Social Initiatives	£536,679.86

7. Impact Indicators 2024

IMPACT INDICATORS 2024				
EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH				
Charity	Project	Direct Impact Indicator	Impact on SDG Goals	Other Achievements
Archaeology Scotland	Energy Through Time	4 CPD courses for teachers, 2 workshops for volunteers. One assistant trained.	3.4 4.7	80% of course participants will report that they have gained new skills.
Deafblind UK	Standing Out, Fitting In & Moving Forward (Phase 2)	Extend their awareness raising strategy and materials through age-appropriate resources for schools.	3.4 4.4 4.5 10.2	They aspire to expand their social offering for children and young people beyond the summer camp.
Footprints Conductive Education Centre	Communication & Connection Project	70 group sessions will be conducted. Design will begin for curriculum and session plans.	3.4 4.4 4.5	Over 90% of families will see improvements in their child's ability to understand others, build social relationships, and communicate.
Techniquet	Ocean Extravaganza: Extended	2,000 children from most deprived areas of South-East Wales will benefit from free	4.4 4.5 4.7	70% of direct beneficiaries will report feeling inspired by the

		access to the programme at Techniquest.	10.2 13.3	subject matter and empowered with the knowledge to take positive actions on environmental issues.
BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE				
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Young Futures: The Clean Water Challenge	30 young people will take part in raingarden workshops and create rain garden planters as community training workshops.	13.3 14.2 15.5	80% of participants will have better understanding on the value of SuDS, the role they play, and the impacts of climate change.
The Magdalen Environmental Trust	Wetlands & Wood Pasture at Magdalen Farm	A series of 6 butterfly banks along the floodplain, sown with butterfly-attracting wildflower seeds.	3.4 14.2 15.5	The creation and maintenance of the paths enable easy access for everyone, including children and adults with impaired mobility.
The Renewal Trust	New Roots – Branching Out	Fruit forests and tree nursery established. 100 trees and hedge planted, with 200 metres of hedgerow restored.	3.4 10.2 13.3	100% of participants will report of new skills developed. 60% report a change in behaviour and better quality of life.

ART AND CULTURE				
Brass Bands England	Brass Bands in (about) 100 projects	3 schools outreach with 180 children from diverse backgrounds with art engagement activities.	3.4	100% completion of catalogue listing, and continuation of archive conservation and digitisation of at-risk items, securing the long-term future of the collection.
Four Corners	East End Stories	Providing 24 Tower Hamlets residents with the opportunity to participate in a programme of training and cultural activities, making films and celebrating local history.	3.4 4.4	18 participants will seek further opportunities to study, work, or volunteer in the creative or heritage sector.
Glencoe Folk Museum	History on the Move!	100 children and 15 adults will participate in schools programme. With another 80 people attending online talks.	3.4 4.4	60 older adults will participate in outreach sessions in care homes.
Pan Intercultural Arts	Amies Freedom Choirs	The Amies Alumnae Choir will perform a minimum of 4 performances during the project year.	3.4 10.2	75% of participants have improved confidence, communication & expression, and show increased participation in activities.

The Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth Textile Collections	Documenting the papers of Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth	Museum interpretation in the 5 galleries will be improved to include details of the stories. 10 new digital stories will be added to the displays.	3.4	90% of course participants will report that they have developed a new skill as a result of the activities delivered.
SOCIAL INITIATIVES				
Hope Kitchen	Pilot Upcycle & Repair Shop: Oban	200 items upcycled, repaired, fixed and sold; otherwise have gone to landfill.	1.4 2.1 3.4	80% of volunteers will report increased skills and/or improved confidence.
Lancashire Women	Home Repair Service for Vulnerable Women	300 women received home repairs. 10-30 businesses and individuals pay for trade services.	3.4 5.1	200 women in vulnerable situations report improved health and wellbeing and/or improved economic security.
LifeCare Edinburgh	Community Care for Everyone	1,800 Help at Home visits and 2,500 hot nutritious freshly-cooked meals delivered to clients reaching 140-160 older individuals.	1.4 3.4	140+ vulnerable older adults on low incomes will report feeling safe, less isolated, and more connected as they benefit from companionship.
People Know How	Reconnect: Digital & Wellbeing	Achieve a reach of 2,000 individuals and positively impact their	3.4 8.5	80% will report feeling more confident online

	Community Support	lives through digital connectivity.		and 60% will report feeling digital inclusion is support their overall wellbeing.
Tenovus Cancer Care	By Your Side: Welfare support for people facing poverty due to Cancer	Anyone facing eviction due to cancer will have their case resolved. To achieve is they will work with a suitable specialist partner.	1.4 3.4	90% of clients will report significant improvement in their wellbeing and relief from money worries.
Volunteering Hebrides	Souper Food Initiative	30 employers and 18 community groups will be equipped to deliver the initiative. With 100% of people feeling less hungry.	1.4 2.1 3.4	90% of community organisations who participate will report feeling better able to reduce poverty in their area.
Winter Comfort for the Homeless	Restart Programme	150 unemployed and homeless or vulnerably housed individuals will take part in basic skills workshops, gaining accredited & non-accredited qualifications.	1.4 8.5	80% will take part in the Restart Programme.
Young Roots	Supporting skills development for young	500 young people will gain access to their Youth Development Programme.	3.4 8.5	90% of young people will report improved English-language skills. As well as,

	refugees & asylum seekers in Brent			increased confidence and increased opportunity to build their leadership skills.
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8. Marine Biodiversity Fund

The ScottishPower Foundation launched the new Marine Biodiversity Fund in 2021 and awarded its first ever multi-year grant to the Restoration Forth project.

The project, managed by leading independent conservation organisation WWF in partnership with scientists, charities, and local community groups is working to design a blueprint to restore and sustainably manage seagrass and oyster habitats for a thriving Firth of Forth.

Now in its third year, the Restoration Forth project has planted 135,000 seagrass seedlings at locations around the Forth and will have deployed 20,000 European flat oysters by the end of 2024. The project has engaged with almost 9000 people in communities around the Forth through a skills programme, workshops, webinars, and lectures as well as through creative events celebrating the history of the Forth and citizen science activities.



In March 2024, the Marine Biodiversity Fund opened for a second round of funding to select the recipient of the second ever grant from the fund of up to £600,000 over the next three years.

9. Monitoring and Evaluating

The ScottishPower Foundation seeks to maintain its reputation for investment in good quality projects that demonstrate well-evidenced outcomes which will benefit communities. The Foundation has a Funding Agreement in place with each grant recipient which stipulates the milestones and deliverables for their projects. Their progress is evaluated through a number of channels including:

1. Welcome Meeting: takes place at the beginning of the funded year.
2. Dedicated Mailbox: to ensure regular and open communication with the charities.
3. Regular Reports: required quarterly.
4. End of Grant Report: required within three months of project completion.
5. Regular progress review meetings and visits.