



Annual Report

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Executive Committee Report

Deaf History Scotland held its tenth annual general meeting (AGM) on 13th October 2018 in Deaf Connections, Glasgow. The meeting elected Beatrice Cook, Manjeet Cross, John Hay, Flora Kerr and David Wilson to the Executive Committee. Stuart Imrie was co-opted to the Executive Committee with no voting rights. Ella Leith (DHS Secretary) launched the Scottish Deaf History Tartan and gave the presentation about the Scottish Deaf History Tartan which was created by Silvia Marinas Cera, then a textiles student at Heriot Watt University at Galashiels, to commemorate the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015. The design was inspired by the colours of the Sign Union flag designed by Arnaud Balard, a French Deaf-blind artist. Silvia Marinas Cera has designated her Intellectual Property rights to DHS and donated the fee, enabling DHS to use the tartan exclusively for merchandise and publicity to promote Deaf heritage.

The Secretary unveiled DHS's new logo, designed by Andy Irvine to include the Scottish Deaf History Tartan and to mark the 10th Anniversary. She also unveiled the new merchandise logo, a map of Scotland in Scottish Deaf History Tartan and following a clan crest design, which was designed by Deaf artist Ruaridh Lever-Hogg and digitised by Marta Discepoli.

There were updates on the British Deaf History Society from Ian Depledge and the Deaf History International from Jemima Buoy. Melinda Napier gave a Presentation "Researching Family Histories and Deaf Clubs". She gave a fascinating and in-depth account of the issues and triumphs of researching personal and community histories, and the technological changes along the way.

In the evening, DHS members and guests enjoyed the Tenth Anniversary dinner and Margaret Aitken's presentation about DHS's Ten Years.

On 19th January 2019, DHS Executive Committee attended a day training on "GDPR" and "Museum & Archive Documentation" with Peter Jackson of British Deaf History Society (BDHS). The Executive Committee had found the training most helpful and interesting. Following this training, Ella Leith produced a handbook on how to record and catalogue archives and artefacts onto a computer and delivered a half day training for DHS Executive Members and the two Heriot-Watt University students on 14th March.

DHS Executive Committee agreed to purchase a specialist software "MODES" for archival cataloguing and this software is not compatible on Apple Macs. Sign Language Interactions kindly donated a PC, so that we could download the MODES software and get on with the cataloguing work.

DHS Executive Committee presented a gift of necklace, as a token of appreciation, to Ella Leith at a lunch on 18th March 2019. Ella had resigned from the Secretary post as she was moving to Malta.

About forty people joined the two Glasgow Deaf Heritage Tours, led by John Hay on 30th March 2019. Not only the participants learned more about the Glasgow Deaf Heritage but also shared their memories.

BDHS welcomed a group of DHS members to their Deaf Museum in Warrington on 27th April 2019. Peter Jackson gave a presentation explaining what is meant by "Deaf History". Then members were given a tour of the Deaf Museum.

DHS held their annual Spring Gathering for members in the Town House, Inverness on Saturday 4th May 2019. There were three presentations: Iain Smith about the History of Inverness Deaf Club; John Gill about the History of Development of Services in Highlands and Bert Smale about Lipreading and its history.

On 10th May 2019, Deaf Connections held a BSL Celebration Day, which was organised by Annabel Ladomery and Megan McArthur, Heriot-Watt University interpreting students. DHS had their stall and John Hay gave a presentation "An Unspeakable Scot: E H Stanley Craig CA".

Donations to the Scottish Deaf History Archives have been received from several members. In partnership with Heriot-Watt University, DHS took two interpreting students on placement; Annabel Ladomery (September to December 2018) and Heather King (January to April 2019). They had been most helpful with cataloguing the Scottish Deaf Archives. Annabel also assisted with DHS's Tenth Anniversary celebrations. In recognition of their valued contributions, the Executive Committee agreed to continue with student placements for the academic year 2019/2020.

Four Heriot-Watt University 2nd year interpreting students (Chris Goodlightly, Sigrid Brown, Chloe Davidson and Lou Hanson) produced an excellent video of deaf people sharing their life experiences as part of their service placement project. The video "Growing Up Deaf in Scotland" has now been given to DHS.

After registering the Scottish Deaf History Tartan, the tartan was woven by Ingles Buchan Tartan Specialists. Ties, scarves, stoles, bowties and other merchandise went on sale for the first time at the AGM on 13th October 2018. DHS continued to receive orders for this merchandise. Profits from sales went to support DHS's projects.

DHS continued its participation in the second and third Deaf Heritage Collective events on 2nd November 2018 in Inverness and on 19th June 2019 in Stirling. The project, led by Napier University and Heriot-Watt University, attempted to connect the Heritage Sector with Deaf organisations and the Deaf community. DHS was also involved with Napier University; Dr Kirstie Jamieson and Marta Discepoli had designed and produced marketing/information materials for DHS. Their students visited the Scottish Deaf Archives room and did research for their Exhibition Design projects. Their work "Deaf Cultural Museum" were displayed at the third Deaf Heritage Collective event. A photography student from the same university, Louise Holst took photographs of selected Deaf Archives and places of deaf historical interest for the "Glasgow Deaf

Heritage Trail". DHS hopes to have continued support/liaison from Heriot-Watt and Napier Universities.

As part of the Awards for All Project "Celebrating Glasgow's Deaf Heritage", DHS Executive Committee set up a Deaf Heritage Trail Book Sub-group in July 2018 to research, write and publish a guide booklet which will be launched at the AGM on Saturday 2nd November 2019. This sub-group comprised Margaret Aitken, Ian Carmichael, Richard Durno, John Hay, Lilian Lawson and Stephen Butler.

Due to unsurmountable financial difficulties, Deaf Connections went into voluntary liquidation on 29th August 2019. This had meant that DHS had to find an alternative place for Scottish Deaf Archives. Deaf Action kindly offered storage space. DHS Executive Committee and volunteers packed everything and transported the archives to Edinburgh on 3rd September. DHS and Deaf Action will have a meeting in October 2019 to discuss the storage and long-term plans. DHS is greatly grateful to Deaf Action for their support.

The Executive Committee had seven meetings over the course of the year. Stuart Imrie, due to his work commitments, stepped down in January 2019.

Executive Committee

Officers: Margaret Aitken (Convenor); Ella Leith (Secretary, September 2018 to March 2019; and Lilian Lawson OBE (Acting Secretary from March 2019 and Treasurer).

Members: Ian Carmichael, Beatrice Cook, Manjeet Cross, John Hay, Flora Kerr and David Wilson.

Independent Examiner: Matthew King

Bankers: Santander, PO Box 1109, Bradford, BD1 5ZJ

Deaf History Scotland

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2019

	£ 2018/2019	£ 2017/2018
Receipts		
Grant income	0	9,300
Event fees	25	15
Book sales	143	177
Merchandise sales	607	15
Membership fees	905	671
Donations	902	589
Scottish Deaf Archives Project	0	1,573
10 th Anniversary Celebrations	775	900
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	1,423	200
Total Receipts	4,780	13,400
Payments		
Deaf History Journals	357	161
Administration costs	41	5
Executive Committee expenses	476	372
PayPal fees	12	5
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	1,985	1,025
Spring Gathering	149	130
10 th Anniversary Celebrations	4,636	98
Scottish Deaf Archives Project	1,105	2,742
Gratuity	0	50
Miscellaneous	90	122
Total Payments	8,850	4,710
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(4,070)	8,730

	£ 2019	£ 2018
Bank Opening Balance	12,517	3,787
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(4,070)	8,730
Closing Balance	<u>8,447</u>	<u>12,517</u>

Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2019

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

2. PayPal Account

The PayPal Account was set up in the financial year of 2016/2017.

Fund carried forward	£206
Receipts received:	£279
Balance at 30 th September 2019:	£485

3. Dedicated Funds

	<u>Balance at 1st October 2018</u>	<u>Incoming Resources</u>	<u>Resources Expended</u>	<u>Balance at 30th September 2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
The History of Edward Cup Book	132	-	-	132
Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book	200	-	-	200
Deaf Archives Project	2,655	-	1,105	1,550
	<u>2,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105</u>	<u>1,882</u>

a) The History of Edward Cup Book

The Executive Committee agreed to put aside in the year to 30th September 2011, a sum of £500 for costs of printing "The History of Edward Cup" book, which was produced in the year of 2011-2012 at a cost of £368 leaving a balance of £132. The Executive Committee has still to decide on how the balance is to be spent.

b) Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book

Deaf History Scotland received a donation of £200 in 2016 from Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club which is now defunct. The Executive Committee agreed to put this sum of money in the dedicated funds for research and printing costs of a book to commemorate the history of this club.

c) Deaf Archives Project

The Executive Committee agreed to apply for funding for a project to collate, store, catalogue and promote Scottish Deaf archives. In this financial year, no further donations had been received specifically for this project. A total of £1,105 had been expended on shelving units, archival materials and archive training for DHS Executive Committee.

4. Restricted Funds

In this financial year, DHS had successfully applied for funding from Awards for All (Scotland) and received a grant of £9,300 for the project “Preserving, Promoting and Sharing Glasgow’s Deaf Heritage”. At 30th September 2019, a total sum of £4,773, (including the money expended in the previous financial year of 2017/2018), had been expended on this project, leaving £4,527 which will be used to cover the printing costs of “Glasgow’s Deaf Heritage Trail” book which will be launched at the AGM on 2nd November 2019.

5. Total Funds at 30th September 2019

	£
Dedicated funds	1,882
Restricted funds	4,527
General funds	1,553
PayPal Account	485
Total Funds	8,447

Approved by:

Margaret Aitken, DHS Convenor

Lilian K Lawson OBE, DHS Treasurer

Date: 2nd November 2019

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of DHS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2019 which are set out on pages 5-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

* to keep accurate records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

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