

Annual Plan

2026



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 the Iberdrola Group there are four member Foundations: Fundación Iberdrola España in Spain, ScottishPower Foundation in the UK, Instituto Neoenergia in Brazil and Avangrid Foundation in the USA.

The Iberdrola Group Foundations Committee was established in 2014 by the Board of Iberdrola, S.A. to ensure coordination across the Group's Foundations. Its Sustainable Development Master Plan sets a shared strategic direction, while respecting the independence of each Foundation's Board and allowing flexibility to respond to local social, environmental and regulatory contexts.

The ScottishPower Foundation's complementary Strategic Plan aligns closely with the Master Plan while reflecting the UK context.

Within the framework of these strategic plans, the ScottishPower Foundation publishes an Annual Plan each year, setting out its budget, annual funding programme and indicators for evaluating success.

The Annual Plan 2026 was developed within the framework of the Master Plan 2022-2025 and the Strategic Plan 2024-2025 in accordance with when the charities applied to the Foundation for funding.

2. Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals

[The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), which 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 the SDGs, and all projects funded through its grant giving must contribute towards at least one of the goals.



3. General objectives

As set out in the Strategic Plan 2024-2025, the Foundation's work focuses on:


Education, Training and Research – To support education, training and research in general, prioritising innovation in order to contribute to energy sustainability.


Art and Culture – To protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage by promoting conservation and restoration of the arts and supporting local development.







Biodiversity and Climate Change – To support the protection of the environment and to enhance biodiversity, to actively contribute in the fight against climate change.



Social Initiatives – To contribute to sustainable human development by supporting the most vulnerable people and groups.

4. Specific objectives

Education, Training and Research		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs
<p>STEM: Inspiring young people to pursue qualifications and a career in STEM in order to contribute to energy sustainability.</p>	Registered Charities	
<p>Raising Aspirations: Addressing society's educational needs by inspiring and challenging the next generation through innovation.</p>		

Art and Culture		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs
<p>Restoration, Development & Conservation: Protecting & safeguarding artistic and cultural heritage.</p>	Registered Charities	
<p>Cultural Initiatives: Celebrating diversity and cultural identity through the arts.</p>		

Biodiversity and Climate Change		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs
<p>Environmental Protection or Improvement: Protecting and enhancing the environment.</p>	Registered Charities	     
<p>Habitat Conservation: Contributing to protection and conservation of habitats and enhancing biodiversity.</p>		
<p>Knowledge & Research: Developing new solutions to the challenges for climate change.</p>		

Social Initiatives		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs
<p>Economic Security: Alleviating poverty, including in-work poverty, caused by the cost-of-living crisis.</p>	Registered Charities	     
<p>Economic Opportunity: Supporting entrepreneurship and skills development for the most vulnerable groups.</p>		

5. Annual Grants Fund 2026 – projects

The Foundation has awarded funding to the following projects during 2026.

Education, Training and Research

Blyth Tall Ship

Future Mariners

Future Mariners is a year-long initiative aimed at supporting 120 young people aged 14–25 from Blyth and the surrounding communities. The programme provides hands-on training in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) alongside maritime skills, helping participants build confidence, strengthen their employability, and raise their aspirations. An outreach strand extends the project into local schools, delivering engaging maritime STEM workshops that spark curiosity among younger students and highlight exciting career pathways in both the maritime and renewable energy industries.



IMO Charity

Youthrive 4 Change

Youthrive 4 Change tackles gaps in STEM and sustainability by delivering innovative, inclusive, and forward-looking learning opportunities that spark inspiration, develop skills, and empower youth-led action. The programme focuses on young people aged 10–16, particularly those from underserved communities, helping them grow into confident, informed, and proactive contributors to a sustainable future. Through hands-on, technology-driven, and creative approaches, participants will engage with real-world challenges while strengthening their leadership, problem-solving, and critical thinking abilities.



Libraries Unlimited South West

The project seeks to inspire ambition, tackle educational inequality, and nurture a lasting passion for reading among children and families in disadvantaged communities. By offering imaginative literacy activities in schools and libraries, it will enhance school readiness and deepen family involvement in reading. The initiative will break down barriers to literacy, building confidence in both children and parents while encouraging greater use of local libraries.



Art and Culture

Dundee Industrial Heritage SCIO

Discovery Point Transformed

This project will transform Discovery Point into a national centre for public engagement with the ship, from its proud Dundonian origins to its global impact on Antarctic heritage, science, and the environment. Its flagship attraction will be a new state-of-the-art Climate Science Gallery, where visitors will explore the sciences pioneered by Discovery's polar expeditions and how they continue to inform our global understanding of our climate and oceans today. Featuring new digital and physical interactives, themed networks and effects, and real scientific data, visitors will be immersed in the science of our changing climate through the story of Antarctica.



Phoenix Dance Theatre

This project empowers young people to explore the Windrush generation's powerful legacy in shaping contemporary dance and Black British music. Working with historians, musicians, and dance practitioners, twelve groups will create original performances to be showcased during Windrush Month. Alongside this, participants will hear from a cultural historian and experience an

excerpt from *Windrush: Movement of the People*, deepening their confidence, respect, and appreciation of this vibrant heritage.



Biodiversity and Climate Change

Arts Connection- Cyswllt Celf

Rooted in Place

Rooted in Place brings communities in Powys and Wrexham together through inclusive, creative, and eco-focused experiences. Led by Arts Connection, the project strengthens community bonds, boosts environmental awareness, and supports wellbeing through hands-on arts, outdoor learning, and co-creation. Participants will gain practical skills, creative confidence, and a deeper sense of belonging, with each school producing a tangible outcome that can be shared back with the wider community.



Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Company

Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Company helps families across North, East, and South Ayrshire by collecting unwanted furniture for free and supplying affordable items to those in need. Building on this, the company is expanding its mattress cleaning project—turning products headed for landfill into low-cost, reusable mattresses. The initiative boosts stock, cuts waste, reduces carbon emissions, and supports households across Ayrshire and beyond.



Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

Marine Explorers

The project is expanding to new schools and youth ambassador groups, empowering young people to tackle local challenges, amplify their voices, and drive collective action to protect Scotland's marine wildlife. Taking the charity's innovative programme to fresh communities along the west coast, it will introduce new activities and audiences. As a highlight, schools from Skye and Mallaig will join two week-long "floating classroom" workshops aboard the charity's whale research yacht—bringing marine science to life at sea.



Social Initiatives

BlindAid

This project combines vital IT training with a social lunch club for blind and visually impaired adults in inner London. Over 36 weeks, three 12-week courses will run in Camden, Southwark, and Wandsworth, opening access across all 12 inner London boroughs. Each course hosts 6–8 learners, reaching up to 72 participants. Sessions are free and led by an experienced tutor and volunteer assistant—both visually impaired—bringing lived expertise and proven success to every class.



Community Welfare Services

Second Season Clothing Drive

Community Welfare Services is a London charity tackling poverty and social exclusion among low-income families. By providing essentials and practical support, it eases financial strain, promotes dignity, and empowers families towards independence—helping to combat child and in-work poverty. Its Clothing Drive supplies underprivileged children with essential seasonal

clothing, both new and quality pre-loved, promoting sustainability through reuse while meeting urgent needs.



Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

Daily ward visits bring fun, engaging activities that connect children and families, fostering friendship and peer support. Creative STEM workshops run every day with musicians, dancers, storytellers, visual artists, and partners like Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Zoo, and Capital Theatres. Alongside this, daily wellbeing sessions—meditation, massage, and sensory activities—help children ease worries and feel supported.



Firstport for Social Entrepreneurs Ltd

Ready to RISE

Ready to RISE (Readiness and Incubation for the Social Economy) is a programme supporting women in Scotland who face barriers to work—whether through career breaks, caring roles, trauma, or health challenges. By opening the door to social entrepreneurship as a flexible, purpose-driven path back into employment, it empowers women to re-enter the workforce with confidence. The programme kicks off with community and online outreach events, engaging up to 250 women where they are—both physically and emotionally—and introducing them to the possibilities of social enterprise.

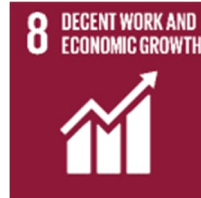


Lancashire Women

The project will grow the female handywoman service, offering free or low-cost home repairs for women in need. By developing commercial and training arms, it will generate sustainable

income, boost women's skills, improve living conditions, and challenge gender inequality in construction.

Plans include creating a directory of female tradespeople for larger contracts, fitting out a workshop at the Accrington centre for DIY training, and funding a Marketing Officer to promote services and drive referrals through digital outreach.



The Mason Foundation

Propel Scotland

Propel Scotland, led by The Mason Foundation, will support 120 young people across Edinburgh and Glasgow—equipping them with the tools, confidence, and opportunities they deserve. This 12-month programme tackles the employment gap facing neurodivergent youth, creating sustainable pathways from education into meaningful work.



The Scottish Pantry Network

This project provides affordable, nutritious meal kits alongside hands-on training in cooking, hygiene, and packaging. Distributed through the charity's community pantry network across Scotland, it supports families most in need—25% are lone-parent households, mainly women, and 10% are individuals living with disabilities.



6. Budget per theme

Category	Amount
Education, Training and Research	£221,070.00
Biodiversity and Climate Change	£221,416.00
Art and Culture	£194,813.00
Social Initiatives	£515,320.00

7. Impact Indicators 2026

IMPACT INDICATORS 2026			
EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH			
Charity	Project	Direct Impact Indicator	Other Achievements
Blyth Tall Ship	Future Mariners	60% of participants will secure progression to an apprenticeship/job.	40 workshops delivered.
IMO Charity	Youthrive 4 Change	80% of participants will have an increased understanding of climate change and sustainability.	12 sustainability ambassadors trained to continue the legacy of the programme.
Libraries Unlimited South West	Ready to RISE-creative literacy for life	30 in school sessions will link the curriculum to a unique reading challenge, promoting a love of reading.	Increase of parents/carers reading with their child.

BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE			
Arts Connection	Rooted in Place	Over 500 pupils engaged in eco-arts, resulting in 80% of teachers having an improved understanding of climate.	5-day youth courses held to train 10 young people.
Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Ltd	CRFC Mattress Reuse Project	100 households have improved access to essential furniture they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.	4 real living wage training placements created for unemployed local residents.
Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust	Hebridean Marine Explorers- Inspiring Future Ocean Advocates	12 week co-design education programme for 2 schools, engaging 40 pupils.	Participate in 4 STEM events to increase aspirations for conservation careers in coastal communities.

ART AND CULTURE			
Dundee Industrial Heritage	Discovery Point Transformed	70% of visitors say they want to take climate action and can suggest a way to do so.	New permanent state of the art climate science gallery at Discovery Point including new interactive exhibits.
Phoenix Dance Theatre	Music and Dance in cultural identity- a Windrush legacy.	80% of participants report greater understanding of the contribution of the Windrush generation and their legacy on British music and dance culture.	64 sessions held over 10 schools engaging 300 young people.

SOCIAL INITIATIVES			
BlindAid	Vulnerable blind/visually impaired Londoners reach their full potential and regain independence with NVDA IT skills.	80% of participants can independently use essential digital tools and communication platforms.	3x 12-week courses in NVDA delivered, with a total of 54–72 blind and visually impaired participants attending.
Community Welfare Services	Second Season Clothing Drive	75% of participants will have improved self-esteem as a result of appropriate and quality clothing.	800 individuals provided with essential seasonal clothing through 4 coordinated distribution events.
Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity	EHC's Hospital Hub	90% of families report feeling more supported and have improved wellbeing.	100 ward based one to one support sessions reaching 100 children.
Firstport for Social Entrepreneurs	Ready to RISE	80% of participants have increased confidence to pursue enterprise, employment or training by the end of the workshop programme.	10 sessions held across Scotland to introduce women to social entrepreneurship alongside providing inspiration and practical advice.
Lancashire Women	Expanding handywomen service to increase social impact	70% of women in vulnerable situations report better living standards as a result of home repairs.	300 women in vulnerable situations receive home repairs.

SOCIAL INITIATIVES			
The Mason Foundation	Propel Scotland! Supporting Young People to Thrive	70% of participants progress to sustained employment, further education or training within 6 months of programme completion.	32 education mentors receive CPD-accredited neuro-inclusion training across 8 schools.
The Scottish Pantry Network	Taste of Opportunity	75% of class participants will report increased confidence in cooking and better understanding of healthy eating.	Over 4000 meal kits delivered to households across Scotland.

8. Marine Biodiversity Fund 2024-2027

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.

The Big Rockpool Challenge, delivered by Marine Biological Association and The Rockpool Project focuses on UK coastal wildlife conservation and the management of non-native species. Through community engagement and an innovative 'bioblitz battle activity' approach, the project will enhance marine species monitoring at locations across the country.



9. Art for Climate Fund

ScottishPower Foundation recognises the increasing demand for funding within the art and culture sector, further exacerbated by recent periods of austerity experienced in the UK. Art and culture play a significant role in raising awareness, fostering empathy, and driving action towards climate change and sustainability.

The ScottishPower Foundation's Art for Climate Fund will finance two multi-year projects that contribute towards the goal of building knowledge and capacity to meet climate change. The fund will award two grants of £100,000 administered over two years to the below projects.

Forward Arts Foundation

Wonder - A Hot Poets and National Poetry Day collaboration

The project is a two-year initiative that blends poetry and STEM to inspire evidence-based climate action among 2.4 million children across the UK. Developed in partnership with Hot Poets and acclaimed children's author Michael Rosen, it will culminate in a nationwide National Poetry Day 2026 themed *Wonder*, encouraging young people to imagine a hopeful, scientifically grounded vision for a greener future. Through creative learning, the programme aims to strengthen climate literacy, expand participation in climate conversations, and deepen children's appreciation of the natural world.



Theatre Na N'Og – Theatre of Eternal Youth

We Need Bees & Bug Hotel

The project will reach more than 1,600 children aged 5–11 across Wales through touring productions of *We Need Bees* and *Bug Hotel*. These performances introduce themes such as biodiversity loss, climate displacement, and the wider climate crisis in an age-appropriate, engaging way. Designed to spark positive action and long-term behaviour change, the productions aim to deepen children's understanding of environmental issues and encourage their participation

in climate conversations. Supported by workshops and school resources, the project will help build community knowledge and foster a stronger appreciation of the natural world and its vulnerability.



10. Monitoring and evaluating

The ScottishPower Foundation will gather information on a quarterly basis, throughout the lifetime of each funded project, to monitor progress.

Upon completion of each funded project, the ScottishPower Foundation will gather information to measure and evaluate its success. This information will cover:

- Outcomes and impact
- Leverage as a direct result of the Foundation's funding
- The number of beneficiaries reached
- Challenges and lessons learned

Learning from monitoring and evaluation will help inform future funding priorities and grant-making approaches.