

# 2023

## Annual Plan

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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 2023.

The ScottishPower Foundation is keen to be as supportive and flexible as reasonable in relation to its 2023 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 \(SDGs\)](#), 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 Well-Being, 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 2023, including the target groups and associated SDGs and targets.



### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<p><b>STEM</b> - To inspire young people to pursue qualifications and a career in STEM in order to contribute to energy sustainability.</p>	Registered charities		1.1
<p><b>Raising Aspirations</b> - To inspire and challenge the next generation to support the search for better and more innovative ways to meet society's educational needs.</p>			1.2 4.4 4.5 4.6 4.7 10.2 10.3 13.3 14.1






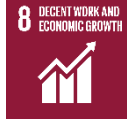


### BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<p><b>Environmental Protection or Improvement</b> - To protect and enhance the environment.</p>	Registered charities		3.4
<p><b>Habitat Conservation</b> - To contribute to the protection and conservation of habitats and enhance biodiversity.</p>			4.4 4.5 10.2 10.3
<p><b>Knowledge &amp; Research</b> - To develop new solutions to the challenge of climate change.</p>			11.7 13.3 14.2 15.2 15.5

ART AND CULTURE

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<b>Restoration, Development &amp; Conservation</b> - To protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage.	Registered charities	 	3.4 10.2
<b>Cultural Initiatives</b> - To celebrate diversity and cultural identity through the arts.			

SOCIAL INITIATIVES

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	GROUP	SDGs	TARGETS
<b>Poverty, Disability &amp; Disadvantage</b> - To contribute to tackling disadvantage in society, promoting equal opportunities.	Registered charities	       	1.1 1.2 1.4 2.1 2.2 3.4 4.5 5.1 8.5 10.2 10.3 13.3
<b>Citizenship &amp; Community Development</b> - To contribute to the enrichment of peoples' lives in communities by celebrating diverse culture and strengthening citizenship.			

## 5. 2023 Annual Projects

The Foundation has agreed to support the following annual projects during 2023:

### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

#### Edinburgh Science Foundation

##### Generation Science

The project will develop and pilot two new Generation Science workshops, which will provide improved science education through innovative and engaging workshops in primary schools across Scotland, delivered by trained Science Communicators. The new topics will fill gaps within the current Generation Science programme and address the emerging educational interest and demand in climate change and renewable energy.



#### Leeds Culture Trust

##### SMEATON300: Designing Smeaton Park

The project will inspire children and young people to develop innovative solutions to real-life challenges facing the team behind an ambitious new project to transform a disused space into a public park memorializing John Smeaton, the Leeds-born founder of civil engineering. Pupils will use their creativity and STEM-subject knowledge to collaboratively devise innovative solutions.



# Techniquest

## Ocean Extravaganza

The Oceans Extravaganza programme is an educational enrichment programme which will inspire and empower the next generation to be more environmentally responsible adults. Funding will develop and deliver the Oceans Extravaganza show in its entirety, on-site busking to audiences outside of the show, and free teacher resources for all participating schools. Free of charge access will be provided to primary school pupils and families from the most deprived areas of South East Wales.



# Volunteer Tutors Organisation

## The Learning Communities Project

The Volunteer Tutor Organisation (VTO) Learning Hub network is a key service in supporting children living in poverty and affected by the poverty related attainment gap. Following Covid, the highly impactful Hubs had to be suspended. The project aims to run 28 Hubs (continuing with 14, reinstating 9 that have been suspended since Covid and adding 5 new Hubs), improving academic attainment, confidence, self-esteem, engagement and motivation to learn.



## BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### Durham Wildlife Trust

#### Cuthbert Moor Restoration

Cuthbert's Moor, one of northern England's most important upland sites, requires sympathetic management to realise its true ecological and environmental potential. This project begins to restore peat and blanket bog habitats, and will deliver extensive baseline surveys, setup volunteering opportunities and citizen science engagement activities with schools and a cross section of communities and deliver practical habitat management.



### Glasgow Science Centre

#### Earth Allies

The Earth Allies programme is an engaging course for young people aged 16-24 from underserved communities which aims to equip them with the tools to be advocates for climate action. Over twelve weeks, participants will build their knowledge of the key issues while learning essential skills like public speaking, online campaigning and filmmaking.



### Scottish Wildlife Trust

#### Action for Nature in Ayrshire

The next phase of Action for Nature will reach out to new audiences and expand the scope of activities delivered by volunteers and community groups. The project will boost biodiversity and enhance access to greenspace. It will also improve community wellbeing and build the capacity of local people to protect the nature in their neighbourhood.





## Trees for Life

### Enrick Riverwoods Restoration

The Affric Highlands initiative aims to facilitate a partnership of communities and landowners, to increase natural capital through rewilding and create sustainable nature-based economies. The project aims to achieve an innovative model for ecological restoration, that increases capacity for carbon sequestration, retains the economic value of land within local communities, and demonstrates potential for replication and adaptation in other locations. The Enrick Riverwoods Restoration project will deliver the creation of 2km of woodland along the River Enrick.



## ART AND CULTURE

### Daisy Chain

#### Daisy Chain Rising Stars

Rising Stars is aimed at enriching the lives of Autistic Children and Young People (CYP) through performing arts, encouraging beneficiaries to express themselves. The project will create inclusive and accessible environments allowing Autistic CYP opportunities to access performing arts activities which are typically accessed by neurotypical individuals. Autistic CYP will grow in confidence, develop communication skills, and build friendships.



### Dance Base

#### Dance for Parkinson's Scotland

Dance Base will continue to grow and develop the vital Dance for Parkinson's Scotland programme, improving the quality of life of hundreds of people living with Parkinson's and their families/carers across Scotland. This nation-wide programme supports people with Parkinson's through specialised movement classes addressing the specific concerns of Parkinson's and providing a space for connection and solidarity between participants. Funding will enable Dance Base to continue to deliver its own weekly classes in Edinburgh and support the establishment of two new classes to add to the growing network.



## Givin' It Laldie

### Creative Ageing in the Gorbals

The Creative Ageing Project will increase connection and reduce loneliness and improve physical and mental health for the older generation across the Gorbals. Through fun, accessible, free group singing sessions and interactive music shows, the project will work with tenants living in four sheltered housing accommodations and in two local dementia units and their loved ones.



## SOCIAL INITIATIVES

### Aspire

#### The Aspire Independent Living Service

The Aspire Independent Living Service strives to support people paralysed by spinal cord injuries, from their first days in hospital and throughout the rest of their lives, to lead fulfilled and independent lives in their homes, with their families, in their workplace and in leisure time. The grant from the Foundation will fund Independent Living Advisors, all of whom have a spinal cord injury themselves, at 8 NHS Spinal Cord Injury Centres (SCICs) across UK.



## Dads Unlimited

### Improving Men's Mental Health and Wellbeing and Reducing Inequalities following Family Separation or Domestic Abuse

Dads Unlimited improves men's mental health and wellbeing and reduces suicidal ideation for men who have been through family breakdown or have been male victims of domestic abuse. We will empower men, helping them to improve the quality of their relationship with their children and their communications with their ex-partners. We reduce conflict, save lives, and make a positive impact over generations.



## Home-Start Falkirk

### Family Support Hubs

Home-Start Falkirk provides early intervention services for vulnerable children and their families, helping families build resilience and confidence, reducing more intensive interventions by statutory agencies. The project will continue to deliver 5 Family Support Hubs in Falkirk's most deprived locations, focussing on families with at least one child under 5 years of age, who are experiencing mental or physical ill-health, financial difficulties, addiction etc.



## Magic Breakfast

### Magic Breakfast in Scotland

Magic Breakfast will provide barrier free access to healthy, nutritious breakfasts to end child morning classroom hunger and ensure no child is too hungry to learn in Scotland. Around 3000 children and young people will benefit every school day, in schools with a significant proportion of children and young people in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4.



## Sands

### Sands Befrienders

Sands will diversify its UK-wide network of community-based peer support for those impacted by pregnancy and baby loss. Building on our experience, we will equip grassroots communities with relevant training and the tools to support one another, to reach those most vulnerable to pregnancy and baby loss, and ensure parents can access support, irrespective of their postcode, ethnicity, or income.



## Smart Works Scotland

### Supporting Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Women into Sustainable Employment

The project will support BAME women across Scotland to develop the skills, confidence and self-belief they need to secure sustainable employment and gain financial independence. The face-to-face service will support women across Greater Glasgow and the virtual service will reach women across Scotland. Services include Strengths-based Career Coaching, First Dressing and Interview Coaching, Second Dressing, and Mentoring Support.



## Stable Life

### Stable Life

The project will deliver a structured programme for vulnerable young people in the Scottish Borders, which will include Equine Assisted Therapy/Learning, riding lessons and psychosocial based interventions. The project will also offer transitional work placements for young people who would normally struggle in traditional work situations, supporting them as they learn the skills required for employment, and provide peer volunteering opportunities for young people who have been supported.



## The Renewal Programme

### Newham: United Against Food Waste

The project tackles food waste and food insecurity in Newham, by recruiting a Food-Waste Reduction Coordinator who will secure regular donations of food for foodbanks, that would otherwise be wasted. The project will also establish Newham's first culturally appropriate 'community pantry'. Food will be transported in a low-emission way by securing 2 cargo bikes.



## 6. Budget per Theme

Category	Amount
Education, Training & Research	£250,691
Biodiversity & Climate Change	£247,077
Art & Culture	£153,741
Social Initiatives	£535,946.35

## 7. Impact Indicators 2023

IMPACT INDICATORS 2023				
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH				
<i>Charity</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Direct Impact Indicator</i>	<i>Impact on SDG Goals/Targets</i>	<i>Other achievements</i>
Edinburgh Science Foundation	Generation Science	4 Science Communicators trained in the delivery of the subjects of climate and green technology. 120 pupils receive high quality STEM educational experiences through 4 pilot workshops.	4.4 4.5 4.7 10.2 10.3 13.3	From 2024 onwards, the Generation Science programme will offer engineering, climate and environmental topic choices.
Leeds Culture Trust	SMEATON 300: Designing Smeaton Park	New education materials created for Key stages 1 through to 5. Education material and activity piloted in schools.	4.4 4.5 4.7 10.2 10.3 13.3	
Techniquest	Ocean Extravaganza	2,000 primary school children from most deprived areas within South East Wales will benefit from free access to the programme. 1,000 family members from most deprived areas within reach of Techniquest will benefit from free access to the programme. 50 teachers will benefit from accessing teacher resource packs.	4.4 4.5 4.7 10.2 10.3 13.3 14.1	At least 70% of the funded primary school children and families will leave with an awareness of the importance of our oceans to all life on earth and will feel empowered with the knowledge to take positive action themselves on environmental issues 100% of teachers will feel the programme has enriched the topic.
Volunteer Tutors Organisation	The Learning Communities Project	28 Learning Hubs will be launched (continuing 14, reinstating 9 hubs	1.1 1.2 4.4 4.5	At least 70% of the children tutored will have a measured improvement in reading and numeracy

		suspended since Covid, and opening 5 new hubs). 280 children will receive tutoring support and 280 Senior Pupils will have been recruited and will have completed training to become volunteer tutors as part of the Programme.	4.6 10.2 10.3	and will report an increase in confidence and self-esteem.
<b>BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b>				
Durham Wildlife Trust	Cuthbert Moor Restoration	Restoration of approximately 30 hectares of blanket bog. 15 citizen scientists and 15 community volunteers trained and surveying species and habitats.	13.3 15.5	15 community engagement events delivered reaching 150 individuals. 3 Secondary school STEM education packs about upland management created and 5 sessions with secondary schools delivered with approximately 30 children at each session.
Glasgow Science Centre	Earth Allies	60 young people aged 16-24 from underserved communities complete 12 weeks of learning modules on climate advocacy, learning essential skills like public speaking, online campaigning and filmmaking.	4.4 4.5 10.2 10.3 13.3	80% of participants will report increased confidence and communication skills. 100% of participants will report increased knowledge of climate topics.
Scottish Wildlife Trust	Action for Nature in Ayrshire	Biodiversity and access are enhanced on at least 15 greenspace sites across Ayrshire through community action. At least 50 people gain conservation skills and a health and wellbeing boost through participation in Wednesday Weekday Volunteer	3.4 11.7 13.3 15.5	Community groups are strengthened through delivery of at least 10 Community Conservation sessions and 5 targeted group sessions (around 50 individual direct beneficiaries). At least 150 people are encouraged to engage with and look after their local greenspace through participation in at least 12 community events such

		sessions or Time Out Thursday sessions.		as wildlife walks/cycles and tree-planting days.
Trees for Life	Enrick Riverwoods Restoration	Creation of 2km of woodland along the river Enrick in two sections. Erection of riparian fencing for a minimum of 15 hectares of water course including water gates along 2 river sections. Planting of a minimum of 8,000 trees within fences. Deliver a community tree planting event at the sites.	13.3 14.2 15.2 15.5	
<b>ART AND CULTURE</b>				
Daisy Chain	Daisy Chain Rising Stars	Support 72 autistic children and young people to take part in the Rising Stars performing arts project.	3.4 10.2	Deliver a live show for 3 nights at a local performing arts venue with 24 beneficiaries taking part. Deliver a live talent show for 1 night at a local performing arts venue with 24 beneficiaries taking part.
Dance Base	Dance for Parkinson's Scotland	Run minimum 42 weekly Dance for Parkinson's at Dance Base in Edinburgh with 30 attendees resulting in up to 500 attendances. Trial classes in at least 2 new locations in Scotland (West Lothian and Moray), delivering 16 sessions for 15 attendees in each location, resulting in up to 96 attendances.	3.4 10.2	Deliver minimum 1 annual Dance for Parkinson's training event for 30 dance artists and musicians. 60% of class participants report increased self-efficacy with regards to living well with Parkinson's and 80% perceive social and emotional benefits of group activity and connections with others.
Givin' It Laldie	Creative Ageing in the Gorbals	65 singing sessions held in dementia units, 45 singing	3.4 10.2	150 direct beneficiaries demonstrate or report improved mental and



		sessions held in sheltered housing accommodation, 8 mini tours of interactive show.		physical wellbeing during the sessions. 150 direct beneficiaries report feeling less isolated/more connected to others during or after the session.
<b>SOCIAL INITIATIVES</b>				
Aspire	The Aspire Independent Living Service	400 people throughout the UK with a spinal cord injury will be directly supported from injury to independence through The Aspire Independent Living Service; delivered from 8 of 10 NHS Spinal Cord Injury Centres in the UK.	3.4 10.2	75% of patients will feel less lonely as a result of speaking with an Advisor. 75% of direct beneficiaries will report that accessing the service helped to improve their mental wellbeing.
Dads Unlimited	Improving Men's Mental Health and Wellbeing and Reducing Inequalities following Family Separation or Domestic Abuse	Support of 175 clients. 70 clients will receive one-to-one support from a Mentor, complete a whole-needs assessment and work towards an achievable goal. 105 clients will benefit from the Domestic Abuse Victim Empowerment service and receive confidential advice from an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor.	3.4 10.2	70% of clients report wellbeing has improved. 60% of clients report suicidal thoughts have decreased or stopped.
Home-Start Falkirk	Family Support Hubs	Deliver weekly Family Support Hubs in 5 of the most disadvantaged communities across Falkirk. 60 parents will participate in Solihull Parenting courses and joint play activities with their children to	1.4 3.4 10.2	90 children will have increased confidence and resilience due to better skilled and engaged parents.

		improve their parenting skills. 20 babies and their parents will participate in Baby Massage courses to improve parent/child attachment.		
Magic Breakfast	Magic Breakfast in Scotland	We will work with around 30 schools in Scotland to provide breakfast for approximately 3,000 children and young people.	2.1 2.2 3.4 4.5 10.2	We will provide wraparound support for the 30 schools to maximise uptake, share best practice from other schools and reduce waste through regular visits and engagement from Magic Breakfast staff.
Sands	Sands Befrienders	Recruit and train 75 new befrienders, with focus on 6 target cities, establishing consistency of care to eradicate disparity across regions.	3.4 10.2	Translation of key resources into languages relevant to BAME communities. Deliver refresher training for existing befrienders.
Smart Works Scotland	Supporting Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Women into Sustainable Employment	The recruitment of a full-time outreach worker, based in our Glasgow centre, to facilitate referrals for face-to-face support and virtual service for 210 women from BME communities across Scotland.	1.1 1.2 5.1 8.5 10.2 10.3	Provide translated materials and an interpreter service as required. Deliver 126 first dressing and interview preparation appointments and 84 career coaching appointments to BME women.
Stable Life	Stable Life	Deliver 4 blocks of the 17-week EAL programme (including around 230 1:1 or group work sessions) to at least 71 referred young people. Deliver tailored training sessions for 8 young people to enable them to become volunteer	3.4 10.2	85% of all EAL participants report an increase in confidence and resilience as well as reporting that they have developed new life skills

		helpers within Stable Life.		
The Renewal Programme	Newham: United Against Food Waste	To have provided culturally appropriate food to 2000 local residents directly via our foodbank. To have indirectly supported 1000 local residents to access culturally appropriate food via other Newham Food Alliance member foodbanks.	1.1 1.2 2.1 2.2 3.4 10.2 13.3	To have made a demonstratable impact on reducing food waste in Newham. To have invested in x2 cargo bikes encouraging physical activity and sustainable transport.

## 8. Marine Biodiversity Fund

The ScottishPower Foundation launched the new Marine Biodiversity Fund in 2021 which will award up to 600K over the next three years (2022-2024) to the **Restoration Forth** project in the Firth of Forth.

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

In the first year of the project, more than 4,000 people of all ages from the communities surrounding the Firth of Forth took part in community engagement events. In year two, one hectare of seagrass and 10,000 oysters will be re-distributed in the Forth, while a community skills programme will be rolled out through local schools and community workshops.



## 9. Monitoring and Evaluation

The 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:

- **Welcome Meeting** – takes place at the beginning of the funded year
- **Dedicated Mailbox** – to ensure regular and open communication with the charities
- **Regular Reports** – required quarterly
- **End of Grant report** – required within 3 months of project completion
- **Regular progress review meetings and visits**