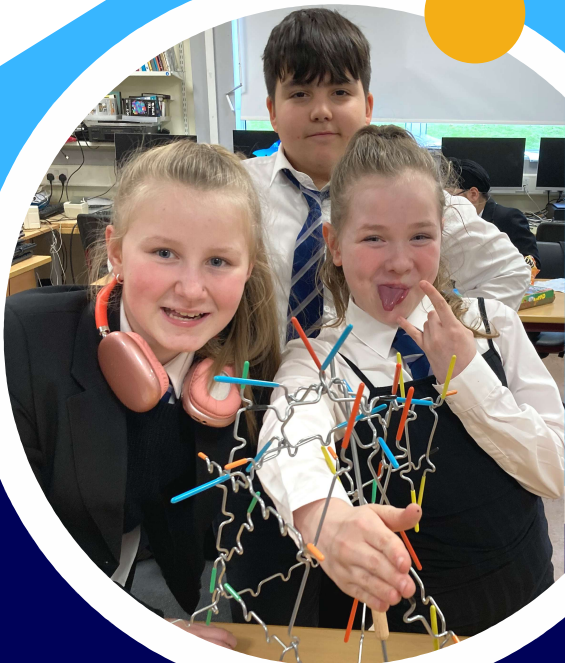




JUNCTION 12

ANNUAL REVIEW

JULY 2024–JUNE 2025



CHAIR'S REPORT



It has been a year of change and renewal for Junction 12 (J12). Throughout it we have felt God's blessing in his provision of skilled staff, volunteers, supporters and finance to grow the work of supporting children and young people in Glasgow's East End as outlined in this report.

Jo McNeish was welcomed as Depute Project Leader in September '24. James Edgar and Laura Hutchinson left for new jobs and Rebecca Laird completed her time as an intern. All go with the thanks and blessing of the J12 Board, Management Group and staff. Jim Reedie, (treasurer and trustee, completed 7 years of service and was succeeded by Neil Gennoe. Davina Sinclair and Miriam Rana also joined the Board of Trustees. We are so grateful for the valued service given, and for that promised, in the months and years ahead.

The biggest challenge for everyone at J12 this year was experiencing the shock and sadness of the sudden and unexpected death of one of our volunteers, Abby Northcroft, at the age of just 22. Abby was known and loved by the J12 family, not least by the children and young people. We were so grateful to her family for donating the offerings at Abby's funeral to the work of J12.

The J12 Board have been encouraged by the developing relationship with Dennistoun Baptist Church and are excited about their new refurbished facilities at 1014 Cumbernauld Road. We continue to be blessed by an able team of volunteers without whom the midweek and weekend activities would not be possible and also the Management Group, chaired by David Ferries, which does so much of the unseen but vital work not least in maintaining the Base.

The financial position remained encouraging and made it possible to advertise for a Project Worker.

My thanks to all who contribute to the work of J12 but above all we give thanks to God for his provision which allows the work to continue, enriching the lives of so many children and young people in Glasgow's East End.

Roddy Shaw (Chair)



THE YEAR IN STATS

Support groups for 298
children and young people

↗ 298

Outings and social activities with
290 children and young people

↗ 290

Lunchtime and afterschool groups
for 285 children and young people

↗ 285

Residential weekends and weeks
for 178 children and young people

↗ 178

Mentoring with 21
young people

↗ 21

1-2-1 support for 13 children
and young people

↗ 13

“1-2-1 work provided by Junction 12 has offered crucial, personalised support for some of our most vulnerable pupils, helping them to re-engage with school life and make real progress both socially and emotionally.”
- Headteacher

Junction 12 aims to establish and develop caring, nurturing relationships with 10-18 year olds in the east end of Glasgow and to enable them to make positive and healthy choices in every area of their lives.

SUPPORT WORK IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

J12 Staff and volunteers ran an 8-week Emotional Literacy (EL) Programme with 80 P6 children in Carntyne and Cranhill Primary Schools in the autumn of 2024, alongside 1-2-1 support with 6 children from P6 and P7. Following on from the EL Programme in Cranhill Primary, staff led a group for 8 girls from P6 and P7 looking at self-esteem and friendship skills. The aim of all this work is to establish, relationships with the children, which we hope will become long term. J12 staff see healthy relationships as vital in enabling children and young people to address and manage some of the traumatic experiences they have had in childhood and to develop resilience and interpersonal skills.

Sheena Gray, a retired teacher and J12 volunteer, continued to provide weekly support with literacy and numeracy to several P6 and P7 children and was part of the EL Programme in Cranhill Primary School.

The summer term saw staff and volunteers in all 5 primary schools that feed into Smithycroft Secondary i.e. Avenue End, Carntyne, Cranhill, Sunnyside and Wallacewell, delivering a Transition Programme to 177 P7 children. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the majority of children going into S1 as well as giving them some tools and strategies to manage the social and emotional aspects of starting secondary school. The children enjoy having some known faces on the first few days of secondary school.

SUPPORT WORK IN SMITHYCROFT

Due to the reduced number of staff there was less support work delivered in Smithycroft but staff were still able to run a Seasons for Growth group, 2 EL groups, 2 nurture and 2 self-esteem groups for 43 young people, alongside 1-2-1 support with 5 young people. Often progress in this work is slow and difficult to achieve so J12 staff seek to always be

consistent, predictable and reliable adults for these young people. One of the most encouraging aspects of these pieces of work is to see many of the young people choose to get involved in other J12 activities such as drop-ins, outings and residentials, once they have got to know the staff members.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH J12

Again fewer staff has also meant that it was not possible to run as many outings and drop-ins as in previous years but all the social activities which did run were popular and in huge demand. Adventure Planet trips for primary children and S1 young people always prove to be the most popular! It is wonderful to see so many children

having so much fun running around with each other, enjoying all the activities and forgetting about the worries and anxieties many of them experience. The Christmas Parties were another highlight this year with 44 young people enjoying home-cooked Christmas dinner and lots of party games



GOING AWAY WITH J12

For staff, volunteers and young people the highlights of every year are the residential activities! Everyone from P6-S6 gets the opportunity to go on a weekend away and those in S1-6 also have the offer of a week in the Easter or summer holidays. This year 178 children and young people went on a residential event, up from 156 in 2023-24. These events are run in partnership with

Scripture Union Scotland and J12 young people enjoy the facilities and activities at 3 of SU's centres – Alltnacriche, Gowanbank and Lendrick Muir. Residential events give opportunities for trying new things, taking safe and measured risks, developing interpersonal and life skills as well as having loads of fun.

IGNITE & ILLUMINATE

Ignite was a new activity for the S1-3 age range; it ran in one of the Smithycroft gyms and gave the young people somewhere to go one evening a week with their friends. Across the year about 20 young people came along and enjoyed games, chat and a time to explore a story from the Bible.

Illuminate – the S4-6 group had a new look this year. Due to fewer staff and lack of a minibus a weekly evening in Shettleston New Church became impractical. An evening of fun, games and food in Shettleston New Church continued once a month and on the other weeks the young people met in small groups at various times with a staff member or volunteer to enjoy a meal, chat together and dig into some of the bigger issues of life and faith. It was encouraging to see an increase in numbers from the previous year and hear the positive comments of young people on this new format.



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Staff have been hugely encouraged too with the numbers of 16-21's who are still engaged with the project and choosing to serve as volunteers. Drop-ins, games clubs, outings and residential events benefitted from 12 young people who have grown up through J12 serving as volunteers, 9 of them were 16-17 and still in school.

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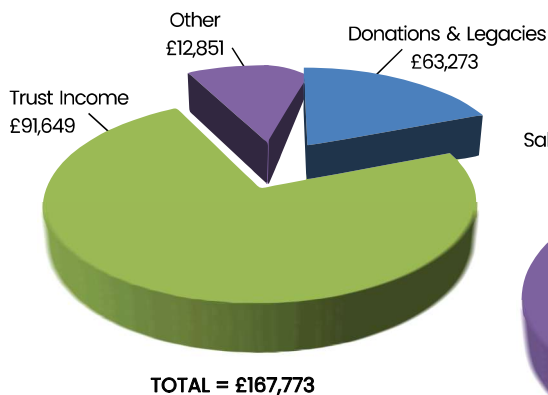
Ignite is good because they include everyone, it's fun to go to.

- S1 Boy

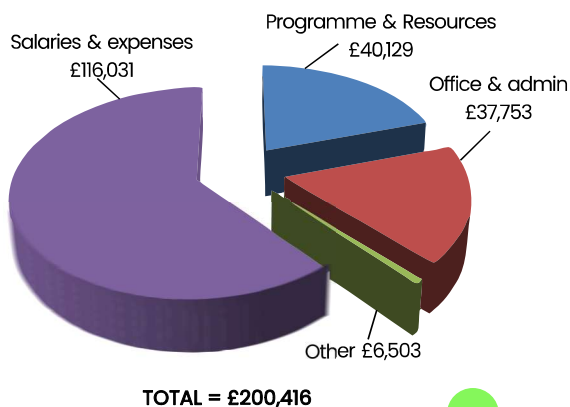
INCOME & EXPENDITURE

This is a summary of J12's income and expenditure for the year ended 30th June 2025. The information does not summarise the full financial statement. A copy of the Report and Financial Statements may be obtained from Junction 12 (contact details on back page).

INCOME FOR 2024-2025



EXPENDITURE FOR 2024-2025



Trusts which have supported J12 :-

Bank of Scotland Foundation, Anchor Foundation, Inverclyde Trust, Baird Trust, Kells Trust, Carlton Charitable Trust, Hope Trust, Hedley Foundation, Endrick Trust, PF Charitable Trust, Pat Newman Memorial Trust, Paristamen Charity, Scott Thomson, James Wood Trust, J & C Fleming Charitable Trust, Dr Guthrie's Association, Andrew & Mary Elizabeth Little Charitable Trust, Challenge Trust

Funding for the work has also been provided by individual supporters and churches.

The General Fund balance at the end of the financial year was
£192,313

STAFF



LIBBY LOBBAN
PROJECT LEADER



JO MCNEISH
DEPUTE PROJECT LEADER
from Sept 2024



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