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STRATEGY AND AIMS

Our goals

The original objective of Friends of the Earth Scotland is “to promote... and effect the conservation, restoration and rational use of the environment, and to support any person, body or organisation in that regard.”¹

In fulfilment of this our 2024–26 Strategy set us on a mission to campaign to end Scotland’s contribution to the climate crisis, for transformative solutions to the root causes of environmental problems, and for an economy oriented towards the needs of communities, ecosystems, and the planet.²

Taking on Big Oil

The extraction and burning of fossil fuels in Scotland is causing chaos and damage to millions of people across the world. At the same time, our dependence on fossil fuels is deepening inequalities at home with one third of Scottish households in fuel poverty.³

Friends of the Earth Scotland’s role in combatting these injustices is to build a movement for a rapid transition away from fossil fuels that puts the need of workers, communities and the planet before private greed.

In 2025 we made incredible strides in the phasing out of fossil fuels. Our movement’s shared victory in seeing the end of new oil and gas licensing is nothing short of historic. From pipelines to power stations, Friends of the Earth Scotland is playing a crucial role in halting Big Oil’s aspirations to expand the fossil fuel frontier.

Hope and transformation

We have succeeded in slowing or stopping some truly disastrous projects, but this will not be enough. Successful movements also need a positive vision of the world they are fighting for...

Climate solutions are ours to be won, here in Scotland; in public transport, in renewable, publicly-owned energy, and well-insulated and sustainably heated homes. Such tangible changes can be our stepping stones to system change and build solidarity, providing a strong challenge to reactionary politicians who promote division and the erosion of environmental protections.

Founded in 1978 by 10 Friends of the Earth groups from around Scotland we have been a movement and membership organisation for decades, deploying a variety of tactics including national mobilisations and events, training programmes, behind-the-scenes support and solidarity for local struggles, online and community organising and building formal and informal coalitions.

Successful movements also need to be built with purpose.

This is why in 2025 we sharpened our focus on exactly how Friends of the Earth Scotland could contribute to building a powerful movement for change. At our AGM, members unanimously backed a resolution to adopt a new strategic aim for movement building. Our aims are, therefore, to:

- Win a just transition from fossil fuels
- Build a movement for system change
- Be a thriving, resilient and inclusive organisation⁴

In 2026 we will rebalance our efforts towards solutions campaigning and movement building. These are ambitious goals but our record in 2025, as you will read, demonstrates how Friends of the Earth Scotland can be a truly powerful force for change.

If you want to be a part of it, find your local group on our website or become a Friends of the Earth Scotland member. There has never been a better time to change the world.

¹ Rules of Friends of the Earth (Scotland) Ltd., 17th March 2018 edition, members may request a copy via info@foe.scot

² Friends of the Earth Scotland Strategy, 2024–25: <https://foe.scot/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Strategy-External-Digital.pdf>

³ Scottish House Condition Survey: 2024 Key Findings, Scottish Government: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-house-condition-survey-2024-key-findings/pages/key-findings-summary/>

⁴ Motion approved at the 2025 Friends of the Earth Scotland AGM, ‘Movement Building’, members may request a copy via info@foe.scot

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT



No new oil and gas licences

In 2015 Friends of the Earth Scotland took the visionary step to demand that Scotland transition away from oil and gas production.¹ Since then our work has gained allies and momentum, pushing Shell out of the Cambo oil field in 2021 and winning high-level political backing.

Following a critical legal victory in 2024², the court of session in Edinburgh ruled that the Rosebank oilfield had been unlawfully approved by the previous Conservative government, a historic win.

Just months afterwards, the UK Government published new rules requiring that oil and gas projects account for the environmental impact of burning the oil and gas extracted.

To push further, we, alongside Friends of the Earth England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, Greenpeace, Uplift, Global Justice Now and others, handed a **1 million-strong petition into 10 Downing Street** demanding an end to new oil and gas drilling.

In November, the UK Government made the historic decision to **end exploration for new fields**: a stunning victory. With our partners we will seek to extend and secure this win.

In 2025, we also celebrated the UK Government announcing legislation to ban fracking, a key demand of our long-running campaign against the harmful drilling practice.

¹ Launch of Fossil Free Scotland campaign, Friends of the Earth Europe, 2015: <https://friendsoftheearth.eu/news/launch-of-fossil-free-scotland-campaign/>

² UK Supreme Court rules that oil and gas projects must account for pollution from burning the extracted fuel, The Guardian, 2024 <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/20/landmark-supreme-court-ruling-throws-doubt-on-new-uk-fossil-fuel-projects>



The North Sea Knitters cycling the route of the proposed Acorn pipeline

Blocking the Acorn carbon capture pipeline

Big Oil's response to the public's demand for climate action has been to promote unproven technologies that conceal continued extraction.

We provided press, publicity and logistical support for the North Sea Knitters who cycled the 170-mile route of the proposed "carbon capture" pipeline, as well as highlighting the grave risks posed by the entire Acorn project to Scottish political leaders.

The Acorn project is severely delayed: it was planned to be operational by 2024, and its future was put into further doubt when a key backer, Storegga, withdrew from the project in 2025.



No New Gas at Peterhead

The Scottish Government is considering a plan to build a new gas burning power station with carbon capture and storage in Aberdeenshire that would produce millions of tonnes of climate emissions. Friends of the Earth Scotland is the only national organisation working to stop it.

Our campaign looked like this:

- We lobbied MSPs and Government and organised questions to be asked in the Scottish Parliament
- We helped 1,600 people write to the Scottish Government to oppose the plan through our online platform
- We held rallies at political party conferences and SSE's AGM in Perth with 250 attending campaign events over the year
- We engaged members and the public in educational, campaign and film events to support the campaign
- We gathered the support of 30 Scottish organisations on top of our 13,000 strong petition to stop the plant

In 2024 we reinforced our campaign by commissioning research which showed that the developers had made false claims about how much the plant would pollute. Our investigation found that the climate impact of the new plant was likely to reach over 1,200,000 tonnes of emissions per year as the plant matures: five times higher than SSE and Equinor had claimed in their official plans.

Following our publication of this research in 2025 SSE and Equinor were forced to rerun their Environmental Impact Assessment, delaying the polluting project by 6 months.

Equinor and SSE must be getting twitchy. They had hoped that construction of their new mega polluter would begin in 2023.

So far, our advocacy has held back this damaging project by three years, and every year we delay it we stop **700,000 tonnes of climate emissions** from being released.³

³ The Real Emissions of Peterhead CCS, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Carbon Tracker, p.6: <https://foe.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/FINAL-VERSION-The-Real-Emissions-of-Peterhead.pdf>



Credit: Angela Christofilou, Greenpeace

A transition that works for workers

For a decade now we have been a leading voice in the UK climate movement towards climate action which reflects the needs of fossil fuel workers. We have also called for the Scottish Government to take a direct role in shaping the renewable economy, investing in a Scottish wind turbine supply chain and creating secure green jobs.

In April multi-national chemicals company INEOS shut down Scotland's only oil and gas refinery at Grangemouth, with no credible plan to address the impact on the community or workers: a clear example of the unjust transition we long feared. Nonetheless we have continued to stand with trade unions and workers who won important concessions in 2025:

- Pilot programme launched to allow 200 oil and gas workers to retrain into other sectors, directly responding to our campaigning
- UK Government's clean industry workforce plan commits investment and jobs
- The Just Transition Commission, whose creation followed a sustained campaign by Friends of the Earth Scotland, was renewed up to 2030

We continue to draw from our close relationship with Scotland's trade unions, organised through the *Just Transition Partnership*, whose members include Unite, Unison, PCS, CWU, UCU and the STUC.



Friends of the Earth Scotland Campaigner Kim Pratt speaking at a Scottish Parliament Committee hearing



Activist Jenny Kerr protests mounting plastic pollution

Making better use of materials

Scotland's material consumption accounts for 82% of our entire carbon footprint.⁴

We campaigned for a circular economy, where materials are kept in circulation for as long as possible.

- 1,200 people wrote to the Scottish Government to back our demand to implement an effective circular economy strategy
- We attended the UN negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty whilst pressing for action at home in Scotland
- We spoke directly to the key committee in the Scottish Parliament⁵ and brought allies from Friends of the Earth International to meet with Ministers
- Collaborated with local waste and re-use groups including Plastic Dalgety Bay and Queensferry

Thanks to our campaigning, consideration of the international harm caused by Scotland's excessive consumption of resources is now part of the Scottish Government's Circular Economy Strategy, reflecting our demands.

"We will take responsibility for our ecological and social impact, recognising that our supply chains span the globe.

"By reducing consumption and building a more circular economy we will play our part in reducing the negative impacts, for example, of mining and deforestation and the leakage of harmful material into the environment and oceans."

Scottish Government Circular Economy Strategy⁶

⁴ Scotland's circular economy and waste route map to 2030, Scottish Government, 2024: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scot-lands-circular-economy-waste-route-map-2030/pages/4/>

⁵ This final part of our advocacy on the Circular Economy Strategy took place in January 2026

⁶ Scottish Government Circular Economy Strategy, March 2026, p.12-13 <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2026/03/circular-economy-strategy-scotland/documents/circular-economy-strategy-scotland/circular-economy-strategy-scotland/govscot%3Adocument/circular-economy-strategy-scotland.pdf>

Cleaner transport

The transport sector creates more domestic climate pollution than any other in Scotland.⁷ During a process of internal re-organisation of this work, we continued to raise the issue of better transport when speaking to government and the media, supporting the work of our friends at *Get Glasgow Moving*.

Historic wins were secured including:

- Public control to return to Strathclyde buses
- An end to peak-time rail fares in Scotland
- Scottish Government funding for trials of free public transport and bus fare capping

“..hearing also the calls from commuters, from climate activists and from the business community, I can confirm that peak rail fares in Scotland will be scrapped for good.”

**FIRST MINISTER,
JOHN SWINNEY¹**

¹ Peak rail fares to be scrapped by Scottish government, BBC News, May 2025: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8x8xe2140jo>

⁷ Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2023, Scottish Government: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-greenhouse-gas-statistics-2023/pages/section-b--results---net-emissions-of-scottish-greenhouse-gas-emissions/>

Spreading the news

Friends of the Earth Scotland have made climate action accessible for people to learn about in their everyday lives. By making radical campaigns visible, we broaden our movement and pile the pressure on government to protect our environment.

This work is increasingly challenging as our political leaders and the press continue to turn their attention away from the climate crisis. Despite the background noise we are finding ways to engage with a broad audience and respond to a changing communications landscape.

Developing our approach to communications to support campaigns and build a stronger movement:

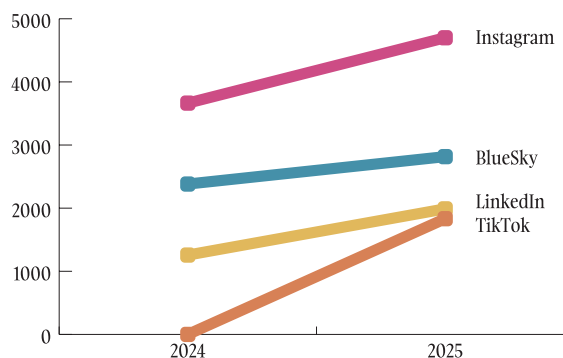
- We radically revamped our social media output to stay relevant and grow our audience, with a greater focus on video
- We successfully experimented with new approaches to e-mailings with more discursive and insightful messages increasing open rates
- We implemented a new content management system which has improved efficiency, provided insights about how people engage with our work and enabled us to greatly improve collaboration and follow-up with individual supporters

Our impact:

- Our work appeared in 308 press stories, down from 441 in the previous year and reflective of reduced press engagement with the climate crisis
- 10,500 people now subscribe to our email updates with an open rate of 39%, which is significantly above average for the medium
- Our social media channels have grown in followers, and engagement and website views have increased
- We grew our Instagram following by 1,200 people, twice our target, giving us 4,600 followers in total
- New channels broke through: our TikTok is now followed by 1,800 people, LinkedIn has 2,000 followers, and BlueSky had 2,600 followers at year-end
- Our members' magazine What on Earth continues to be well received with features and insights into our work



SOCIALS FOLLOWER COUNT



TOP PERFORMING POST:

over 20,000 people viewed our Instagram post about Scotland's Climate March.

BEST PERFORMING E-ACTION:

1,800 members and supporters wrote to the Cabinet Secretary Gillian Martin to back a local community campaign to stop a new incinerator in Irvine, Ayrshire.

Organising in communities

Local organising creates opportunities for new people to get involved in environmental campaigns and ensures that all our work is shaped by grassroots struggles. By supporting local people to engage in the decisions that affect them, we are directly building democratic participation in Scotland.

In 2025, we set about making our local organising more effective. Strategic planning with Local Group coordinators in Glasgow, Stirling and East Lothian concluded with those groups choosing to formally wind-down, with new and remaining local groups planning to relaunch in 2026 with a clearer strategy. We send our upmost gratitude to all outgoing coordinators and group members for their dedication and commitment over the years.

Our community organising team in the North East is building campaigning power in the communities most impacted by the transition away from oil and gas. This includes challenging the cultural dominance of oil through artistic and community events, supporting key local campaigns and building the capacity of local activists and organisers.

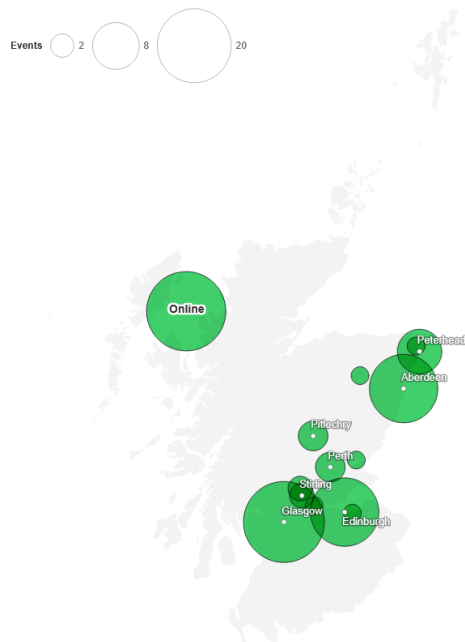
In 2025, our work in the North East of Scotland included:

- A variety of local events in Aberdeen and Peterhead attended by 277 people including our Peterhead community film club
- Weekend residential training for volunteer organisers
- Strategic support for the campaign to defend St. Fittick's Park, a vital green space threatened by harbour developments
- Co-production of 'A Play for Torry' with playwright Emer Morris, a community-created theatre production about environmental injustice and community resistance that will premiere in 2026
- Logistical and organising support for the campaign to protect local libraries in Aberdeenshire, anti-Trump actions, and Fossil Free Pride, among others

"Keep bringing us all together. We are the 99%"

NORTH EAST WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL TRAINING PARTICIPANT

Friends of the Earth Scotland Events by location, 2025





Scotland's Climate March

In order to show the strength and breadth of support for climate action and to provide space for our supporters to come together, we led the organisation of Scotland's Climate March in November.

3,000 people took part making it Glasgow's biggest climate march since the United Nations COP26 talks in 2021. Many groups took ownership of sections of the march including migrant justice and youth blocs. Feedback commended the positive, collaborative atmosphere and we secured significant, upbeat press coverage of the day.



Young Friends of the Earth Scotland leading Scotland's Climate March, Credit: Gerard Puigmal

Young Friends of the Earth Scotland

Through Young Friends of the Earth Scotland (YFoES) we provided a way for young people to get involved in the climate justice movement, training and supporting the next generation of activists.

872 young people were engaged in activities with our youth network, taking part in a diverse events programme that included two major national gatherings, skills trainings and events at the universities of Stirling, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Aberdeen and Dundee. YFoES members organised the youth bloc at Scotland's Climate March in November.

As a result of the network's outreach, membership of Young Friends of the Earth Scotland doubled in 2025.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is our political strength, as it concretely demonstrates the scale of commitment to our cause. Membership also provides financial support for our campaigns and enables people to contribute to our strategy whilst making a difference in the fight against the climate crisis.

In April, we initiated a membership drive, reinforced by practical changes to recentre membership in our work:

- We launched a programme of regular monthly meetings for Friends of the Earth Scotland members to provide spaces for learning and sharing ideas. Inaugurated in April, 450 members took part over the year
- Members “Meet-ups” were trialled in Falkirk and Glasgow to provide members only social spaces
- Monthly members “Campaign Forum” launched for our priority campaign against the Peterhead Gas power plant: 16 members from across Scotland took part

In November, we introduced a sliding-scale model for our membership fees. The minimum contribution is £1 per month, whilst inviting those who can give more to do so.

100% of attendees of our new monthly National Meetings said they were “helpful” or “very helpful”

In the last decade our membership has declined by an average of around 20 people per year. However, early signs indicate our efforts in 2025 are beginning to turn this around. Over the course of the year, **we welcomed 125 new members** contributing to a net year-end decline of only three people, ending the year with 2,205 members.

In 2026 we will prioritise membership growth as a core part of our strategy, to rebuild and expand our base to strengthen our collective power.

2025 AGM

At our AGM members came together to elect new trustees and vote on motions.

Five new board members were elected: Anna Brown (representing Young Friends of the Earth Scotland), Aoife Stephens, Doris Jamieson, Megan McHaney and Nick Cullen. They were elected to serve three-year terms and joined continuing members Robin Aitken, Chris Stanley, Harriet Munro, Ian Marlee and Andrea Forbes. Following the AGM Megan was elected as Chair, Doris as Treasurer and Robin as Vice-Chair.

Three motions were brought forward to the AGM, and all were passed by overwhelming majorities:

- A motion for Friends of the Earth Scotland to take a movement building approach in our campaigning, as described in the introduction
- A motion for Friends of the Earth Scotland to stand in solidarity with trans people, “recognising that gender justice, particularly both trans and women’s liberation, is fundamental to the environmentally just world we are building”
- A motion committing us to align our internal spending with the **Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions** campaign to further support justice for people in Palestine



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We succeed when we are part of a diverse and powerful network seeking social and environmental justice. That's why Friends of the Earth Scotland continued to build strategic partnerships of solidarity in 2025:

- Living Rent: we collaborated with Scotland's tenants union on strategies to resist the far right
- Just Transition Partnership: we continue to work closely with trade unions Unite, Unison and others through this long-standing partnership for a fair transition from oil and gas
- Stop Climate Chaos Scotland: we supported a mass lobby of the Scottish Parliament which brought over 200 people to speak directly to their representatives
- Platform: we continued our long-running UK-wide partnership connecting community campaigns who are pushing to defund and cut cultural ties with big oil; we also collaborate with Platform on our work with oil and gas workers and unions
- Get Glasgow Moving: we worked with them to bring their transformative public transport campaigning in Strathclyde to our national platform
- Palestine solidarity: we worked with a number of groups on a new campaign against Scotland-based Dana Petroleum's gas licences in Palestinian waters
- Tripod: we exchanged insights on strategy development, specifically with regard to supporting movement building and measuring impact
- Uplift: we campaigned together to demand a just transition for oil and gas workers including publicly owned wind manufacturing, training and support packages, and upgrading our ports, as well as close collaboration on the new 'Our Power' campaign
- Inclusion Scotland: they provided us with support for a new disability internship scheme and advised on accessibility best practice
- Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland: they celebrated their fifth anniversary with the news that they were preparing to take their own cases to court and we continue to engage closely with the Centre which we helped found

Friends of the Earth International

Protecting and conserving the environment⁸ requires an interconnected, worldwide effort. That's why we are part of the world's largest grassroots environmental network, Friends of the Earth International, and in 2025:

- We participated in the Friends of the Earth International Biennial General Meeting in Bangladesh with representatives from 60 countries, as well as the FoE Europe AGM in Brussels, the FoE Europe Climate Justice and Energy programme meeting in Kortenberg and Young FoE-Europe meeting in Budapest, strengthening our relationships with our international structures and groups
- Head of Movement Building Kate Whitaker was appointed to the Gender Justice and Dismantling Patriarchy working group of Friends of the Earth International
- National Meeting speakers included friends from the Wampis nation, an indigenous people from Peru, Natalia Salvatico from Friends of the Earth Argentina and Serbian artist Iva Jericevic
- Kirtana Chandrasekaran, Friends of the Earth International Climate, Justice and Energy International Programme Coordinator, continues to be hosted by Friends of the Earth Scotland; she also addressed our AGM and National Gathering



First Minister John Swinney addresses the Stop Climate Chaos Mass Lobby, credit Colin Hattersley



Friends of the Earth Scotland BGM, Bangladesh, credit Victor Barro

OUR STAFF TEAM



We welcomed the following staff in 2025:

- Anya Stewart, Digital Content and Engagement Officer
- Kyle Downie, Youth Engagement Intern
- Morag Wells, Communications and Engagement Officer
- Rhys Saunderson, Youth Friends of the Earth Scotland Network Co-ordinator

And congratulated the following staff on their new positions:

- Caroline Rance, Head of Campaigns
- Catrina Randall, Just Transition Campaigner
- Kate Whitaker, Head of Movement Building
- Rosie Hampton, Oil & Gas Campaigns Manager

One of our three Strategic Aims is to be a “thriving, resilient and inclusive organisation, and a best practice employer” which we fulfilled in part by investing in training and professional development. In 2025 staff undertook courses as follows:

- Line management, personal coaching and ‘Delivering good feedback’ training led by Bobby Jones, Social Enterprise Academy
- Senior manager support provided by Lisa Paris, Campfire Coaching
- ‘Combatting divisive narratives’ session by Hope Not Hate, also provided to our local groups, migrant justice groups and trade unions
- ‘Running Great Workshops’, ‘Exploring Class’ and ‘Exploring Conflict’ with Tripod
- Data protection training with Virtual College
- Emergency First Aid and Naloxone training

Additional training was also provided by the Sheila McKechnie Foundation, SCVO, NEOS, and the Centre for Progressive Change.

Friends of the Earth Scotland recognises Unite the Union as our official staff union.

Representatives at the end of the year were Alex Lee and Catrina Randall and their deputies were Freya Aitchison and Michelle Marshall.



FUNDING OUR WORK

Friends of the Earth Scotland relies on a combination of grants, individual giving and membership income. This funding enables us to campaign, organise and build the movement needed to win a just transition.

In 2025, we raised £1,342,853 (2024: £1,065,051), a 26% increase on 2024. The majority of our income continued to come from grants, alongside vital support from members and individual donors. Our total expenditure was £1,298,343 (2024: £1,117,329).

In 2025, 83p in every £1 donated was spent on our charitable work. 15p supported the vital people and infrastructure that ensure we are well run, including administration, HR, finance, and the systems that keep everything working smoothly. 2p was invested in fundraising to sustain our impact for the future.

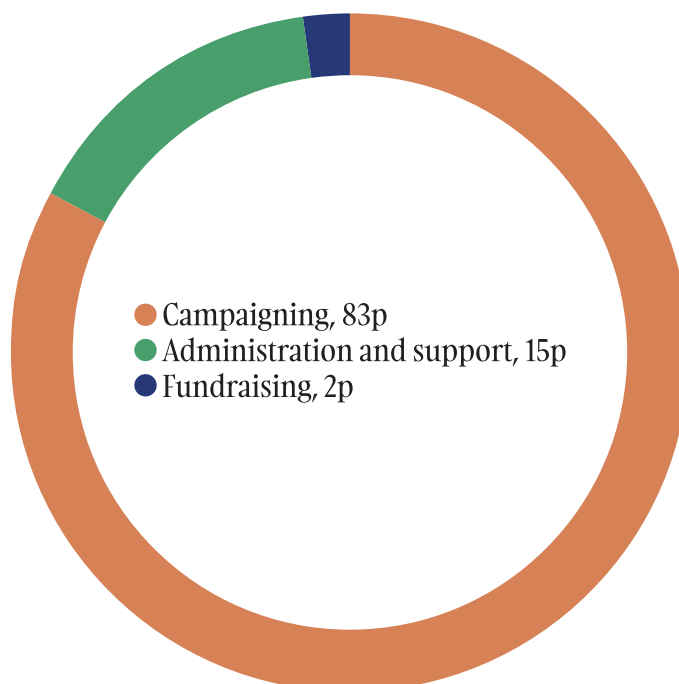
Like many organisations in our sector, we are operating in a challenging financial environment. In recent years, our income has grown but it isn't keeping up with the level of change we're trying to create, creating a gap between what we bring in and what we spend.

Following a period of higher income in 2020–2022, we have been drawing on unrestricted reserves built up during that time. This has allowed us to invest in campaigns, movement building and organisational capacity at a critical time.

We finished 2025 with a restricted funds surplus of £115,449. These are grant funds dedicated to specific projects and campaigns, such as our oil and gas campaigns and our just transition work. We had an unrestricted funds deficit of -£178,659. Unrestricted funds cover essential core costs such as keeping the organisation running, our policy and communications work and campaigns not currently supported by grant funding.

In 2025, the trustees adopted a reserves policy of holding 6 months of core operating costs in unrestricted funds. This is intended to ensure we have sufficient time to respond to changes in funding, secure new income and manage risk responsibly. As of December 2025, this would require an unrestricted reserve of £360,499. The unrestricted reserve at year end was above this at £500,303 (2024: £678,962).

We are taking steps to address our unrestricted funds deficit by strengthening both our fundraising and our financial management, ensuring we are using resources effectively while continuing to invest in impact.⁹



How we spent our funds in 2025



A changing fundraising picture

Over the past year, we have taken important steps to strengthen and diversify how we fund our work.

We secured renewed and new grant funding from partners including The Leet Hill Charitable Trust, The Postcode Earth Trust, Uplift, Patagonia UK and the 128 Collective Foundation, alongside continued work to build new funding relationships.

We also began to shift towards a more digital-first approach to individual giving and test more creative ways for our supporters to contribute. Together, these changes have contributed to a growth of 260% in individual giving over the year and strengthened how we engage supporters.

Alongside income generation, we have focused on strengthening the systems and approaches that underpin our fundraising. This has included embedding fundraising more fully into campaign planning, introducing a new database and improving supporter journeys. We are also moving towards a whole-organisation approach, where fundraising, campaigns and communications are more closely aligned and reinforce one another.

In 2026 we will build a more resilient and balanced funding model by securing more core funding from existing and new partners; bringing in restricted funding to support key areas of our work; expanding the ways people can support us, including through individual giving and by building a broader and more diverse funding base.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We took care to set annual priorities that cut across all of Friends of the Earth Scotland's work as follows:

Transformative Solutions campaigns: launch and run solution-focused campaigns on transport, energy efficiency and resource justice

Membership participation: grow our membership, deepen members' participation and improve membership experience

Progress towards financial sustainability: reduce our deficit and progress towards financial sustainability by establishing a whole organisation approach to fundraising and cost control

These priorities are accompanied by additional organisational objectives for the coming year:

- Ensure no new fossil fuel projects go ahead in Scotland
- Use our campaigns to influence public and political narratives towards support for a fast and fair transition, including during the election period
- Redesign, set-up and support new FoES affiliated local organising groups, focusing on bringing new people into the movement
- Support a thriving youth movement
- Increase visibility and influence of FoES and our campaign messages, including in communication platforms, movement spaces and strategic local channels
- Grow and deepen solidarity partnerships with local, national and international allies
- Embed anti-oppressive practices and attitudes, both in our internal policies and practices, and in our external campaigns and communications
- Build an organisational culture that includes learning and development, reflection and feedback and encourages creativity, proactivity, ownership and problem solving in each person's work

We will report our progress against these goals in our 2026 Annual Review. Implementation of our priorities was already taking shape at the end of the year as we laid the foundations for future projects:

- Continued organisational planning to build our movement, including strengthening our internal democracy and rejuvenating our support for Friends of the Earth local groups¹⁰
- Development of a new campaign for 'Better Buses', tackling our dependence on private cars by pushing for public control of Scotland's vital bus services
- We are working with a new coalition pushing for public ownership and investment into green industries
- With partners we completed production of our community theatre work "Play for Torry" with performances planned from early 2026
- New campaigning for warm homes and insulation, to address the environmental and social damage caused by Scotland's leaky homes
- We are grounding ourselves in the North East with an Aberdeen office due to open in 2026
- Our current Strategic Plan was intended to conclude in 2026, so we have begun preparations for review and further development

¹⁰ Local Groups in Glasgow and Aberdeen were formally wound down in 2025 whilst local groups in Dundee and Falkirk are going through a process of reorganisation

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful to all our funders, members and supporters who make this work possible. In particular, we would like to thank:

- **Ceilidh Collective**
- **The 128 Collective Foundation**
- **The D and H M Kelbie Charitable Trust**
- **The Energy Transition Fund**
- **The Janelaw Trust**
- **The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**
- **The Leet Hill Charitable Trust**
- **Patagonia UK**
- **Players of the People's Postcode Lottery**
- **Slanj Kilts**
- **Uplift**

Alongside the many individuals, communities and businesses who support our work through donations, by fundraising in their communities and leaving legacies.



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