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MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Scottish Charity Number: SC035964

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

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**MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and audited financial statements on the activities of Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network

Charity Number: SC035964

Company Number: 282964

Registered Office: 14a John Street, Penicuik, EH26 8AB

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, 47 High Street, Dalkeith

Accountants: AG Accounting, 167 Curriehill Castle Drive, Balerno, EH14 5TD

Directors:

The directors, at the date of this report are:

Sue Peart (Chair)
Jo Kirby (Vice Chair)
Susan Bowes (Secretary)
Lesley Kelly (Treasurer)
Irene Hutchison – to April 2012

Structure Governance & Management:

Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network is company limited by Guarantee regulated by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board of Directors is responsible for its policies and operations.

The Charity directly employs 1 member of staff, Shirley Lamb who is line managed by the Treasurer.

Objectives and Activities:

MFIN's objective, as outlined in the Memorandum of Association is:

- To relieve poverty and to advance public education in all matters relating to management of personal finances.

We aim to increase awareness of money advice, increase access to money advice services, target help to vulnerable groups and areas and build the capacity of community based groups to support their clients.

Activities undertaken during the year included: production of a quarterly Newsletter; development of our website and social media. The Network has developed a Financial Inclusion Strategy and contributed to Midlothian Council's Child Poverty Strategy. The main focus of the Network has been the Welfare Reform Bill and two training events are organised for the summer of 2012: one focussing on children and families and the other the effects of the reforms on disabled people and their carers.

Further details of these activities can be found on the website and annual report.

Risk Management:

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the organisation, and recognise that systems need to be in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Financial Review:***Reserves Policy:***

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at an appropriate level. This should equate to approximately two to three months of unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover necessary operational costs. Due to the size and operations of the organisation, this is not always possible.

Results/Financial Position:

In the year to 31 March 2012, the company has managed to maintain its level of operations and had a gross income of £8,004. Expenditure for the year was £6,643 (2011: £40,978 and £26,898 respectively). Net Assets of the charity at the end of the year amounted to £16,309 (2011: £14,948). The Development Worker returned to work on 1 September 2011. This has led to a reduction in salary costs, but higher management fees as the Line Manager took over some of the outstanding tasks.

Plans for Future Periods:

The effects of the economic downturn are being keenly felt in Midlothian and the demand on money advice and debt services has never been so great. MFIN has a vital role to play in highlighting and hopefully minimising the impact of the Welfare Benefit reforms on the most vulnerable in our society over the coming months. MFIN has also developed a Financial Inclusion Strategy for 2012-2015.

Statement of Directors Responsibilities:

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles of the SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

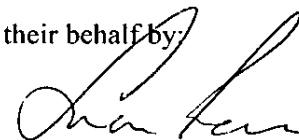
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors confirm their compliance with these requirements.

In preparing this report advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors on 26 June 2012 and signed on their behalf by:


L Kelly, Treasurer


14a John Street
Penicuik, EH26 8AB

**MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

I report on the financial statements of Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network for the year ended 31 March 2012 set out on pages 6 to 11, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The Trustees (who are the directors of the charity for the purposes of Company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners 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 Directors concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting 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 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



*Alison Glass FCCA
AG Accounting*

*167 Curriehill Castle Drive
Balerno, EH14 5TD*

Date: 30/11/12

MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

Company No: 282964

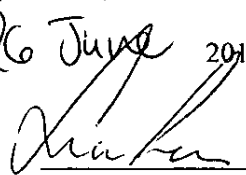
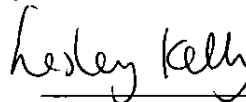
	Note	31 March 2012 £	31 March 2011 £
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments		147	-
Bank and Cash Balances		16,392	17,548
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		16,539	17,548
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Current Liabilities:			
Creditors due within 1 year:			
Creditors & Accruals	9	230	2,600
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		230	2,600
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Net Current Assets		16,309	14,948
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		16,309	14,948
		=====	=====
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds:			
General Fund	11	2,967	2,988
Restricted Funds	11	13,342	11,960
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		16,309	14,948
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The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2012. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit under section 476 in relation to its financial statements for the period. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S386 of the CA 2006; and
2. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year in accordance with the requirements of S396, and which otherwise comply with the requirements if the CA 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board on: 26 June 2012 and signed on their behalf by:

S Peart, Chair

L Kelly, Treasurer

The Notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

		Year ended 31 March 2012			Year ended 31 March 2011
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income		-	8,000	8,000	40,866
Investment income		4	-	4	22
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-	-	90
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Total Incoming Resources	4	4	8,000	8,004	40,978
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Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities		25	6,339	6,364	26,068
Governance Costs		-	279	279	830
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Total Resources Expended	7	25	6,618	6,643	26,898
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Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(21)	1,382	1,361	14,080
Transfers		-	-	-	-
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Net Movement in funds		(21)	1,382	1,361	14,080
Total Funds brought forward		2,988	11,960	14,948	868
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Total Funds carried forward	11	2,967	13,342	16,309	14,948
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All activities are continuing. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The Notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

1 Accounting Policies:

- a) Basis of Accounting - the Accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006. In preparing these statements the Charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities (2005).
- b) Incoming Resources - All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognized when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
 - Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
 - Investment income is included when receivable.
 - Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- c) Resources Expended - Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. The project is not registered for VAT thus expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.
- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary Income.
 - Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
 - Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
 - All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.
- d) Pensions: The Company provides for employees to pay money into a money purchase personal pension scheme. The pension charge in the income and expenditure account represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the period.
- e) Funds held by the charity are:
- Unrestricted Funds: These are the funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the directors.
 - Designated funds: These are unrestricted funds that the directors have set aside for a particular purpose.
 - Restricted funds: These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or if they have been raised for a specific purpose.

MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont.)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

2 Principal Funds:

The principal source of funding is from Midlothian Council. This is administered under the direction of the Directors, in line with the objects of the project.

3 Taxation

Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network is accepted by the Inland Revenue as a charity for the purposes of section 505 of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly no provision has been made for any taxation liability on surpluses.

4 Incoming Resources

	2012	2011
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Fairer Scotland Fund	8,000	24,116
DWP	-	16,750
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	8,000	40,866
Investment Income		
Bank Interest Receivable	4	22
Incoming resources form charitable activities		
Newsletter	-	90
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	8,004	40,978
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5 Employees Remuneration

	2012	2011
	£	£
Salaries & Wages	2,774	1,346
Pension Contributions	540	540
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	3,314	1,886
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No employees were paid in excess of £60,000. The average number of salaried employees including part time employees but excluding casual helpers was 1. (2011: 1)

6 Payments to Directors

Directors received no remuneration for their services or out of pocket expenses. (2011: £Nil).

MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont.)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

7 Resources Expended

Expenses	Cost of Charitable Activities £	Governance Costs £	2012 Total £	2011 Total £
Salaries, NI & Pension	3,314	-	3,314	1,886
Line Management	2,000	-	2,000	6,260
Freelance Costs	-	-	-	10,993
Staff Travel	168	-	168	-
Materials	-	-	-	2,125
Venue Hire	-	-	-	120
Insurance	424	-	424	420
Tax on Bank Interest	1	-	1	4
Telephone, postage & Consumables	313	-	313	1,226
Website	144	-	144	-
Consultancy	-	-	-	3,034
Legal & Professional	-	49	49	425
Audit & Accountancy	-	230	230	405
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	6,364	279	6,643	26,898
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8 Accountants Remuneration

	2012 £	2011 £
Examination services	230	225
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9 Creditors

	2012 £	2011 £
Due within one year:		
Other Creditors & Accruals	230	2,600
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	230	2,600
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MIDLOTHIAN FINANCIAL INCLUSION NETWORK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont.)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

10 Analysis of Net Assets

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	2012 Total	2011 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank & Cash Accounts	2,967	13,425	16,392	17,548
Debtors & Prepayments	-	147	147	-
Creditors & Accruals	-	(230)	(230)	(2,600)
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	2,967	13,342	16,309	14,948
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11 Reconciliation of Movements of Funds

Fund	At Start of Year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At End of Year £
Unrestricted funds- General fund	2,988	4	25	-	2,967
Restricted funds - Fairer Scotland	11,960	8,000	6,618	-	13,342
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	11,960	8,000	6,618	-	13,342
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Total Funds	14,948	8,004	6,643	-	16,309
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Transfers:

12 Restricted Funds

Restricted Small Grants comprise the following:

Fairer Scotland: This money has been provided by Fairer Scotland Fund for the costs for financial inclusion and debt awareness project