



# Stair Community Centre

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When the building ceased to be used as a school in 1969 Strathclyde Regional Council continued to hire out the facilities for occasional use and for community education activities with representatives from the various user groups forming a committee. In 1992 the Council decided to withdraw from running the Centre itself and encouraged the user group to establish a management committee to take on the responsibility. The group agreed and formed Stair Community Association, as the managing group. The group held its first meeting at the Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1992. In 1995 the Association registered as a charity, Scottish charity number SC023898, and Strathclyde Regional Council granted them a 21 year lease on the building.

As a charity Stair Community Association is able to apply for funding from local and national bodies for major repairs and improvements to the facilities, and relies on the income from room hire, fundraising and donations to cover the ongoing running costs and minor repairs. The work of managing the Centre is done by the volunteer committee which is appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting when the annual reports and accounts are presented.

The committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month (August – April)

The committee are responsible for the care and maintenance of the building, fundraising to maintain and improve the facilities, hiring out the rooms and

organise community events at the Centre, in accordance with the Association's constitution.

In 2013 the Association updated its constitution and changed its legal status to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, SCIO keeping the same name and charity number. The change of charitable status was part of the preparation for applying to buy the Centre from the local Council through the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. As part of the process the committee consulted with the community, produced a Business Plan and launched an appeal to raise the funds to buy the Centre. The application was successful and the community donated the funds to pay for the Centre and to help care for it in the future.

In April 2015 the purchase was completed and Stair Community Association became the owners of the Centre.

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