

# **Ada Scotland Festival**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022



## Charity contact information



Ada Scotland Festival

Scottish Charity Number: SC050808

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## Charity Trustees

1. Matthew Barr (Chair)
2. Anna Doyle (Treasurer)
3. Ella Taylor-Smith (Secretary)
4. Toni Scullion



## Objectives and activities

*Together, we can offer a more joined up approach to tackling gender imbalance in Computing Science, playing to individual partners' strengths while improving the visibility of all concerned.*

The Ada Scotland Festival brings together partners involved in addressing the issue of gender balance in Computing Science education in Scotland. The University of Glasgow's Dr Matthew Barr leads on the initiative, alongside Festival co-founders Dr Ella Taylor-Smith (Edinburgh Napier University) and Toni Scullion (dressCode) and Anna Doyle (BIMA, CYF) and a voluntary advisory board, drawn from across the sector.

The Ada Scotland Festival has grown out of a SICSA-supported workshop. The workshop brought together employers, lecturers and teachers to identify ways in which the continuing gender imbalance in Computing Science might be addressed. The need for a more joined-up approach was one of the outcomes of the workshop, and that's where the Festival comes in.

The Ada Scotland Festival launched in October 2020, featuring a mix of online events, activities, and competitions. While the Festival takes the form of a series of scheduled events (around Ada Lovelace Day in October), the Festival website provides a persistent platform for organisations to engage with the public.

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The Ada Scotland Festival is a single tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), governed by a constitution<sup>1</sup>. This constitution may be altered by resolution of the charity trustees - in their capacity as members of the organisation - passed at a members' meeting (subject to achieving the two thirds) or by way of a written resolution of the charity trustees in their capacity as members.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our trustees have been with us from the Festival's inception in 2020, comprising co-founders Dr Matthew Barr, Dr Ella Taylor-Smith and Toni Scullion, and Anna Doyle. Our constitution requires a minimum of four charity trustees, and allows for up to 12. To date, having four trustees has proven sufficient. However, should the scope of the Festival increase in the future, we will seek to recruit additional trustees from our network of partners and advisory board. The existing trustees may appoint a new charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ada.scot/about/constitution/>

## Partners and events

When the Festival launched in October 2020, it featured 32 partners, 16 live events, and dozens of other activities. In 2021, we featured 19 live events and many new partners, including:

- After Digital
- Barclays
- BCS Women
- Code First Girls
- The Data Lab
- Dell Technologies
- Dog Digital
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Equate
- Glasgow School of Art
- Inner Wings
- Leidos
- Morgan Stanley
- Scottish Government
- Skills Development Scotland
- Smart STEMS
- University of Edinburgh
- Women in Games
- Young Engineers and Science Clubs Scotland

Here's a flavour of our 2021 events...



### Ada Scotland Festival Launch Event

Ada Scotland Festival launches 11 October at 3pm. Jamie Hepburn to open the festival, followed by Liz Dighton of Boroughmuir High School.



### Barclays: First Steps in Tech – How to Take the Right Career Path

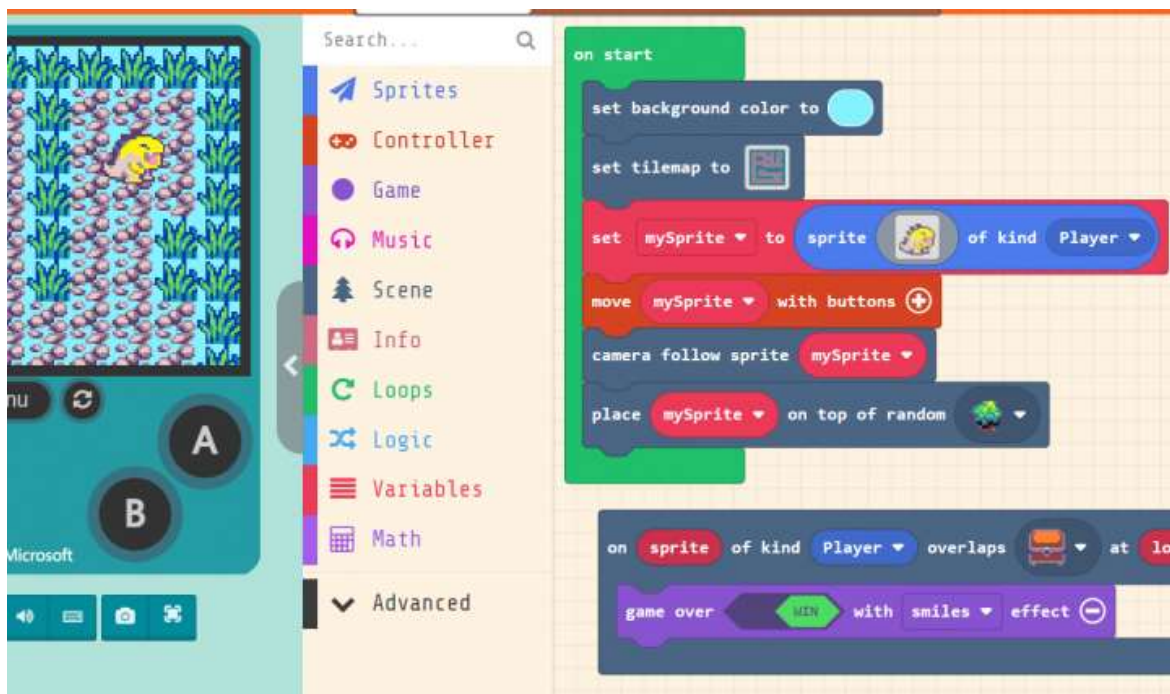
Discover what an early career in technology is all about with the team at Barclays.





### Women into Tech mentoring circle

If you are concerned about the gender imbalance in the tech world this mentoring session is perfect for you. Join us and share your views and challenges.



### Inspire Me: Want to be a Game Designer?

Get a taste of what it's like to be a Game Designer. Using Microsoft MakeCode you'll get hands on experience creating your very own video game.





## What's it really like to study tech at uni?

Ever thought about studying tech at uni? Now's your chance to ask questions of three students already studying computing, software engineering and ethical hacking.

**Melissa Di Donato Roos**  
Co-Founder and CEO of Inner Wings

**Stuart Macdonald**  
Founder and CEO of SmartSTEMs

Ada Scot Festival...

**Building Confidence in Students with Inner Wings and SmartSTEMs**

20 October 2021 | 2:30-3:00pm BS

inner wings  
A Confidence Building Foundation

SmartSTEMs

## Building Confidence in Students

Discover the importance of reaching your goals. In the session we will discuss how to build your confidence in order to pursue a career in STEM.



### **There is No Wrong Path to Technology**

Discover how two women changed their career path. Hear their journey as they talk you through their steps to change.



### **Barclays: How We Switched to A Tech Career**

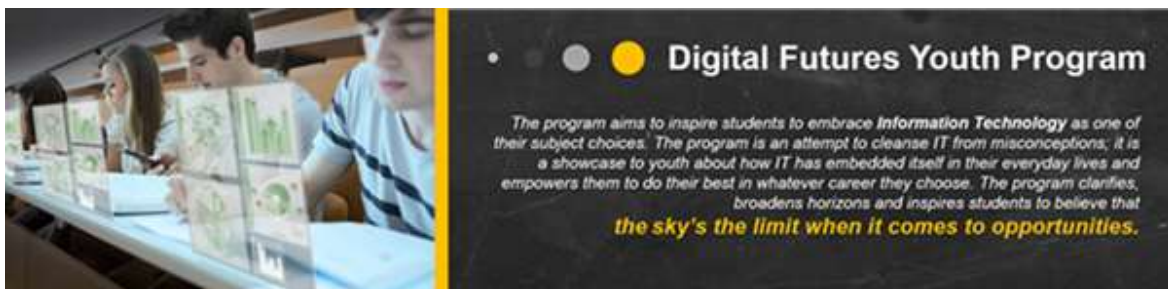
Join the team at Barclays in this panel event where they will be discussing different journeys into the world of technology.



# HOW TO START CODING

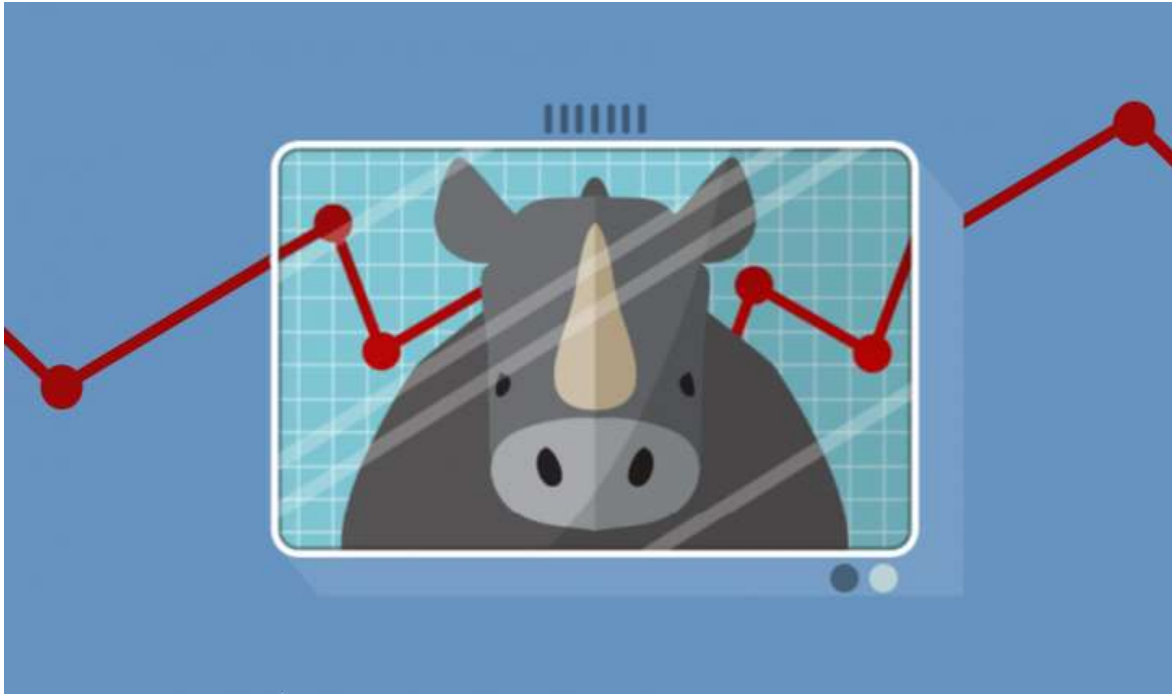
## How to Start Coding

How to start coding with Code First Girls. In this session we'll introduce you to arrange of free classes and courses to get you started.



## Digital Futures – Dell Technologies

Discover how technology impacts every part of our lives. In this session Dell Technologies will talk you through the many different careers available in technology.



### **Data Skills Live: Defend The Rhino**

We need you to help save the Rhino. Challenge your students to help save these beautiful animals using their technical skills. No exp. required.



### **Hack the Flag**

Hack the Flag challenge with Edinburgh Napier University Security Society (ENUSEC) a society of students and staff interested in all aspects of cybersecurity.





### **Tech Women Talk Opportunities**

Join our panel of inspirational young women who together will share their unexpected journeys into the world of tech.



### **My Story – Mahum Khan (Women in Games Ambassador)**

Career journey, highs and lows, and what she’s learned along the way. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

# SCHOOL OF SIMULATION AND VISUALISATION THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

## **Change your School with Serious Games**

A workshop to help school teachers identify changes they want to bring about within their schools, and design serious games to help enact that change.



## **Teacher CPD: Barefoot Programming with Scratch**

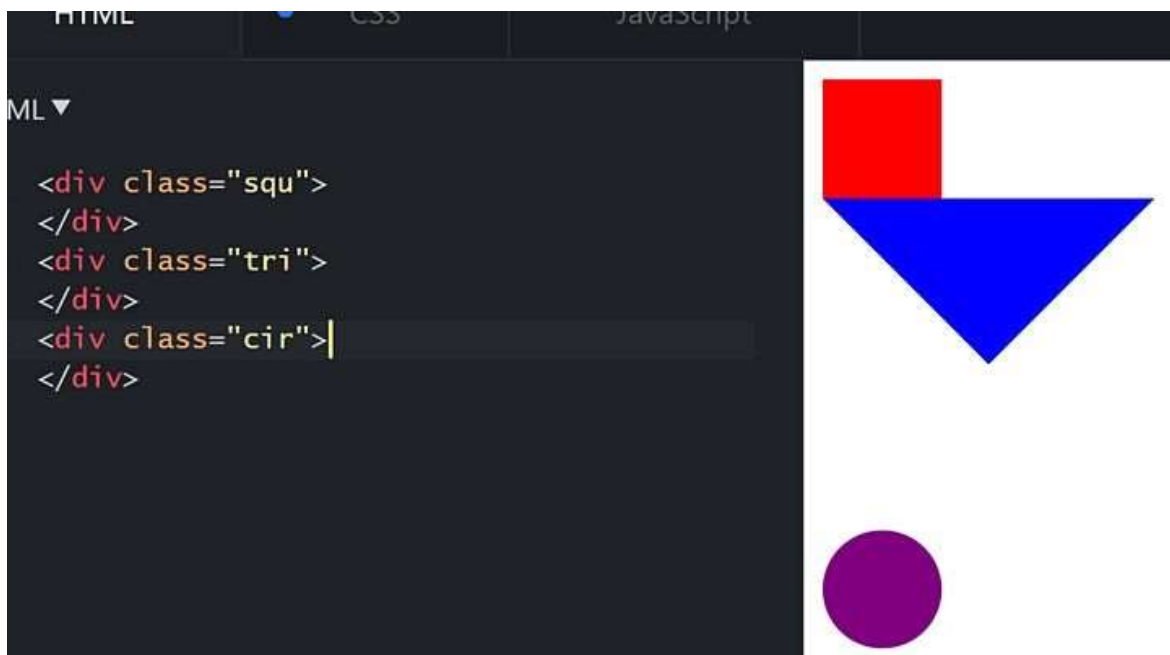
Get to grips with Scratch programming and the concepts of sequence, repetition and selection through a series of Scratch activities.





## Exploring the world of Data and AI

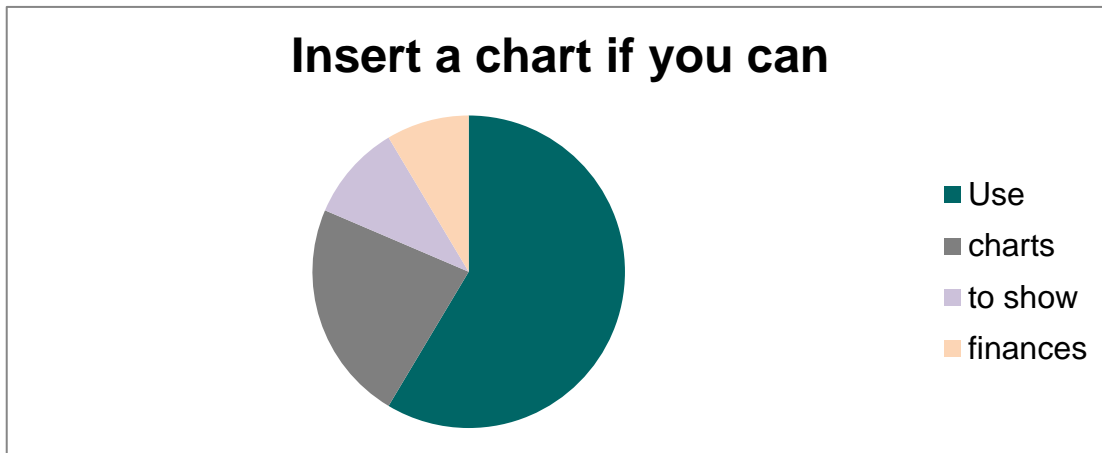
Explore the world of AI with The Data Lab Innovation Centre.



## Show Me: Code Art

Get creative, learning how to develop and create all kinds of shapes and designs. Hands on session ideal for anyone who enjoys designing new concepts.

## Financial review



### Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In this section let the reader know the policy you have for holding reserves. This should say what levels of reserves you want to hold and why. You should then compare the level you actually hold with the desired level and explain any differences.

### Details of any deficit

Where there is a deficit on any fund you should explain why this has happened and the steps the charity trustees are taking to correct it.

### Donated facilities and services

The University of Glasgow and Edinburgh Napier University provide limited in-kind support for trustees based at these institutions (Matthew Barr and Anna Doyle at University of Glasgow, and Ella Taylor-Smith at Edinburgh Napier University). The School of Computing Science at Glasgow serves as the charity's legal address.

## **Future plans**

The Ada Scotland Festival will return in October 2022.

**Declaration**

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name                                  Matthew Barr

Designation                                Chair

Date    06/12/2022

**ADA Scotland Festival  
Receipts and Payments  
For the period ended 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	
	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
Income		
Grants	£10,000	£10,000
Sponsorship	£1,400	£1,400
Donations	£2,384	£2,384
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Total receipts	£13,784	£13,784
Payments		
Formation fee	£2,000	£2,000
Guinness book of records fee	£780	£780
Administration fee	£2,700	£2,700
Facebook advertising	£331	£331
Zoom licence	£138	£138
Printing and Stationery	£52	£52
Postage	£32	£32
Miscellaneous expenses	£362	£362
Bank charges	£92	£92
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Surplus	<b>£7,297</b>	<b>£7,297</b>

**ADA Scotland Festival  
Statement of balances  
As at 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
Fund reconciliation		
Cash at bank	<u>£7,297</u>	<u>£7,297</u>
Bank balances		
Co-op Bank	<u>£7,297</u>	<u>£7,297</u>

All funds are unrestricted

Approved by the trustees on 6th December 2022  
and

Signed on their behalf by:



Matthew Barr  
Trustee

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## **Report to the trustees/members of ADA Scotland Festival**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Charity No SC050808**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) as set out on pages 18 to 19 for the year ended 31/03/2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

6th December 2022

James H Crockett, CA

Independent Examiner

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