



Annual Report 2021/22



Photo by Tom - Crafts produced by young people in Axminster



Photo courtesy of Dunkeswell Youth Club - Enjoying their bouncy castle evening!



Photo courtesy of Tavistock Youth Cafe and Bere Alston Youth 2 Youth



Photo courtesy of The Sir Francis Chichester Trust

“To Champion and Strengthen Children and Young People Organisations in Devon”

Registered Charity Number: 1054442

Voluntary Organisations for Young People and Children (VOYC) - Devon

What is it that we do?

1. **Provide Practical Help** - to ensure the support necessary to develop and maintain the children and young people's sector.
2. **Provide a Voice** - to enable the children and young people's sector to have a voice and influence.
3. **Facilitate Networking** - to support, develop and promote collaboration and networking.
4. **Manage the Charity** - to have efficient and effective systems for the management of VOYC Devon.

President

Robin Wakinshaw

Vice President

Sally Yeo

Officers

Chair of Trustees	Peter Brewer
Vice Chair of Trustees	Gill Miller
Treasurer	Jon Oliverio (resigned 28.2.22) Peter Brewer/Giller Miller (Acting Joint Treasurers).

Management Committee/Executive (Trustees)

Peter Brewer	Chair
Gill Millar	Vice Chair
Paul Allan	Co-option
Kerrie Clifford	Co-option
Steve Keable	CEDA
Jonathan Oliverio	Youth Genesis Trust Ltd (resigned 28.2.22)
Paul Reisbach	YMCA Exeter
Rebecca Skinner	Co-option
Dani de Beaumont	Co-option (wef 25.03.2022)

Staff

Tom Coulthard	Chief Executive (wef: 01.06.21)
Mark Goodman	Chief Executive (stepped down 31.05.21). Project Officer wef: 01.06.21 - resigned 31.3.22)
Juliet White	Operations Co-ordinator
Alex Green	Communications and Marketing Co-Ordinator

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT 2021 – 2022

Who we are and what we do

VOYC Devon continues to bring the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sectors' people together to solve problems, address root causes and inspire each other. As an organisation we understand the power of the VCSE sector and volunteering and are proud to champion these.

We support individuals and groups working with children, young people and families by providing practical, face-to-face support in a variety of different ways. Our offer includes a range of services, from starting up a group to developing policies or keeping children and young people safe. In addition, VOYC provides a diverse range of training opportunities, regular news and information updates as well as the reassurance of a telephone advice line, email support and web based video meetings.

We operate a number of local youth networks to give workers, volunteers and activists a place to discuss issues, collaborate and share their experiences as well as 3 Devonwide video meetings per year, connecting our groups with statutory agencies, large charities and relevant agencies operating in the county.

Everything VOYC Devon offers is designed to enable VCSE organisations to become stronger, to operate more safely, sustainably and to enhance the quality of local provision. The majority of our support is available free of charge to the youth work sector through our grant agreement with Space, who hold the Youth Service contract with Devon County Council (DCC).

Summary of Achievement

VOYC Devon continues to work as a partner with Space within the VCSE infrastructure element of the Devon County Council Youth Services contract. VOYC also continues to play a key role in developing capacity within the VCSE Sector organisations through the safeguarding training and support offered to local groups.

Virtual training online has continued this year, alongside some bespoke face to face safeguarding for larger groups. This has allowed us to reach more volunteers and groups than just face to face; demand for all training has continued to grow and we are looking to increase and has now reached pre-pandemic levels overall.

Local Youth Networks have been greatly reduced, we have offered two meetings this year, as groups reopened after Covid. Only a couple of groups attended local network meetings. We did continue to offer plenty of advice, support and funding to groups re-opening. The local networks offer is under review, as part of the launch of

Youth Work in Devon. Funds have been allocated to the groups to spend on local collaboration and further meetings are scheduled. We recognise the importance of these networks in the re-opening of provision and will look to continue this work in the year ahead.

VOYC is involved in enabling the VCSE Sector to have their voice heard. We strive to ensure that local public services through the Devon Children and Families Partnership (DCFP) have a single way into the diverse VCSE Sector here in Devon. VOYC Devon represents the VCSE on the following: The DCFP Subgroup Chairs; DCFP Quality Assurance Delivery Group, The Early Help Improvement Board, DCFP Communication and Engagement subgroup and the Holiday Activities Programme.

We worked together with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and East Devon District Council to distribute over £50,000 of direct funding to groups supporting young people in adjusting to life after the pandemic, providing exciting, positive activities and support.

We have finalised the structure of our new partnership, Youth Work in Devon, which seeks to offer a single point of contact for all youth work providers who wish to join, regardless of their size and scope. This is currently in the form of a website, with a joint training calendar, a newsletter, interactive provision map and content from our partners.

Those that support work with children and young people within the VCSE Sector are more important than ever. Demand for universal services continues to grow in the aftermath of the pandemic. The VCSE sector is seeing the impact of this on its own provision, with a greater demand being placed on both its capacity and volunteers. Safeguarding our young people and children as they navigate the post pandemic landscape amid a chaotic economic climate is a substantial challenge to us all.

VOYC Devon will therefore be here to support all the organisations that are there for our children and young people at this important time.

We would once again like to extend a big thank you to our staff and Trustees as both have been central to all that we have achieved during the year and we thank them once again for their commitment and time.

Peter Brewer (Chair)

Tom Coulthard (Chief Officer)

A Quick Summary of the year!

A Devon wide network of:

261 Local Organisations
18 Network Organisations
56 Associates



- ✓ An increase of 9 Members during the year;
- ✓ Reaching over 2000 children and young people.

Connecting people and organisations:

9 Online Zoom Meetings for Devon Wide and Local Networks providing advice information and support



Strengthening Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Sector Organisations

43

Organisations received direct support.

26 Youth Organisations

17 Other Not for Profits who work with Children and Young People



17 'Weekly' to Members
8 'Monthly News' to Members and Subscribers

Keeping children and young people safe

Delivering Safeguarding Training for:
326 Participants, from
71 different Organisations



Being the Voice of and advocating for the Sector



VOYC attends the following DCFP sub groups:

- ✓ Quality Assurance Delivery Group;
- ✓ Early Help Improvement Board
- ✓ Communication and Engagement

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31.3.22

VOYC Devon is a charity (Registered Charity Number 1054442) and as such meets all the rules and regulations set by the Charity Commission. The Trustees of the Charity present this report to support the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Annual Report and Accounts are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, and the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities. VOYC Devon has income between £25,000 and £500,000 and so is subject to Independent Examination, conducted by Kevin Pope of KJP Financial Training Ltd.

The Charity's objects are to benefit young people in Devon by:

Championing and strengthening the informal learning offer of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Children and Young People Organisations in Devon by:

- strengthening VCSE organisations providing support through information and advice in all aspects of work with children and young people;
- keeping children and young people safe by developing the skills of those who work with children and young people, delivering safeguarding and other relevant training;
- connecting people and organisations by developing and sustaining both countywide and local youth networks to enable youth organisations to share good practice, resources and expertise;
- ensuring that the voice of the VCSE organisations is heard.

VOYC Devon champions and strengthens the VCSE Children and Young People Sector, with over 270 members ranging from the largest charities, national network organisations (eg, Girl Guiding, Army Cadets and Boys Brigade) to the smallest community organisations. There are many committed volunteers supporting the organisations within our membership with people across the County giving their time, energy and money.

The year was a challenge for many members, re-opening after the lifting of pandemic restrictions, dealing with continuing high demand for services and challenging conditions for young people, staff and volunteers.

VOYC and its partners have continued to do their utmost to help groups continue and evolve in this uncertain climate.

With the focus shifting back from emergency measures into a more regular, sustainable growth we have concentrated on training, systems development and have agreed a budget to manage our resources accordingly.

Governance

The Executive Committee comprises:

- The three elected officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer);
- Up to twelve representatives of member organisations;
- Up to six co-opted members.

The Executives are appointed either:

- by ordinary resolution of the members at general meeting;
- or as a co-option made at a meeting of the Executive during the year.

During the year, there were changes to the Executive Committee. Jon Oliverio stepped down as a Trustee. Dani de Beumont was co-opted to the Executive Committee during the year.

There were six meetings of the Executive Committee held during 2021-22 and there were reports on the financial position and on the performance against targets in the management plan at each of these meetings.

Staff Team

There have been some changes to our staff team, with Mark Goodman handing over the CEO role to Tom Coulthard. Juliet White has continued as the Operations Coordinator. They have been supported by Alex Green (Communications and Marketing) and Danielle Howlett (Safeguarding Training) as freelance contributors. We have also recruited a new communications assistant, Makayla Stubbs who will join us in 2022/3.

Marketing

We continued to keep our website fresh, up to date and relevant. We produce a member only e-bulletin and a monthly newsletter with wider circulation to both members and stakeholders. We have continued to grow our social media presence using the VOYC Website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Executive have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and its impact on the charity's work, and in particular the requirement that there must be specific identifiable benefits, and ones applicable to the wider public. Trustees consider that both requirements have been met.

Reserves Policy

The Executive has examined the Charity's need for reserves in the context of planned activities during 2021/22. This process has included consideration of quantifiable financial risks to the Charity within the context of continued spending cuts by central and local government.

Reserves are needed to:

- Allow funding to cover unforeseen operational or core costs like taking on temporary staff to cover a long-term sickness / absence.
- Provides a fund to cover gaps in income of up to six months if a grant is not renewed or is unexpectedly taken away.
- Planned commitments that cannot be met by future income such as refurbishment of the website or ICT hardware.
- Covering short-term deficits in our cash flow before a grant is received.

At the year-end, the level of reserves was £62995.61. Based on the above criteria, the Trustees are confident that there are sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the reserves policy requirements.

Approved by the Trustee Board on 27th June 2022, and signed on its behalf by the Chair:

Peter Brewer



Peter Brewer (Chair of the Trustees)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31.03.22

Financial Statement					
31.03.21		31.03.22	31.03.21		31.03.22
INCOME		£	EXPENDITURE		£
66408.95	B/Forward	55685.11			
27000.00	Grant – Youth Service Grant	28443.00	44502.78	Employment/Travel	53608.32
0.00	Grant - YS Arrears	1443.00	53.14	Governance	307.83
0.00	Covid-19 Recovery	20000.00	0.00	Networking	12.00
0.00	CSP Monies	29420.00	1215.22	Office	1867.39
0.00	EDDC - Youth Support	3209.00	497.64	ICT	2048.12
800.00	Devon Comm Found (Covid Work)	0.00	611.70	Member Training	250.00
1127.31	The Grandchildren's Project	0.00	69.00	Bank Charges	96.00
800.00	Comm Safety Partn (MH Training)	0.00	950.00	The G/Children Project	0.00
5610.00	Training Programme	10087.50	0.00	CSP Grants	26703.58
2000.00	Operational Income	420.00	0.00	Misc	49.90
147.38	Interest	111.24			
20.95	Misc	27.40			
37505.64	TOTAL INCOME	93161.14	47899.48	TOTALS	84943.14
			330.00	Res Exp again YS Rev	907.50
			48229.48	TOTAL EXP	85850.64
				Carried Forward	62995.61
BANK BALANCES AS AT			31.03.22		
	CAF Current account		26772.30		
	CAF Gold Account		1112.40		
	Shawbrook Bank 60 day notice a/c		35110.91		

Independent examiners report for the accounts (y/e 31.3.22):-

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of	VOYC Devon		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2022	Charity no (if any)	1054442
Set out on pages	1 - 3		
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") 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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p>		
Signed:			Date: 24 April 2022
Name:	Kevin Pope		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (FCIB)		
Address:	6, Harrison Close, Emersons Green, BRISTOL BS16 7HB		
Section B Disclosure			
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).			
IER	1	October 2018	

Auditor: Kevin Pope (FCIB) - KJP Financial Training Ltd
Tom Coulthard (Chief Officer)