

York Schools and Youth Trust (YoYo)

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ending 31st July 2021.

York Schools and Youth Trust, also known as YoYo, is Charity Number 1057991 first registered on 19th July 1996.

Operating address throughout this year has been:

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Tony Bower

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Andy Barthow

Isobel Barthow

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(Resigned October 2020)

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Structure, Governance and Management

York Schools and Youth Trust is administered and managed as a charitable trust by the trustees under the Trust Deed declared in July 1996.

The board of trustees comprises Christians from a range of churches and denominations across the City of York. The Charity is non-denominational and trustee recruitment is by an informal process. Potential trustees are recommended from within the local Christian community, they meet with some existing trustees and are given time to consider the possibility of joining the trust. Trustees are elected at the AGM or a Special Meeting called for this purpose. Trustees are elected for a three year term, and can serve no more than three terms of three years. Office holders are elected each year at the AGM.

Trustees meet once or twice each school term, with an annual strategy half day and additional meetings as required. Interim meetings are held by sub-groups of trustees when required, with minutes available to all.

The Principal Staff member (Executive Officer), to whom day to day management is delegated, is in attendance at all trustee meetings.

The trustees consider risks affecting the trust from time to time. Such risks include:

- Issues relating to the safeguarding and protection of children and young people with whom the trust's workers are in contact. The trustees have appointed Dr Ian Richardson, a retired OFSTED inspector, as their safeguarding officer.
- The trustees have remained vigilant in their monitoring of budgets in 2020/2021 to ensure a good financial position.
- COVID-19 risks to team members, trustees, volunteers, school staff and pupils.

In respect of these and other matters that may arise the trustees seek to have in place policies and procedures to deal fully with the possible effects of such risks on the trust.

No serious incidents have occurred this year related to finance, COVID-19 or safeguarding.

2020-2021 a year of COVID-19

YoYo has not been immune to the effects on the whole of society of COVID-19 during this year. No YCYH camp was possible in August, but the YoYo team produced online activities for the week for children to access from home.

Schools returned in September 2020 but were not able to invite YoYo into their buildings and they were not holding whole school assemblies. YoYo continued to produce weekly online primary school collective worship videos which were very well received by schools in York and beyond. 48 such videos were produced in all. In addition, YoYo purchased two marquees to enable the team to lead lessons and reflective spaces outside in school grounds. At the end of the term an online Advent calendar was produced, using the team's newly learnt video editing skills, and these were enjoyed by hundreds of children.

In January another National Lockdown was announced and schools were once again closed to all but a few pupils. Some YoYo staff were part furloughed. The YoYo team continued to develop their online presence and started to provide live lessons using zoom and google classrooms with their schools. A weekly daytime 30-minute prayer meeting on zoom was initiated and well attended by supporters. Two books were published by YoYo, one of poems

and one a story book for Advent. The Chair of Trustees became an expert in writing and adjusting COVID-19 risk assessments as the restrictions constantly fluctuated! During this term a regular online prayer meeting for teachers was established.

Schools opened again after Easter with fewer restrictions, so the YoYo team was welcomed back into many schools. Some lessons were still delivered outside using the marquees and some online presence was maintained, but generally schools were delighted to welcome the team back in person inside.

All trustee meetings have taken place electronically using zoom this year.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees continue to apply the trust's funds to the objects as set out in the Trust Deed:

"Working with York Schools and churches to bring the Christian faith alive."

In carrying out this objective the YoYo team has supported and served schools by communicating the Christian faith in ways relevant and effective to York's children and young people by:

- Taking RE lessons in both primary and secondary schools, in person and online
- Leading assemblies and collective worship in primary and secondary schools, in person and online
- Providing reflective spaces both outside and inside
- Supporting and encouraging staff and students through lunch time and after school clubs
- Developing resources that help and enhance the delivery of religious education
- Recruiting, training and supporting volunteers who assist in the delivery of the work in schools
- Offering pastoral support for staff and students at times of crisis and stressful situations
- Developing and delivering creative ways of communicating the Christian faith that are cross curricular
- Sharing about the work in local churches who are supporters of the trust
- Being involved in city wide youth work with local youth workers and other youth organisations
- Preparing online resources for schools, churches, children, young people, parents and teachers to use during COVID-19 restrictions
- The Executive Officer and pioneer worker have also been exploring new relationships beyond the City of York boundaries and various new potential projects are emerging.

Regular prayer meetings have been held to support the work of YoYo. These have been attended by team members, trustees and interested supporters from the local churches. They have been held electronically, using zoom.

Staffing

All staff, except the part time Finance Administrator, work directly with the young people of York to advance the Christian religion. Staff changes during the year were Louise Thomas resigning in October 2020 and being replaced in her pioneering role by Nicola Bray and Marion Barella until the end of December and then by Nicola Bray for three days a week from January 2021. Suze Newton returned from her maternity leave in January 2021. Kate Lamb primarily works in the office but has on occasions been into school with other team members and her

hours were increased during the year. Judith Summerfield's hours were also increased, to 7.5 hours a week.

Achievements and Performance

One of the main and ongoing achievements of YoYo is its regular clubs which are attended by a variety of students, from both a faith and no faith background. The schools highly value the opportunities that a Christian club gives to their communities.

The year-round assemblies and lessons are also highly valued by both the primary and secondary schools. This can be evidenced by the fact that YoYo works in virtually all the schools in York.

The Executive Officer has also forged new relationships with some schools and churches outside the City of York boundaries leading to some new projects being planned in these areas.

Recently, YoYo's reach has been expanded as online resources are accessed by schools, churches, parents and young people from across the country.

Public Benefit

YoYo's provision of lessons, assemblies and clubs is available to every child, in every school in the York area, without discrimination or distinction of class, socio-economic background, colour or religion, and without charge. YoYo provides valuable support to the schools of York in meeting the requirements of the Religious Education syllabus and by their contribution to a variety of discussions within lessons in other subject areas. YoYo's online resources have been available to anyone free of charge, in keeping with YoYo's policy of free access.

A full Statement of Public Benefit is available.

Financial Review

A set of accounts for the year ending 31 July 2021 are annexed to this report.

During the financial year ending 31 July 2021 the trust incurred expenditure of £178,817 which funded a staff team of ten and the trust's accommodation at Holgate Methodist Church. During the year the trust received donations from churches in the York area, grant making bodies and individuals totalling £126,088. This resulted in a net operational deficit of £52,729 for the year. The trust also received gains of investments of £8,863 which meant the total net deficit was £43,866. With the opening reserves balance of £124,191 the trust finished the year with a reserves balance of £80,324. (Please note these figures are rounded to the nearest pound.)

The funds received during the year included £3,179 which were restricted to some specific areas of activity of the trust. This restricted funding was for the following:

- At the end of the year the team ran the *It's Your Move* programme for which they distribute books to all Year 6 pupils moving on to secondary school. Supplies were purchased at a cost of £1,958. This was funded by gifts from churches and individuals. A deficit on this fund was brought forward from last year of £181 and by the end of July £1,597 had been received so the fund was in deficit by £542 at the end of the year. However, £542 was received in August to October 2021.

- In 2018 YoYo received a gift which enabled the trust to expand the work in the north area of York by establishing a half time post for three years. This post started in January 2019. The opening balance at the beginning of the year of this fund was £20,772. The salary costs for this year were £10,042. Interest of £559 was received in the year and the value of the investment funds required for the remaining term of the post generated income of £2,443. The balance at the end of year was therefore £13,733
- A Pioneering Fund was created in 2019 from generous gifts. The work was carried out during the year in the geographical area outside the north and east of York by two members of the team. The opening balance at the beginning of the year for this fund was £34,527. The salary and travel costs and purchase of a laptop came to £22,823. Investment of funds provided additional income of £507 and furlough amounts of £515 were received in the year. The value of the investment funds increased by £2,629 and £1,763 was transferred from unrestricted funds. The trust has £17,119 to use to progress this work in future years
- The trust also holds £335 which is to be used in conjunction with Holgate Methodist Church on the upkeep of the church building. The balance at the year end was £335.
- This year has continued to be very challenging for the trust due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus. The trust was very grateful to receive a very significant grant of £50,000 last year in order to support the activities of the trust through these challenges. The balance of £14,726 brought forward into this year was used to fund the salaries in August and part of September 2020 (with the exception of the Pioneering salaries).

The balance of the trust's funds is held in a general fund. This fund received £122,909 income during the year and expenditure totalled £129,269. This meant there was net expenditure of £6,360. This includes the expenditure of £9,602 incurred on the additional half time post that was created in the year before last year. Investment income of £3,791 was also received during the year. The total income was therefore £126,700. The general fund reserves decreased from £54,012 at the beginning of the year to £49,680 at the end of the year.

The trust's policy is to try and ensure that at the end of each term there are sufficient reserves to meet the following term's expenditure. This comes to approximately £50,000. The year ended with the general fund reserves at £49,680 which meets this policy. Additional reserves of £30,645 were held to fund the ongoing and pioneering work of the trust.

A claim for gift aid of £1,995 was made after the financial year end.

Where possible, reserves in excess of half a term's expenditure are held in a high interest account or charity investment fund managed by CCLA Fund Managers Ltd. This is in order to maximise our return whilst minimising risk. The amount invested at the end of the financial year was £63,661 based on the valuation of the fund on 31 July 2021. A total of £1,710 in interest was received during the year and gains of £8,863 in the funds are recognised in the accounts when amounts are transferred out of the investment fund at the year end.

During the year the team created an advent calendar and two books which proved popular and together with other fundraising activities brought in additional funds of £2,608. The 25th Anniversary Appeal was also launched during this year.

The trustees are extremely grateful to our supporters. Their generosity has once again enabled the trust to carry out their objectives during the year. The trustees will be looking in the coming year at ways to increase the regular income in order to strengthen the general fund for future years.

The Way Ahead

COVID-19 changed the way YoYo worked and the much appreciated online resources will continue to be developed, alongside the core work of visiting schools. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, volunteers have not been able to support the team in schools this year, but it is hoped this aspect of the work can be re-established and increased in the future. The pioneering work outside the City of York is also developing, working with local churches and schools in outlying villages and small towns. Churches have also not been meeting in person for much of the year, so it is hoped that as things return to a 'new normal', church support can be developed across and beyond the City of York.

In all matters the board of trustees continues to operate well and looks forward to continuing the Charity's objectives.

Mrs Cathy Roberts
Chair

Peter Horsley
Vice Chair

November 2021

Charity no. 1057991

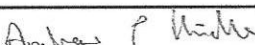

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| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year funds |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 117,240 | 1,597 | 0 | 118,837 | 191,296 |
| Charitable activities | 4,433 | 515 | 0 | 4,948 | 0 |
| Other trading activities | 593 | 0 | 0 | 593 | 1,991 |
| Investments | 644 | 1,067 | 0 | 1,711 | 2,207 |
| Separate material item of income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 122,909 | 3,179 | 0 | 126,088 | 195,494 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 671 | 0 | 0 | 671 | 0 |
| Charitable activities | 128,597 | 49,548 | 0 | 178,146 | 169,963 |
| Separate material item of expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 129,269 | 49,548 | 0 | 178,817 | 169,963 |
| Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses) | -6,360 | -46,370 | 0 | -52,729 | 25,531 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | 3,791 | 5,072 | 0 | 8,863 | 8,569 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | -2,569 | -41,297 | 0 | -43,866 | 34,099 |
| Extraordinary items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers between funds | -1,763 | 1,763 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Movement in Funds | -4,332 | -39,534 | 0 | -43,866 | 34,099 |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 54,012 | 70,179 | 0 | 124,191 | |
| Total funds carried forward | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Income Funds | Endowment Funds | Total funds | Prior year funds |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tangible assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debtors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 32,810 | 30,851 | 0 | 63,661 | 54,798 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 16,870 | -206 | 0 | 16,663 | 69,392 |
| Total current assets | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | 124,191 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | 124,191 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | 124,191 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provisions for liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total net assets or liabilities | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | 124,191 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Endowment funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Restricted income funds | 0 | 30,645 | 0 | 30,645 | 70,179 |
| Unrestricted funds | 49,680 | 0 | 0 | 49,680 | 54,012 |
| Revaluation reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total funds | 49,680 | 30,645 | 0 | 80,324 | 124,191 |

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy |
|---|------------|--------------------------------|
|  | A Hindle | 23/9/21 |
|  | C Roberts | 23/9/21 |

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Year to 31/07/2021

| <u>Fund name</u> | <u>Fund balances brought forward</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | <u>Transfers</u> | <u>Gains and losses</u> | <u>Fund balances carried forward</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| General fund | 48,689 | 122,812 | -119,667 | -5,756 | 3,602 | 49,680 |
| Sal North 19-21 | 5,323 | 97 | -9,602 | 3,993 | 188 | 0 |
| Its Your Move books | -181 | 1,597 | -1,958 | 0 | 0 | -542 |
| Methodist - Move Fund | 335 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 335 |
| Pioneering 19 | 34,527 | 1,022 | -22,823 | 1,763 | 2,629 | 17,119 |
| Salary 19-21 | 20,772 | 559 | -10,042 | 0 | 2,443 | 13,733 |
| Stewardship | 14,726 | 0 | -14,726 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 124,191 | 126,088 | -178,817 | 0 | 8,863 | 80,324 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
York Schools and Youth Trust (YoYo)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1057991

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2021**.

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:

AP Fuller

Date:

25/11/2021

Name:

Adrian Fuller

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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