

York Schools and Youth Trust (YoYo)

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ending 31st July 2024.

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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Rev Peter Horsley

Vice Chair

Mrs Dot Bevington

Professor Bryony Beresford

Rev Chris Ray

Mrs Alexandra Hale

Mrs Mandy Smith

(Elected July 2024)

Staff team:

Tony Bower

Executive Officer

Andy Barthow

Isobel Barthow

Tamsin Nihill

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Isobel Embleton

(Appointed September 2023)

Kate Lamb

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Independent Examiner of Accounts

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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.
- Financial risks: The trustees have remained vigilant in their monitoring of budgets in 2023/2024 to ensure a good financial position.

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 or safeguarding.

2023-2024 a year of continued development and growth of schools' work

During 2023/2024 the schools' team has worked with the vast majority of primary and secondary schools across the city with thousands of children and young people hearing about the Christian faith through projects, assemblies, lessons and clubs.

The schools' team has responded to school requests for specific topics to be covered as well as offering our usual programmes at Christmas and Easter, "It's Your Bible" and the Transition programme "It's Your Move" during the summer term. In addition, the team have also led Collective Worship, RE lessons, lunchtime clubs and Prayer and Reflection Spaces. Some of the requests by schools have been topics relating to their RE syllabus for example "Why do people believe in God?", "If God is everywhere, why go to church?", "What matters most to Christians and Humanists?", "Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or charity and generosity?". Other topics covered include, "Playdough World", "Radical Jesus" and "Death and the Afterlife". Schools have also invited the team in for "Question and Answer" sessions, and the team have been involved in delivering lessons on Holocaust Memorial Day and National Poetry Day. The team have also supported schools in developing Harvest, Christmas and Easter services.

New initiatives have been introduced, for example in the autumn term, a new project "It's Your City" was introduced to help children understand York's Christian heritage. This was based on a previous project called "It's Your City" which took place a number of years ago but was reshaped and reimagined to bring a fresh, new approach. The team took schools on a tour of the city to meet a variety of Christian figures such as John Wesley and Margeret Clitherow with a variety of team members and volunteers acting out the roles. Christmas saw a new initiative in partnership with a local church, the "Christmas Journey Experience". Schools were given the opportunity to walk through the various scenes of the Nativity, meeting the key characters, bringing the Christmas story to life. In the spring term, a Well-being/Pamper Experience was introduced to help to support school staff in their busy and demanding roles. In the summer term, a project took place which involved Bible Stories being brought to life with children in Key Stage 1. The children produced some wonderful artwork to illustrate the stories. Following this project, a PowerPoint was produced for use in the schools who took part.

Clubs in secondary schools have continued to develop and have increased in number over the course of the year with an increase in the number of young people attending them.

Team members also worked with a number of local churches on their summer holiday clubs and continue to work with York Christian Youth Holidays on their summer camps for children and young people.

As outlined in the Annual Report last year, all proceeds from the book published by YoYo called "Believe in Miracles? A Hope for Ukraine" have been donated to 'Shelter' run by the Ukrainian Christian Sport Academy.

Trustee meetings have all taken place in person throughout the 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
- Leading assemblies and collective worship in primary and secondary schools
- Providing reflective spaces
- 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 resources for schools, churches, children, young people, parents and teachers to use
- The Executive Officer has also been continuing to build relationships beyond the City of York boundaries with various new potential projects 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 and have also taken place in person in local churches.

Staffing

All staff, except the part time Finance Administrator, work directly with the young people of York to advance the Christian religion. One staff change took place during the year: Isobel Embleton was appointed on a part-time contract in September 2023. Kate Lamb primarily works in the office but has on occasions been into school with other team members. Kate took up the role as secretary to trustees in November 2023 and has continued in this role throughout the rest of the year.

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 continued to develop relationships with some schools and churches outside the City of York boundaries leading to some new projects being planned in these areas.

Online resources and books produced by YoYo continue to be well received.

New volunteers continue to join YoYo to support the work of the team.

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 31st July 2024 are annexed to this report.

During the financial year ending 31st July 2024, the trust incurred expenditure of £208,610 which funded a team of four full-time staff and five part-time staff, 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 £211,951. This resulted in a net operating surplus of £3,341 for the year. The trust benefited from an overall increase in the value of its investments of £4,886 which meant the total net surplus was £8,227. With the opening reserves balance of £90,125 the trust finished the year with a reserves balance of £98,352.

The majority of the trust's funds is held in a general fund. This fund received £211,284 income during the year and expenditure totalled £206,443. This meant there was a net income of £4,841. The value of the investment increased in the year by £4,886. The total net income was therefore £9,727. The general fund reserves increased from £87,699 at the beginning of the year to £97,426 at the end of the year.

A small amount of income and expenditure related to restricted funds, as follows:

- £632 was received specifically for the Trust's "It's Your City" project and spent on that project during the year, with no balance held at the end of the year.
- The opening balance of £688 from a grant from York Foodbank received in 2022 was spent in 2023, with no balance held at the end of the year.
- £35 was received from the sale of books and £847 spent on donations in respect of our support for Ukraine, funded by a grant received in 2023. The opening balance in this fund was £1738 and the closing balance of £926 will be used on future work connected with Ukraine.

The trust's policy is to try and ensure that at the end of each term there are sufficient cash reserves to meet the following term's expenditure. This comes to approximately £50,000. The year ended with the general fund reserves at £97,426 which meets this policy. Additional reserves of £926 were held to fund the ongoing work and aid for Ukrainian refugees.

A claim for gift aid of £2,290 was made after the financial year end.

Where possible, cash 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 £66,460 based on the valuation of the fund on 31st July 2024. A total of £1,854 in interest was received during the year and there has been an increase in the market value of £4,886. In March and May 2024 £10,000 was transferred from the investment fund to undertake the work of the charity in the year and in July 2024 £20,000 was transferred to the investment fund to fund the work of the charity in the year ahead.

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.

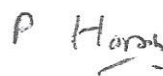
The Way Ahead

The team and trustees continue to look ahead and explore how the work can be built upon. Schools work and partnership working with local churches is reviewed each half term. Our Team and Trustee Away Morning focused on 'Communication': how we communicate the exciting story of YoYo and widen our supporter base to build on our current financial support. A new venture was to run an exciting Summer Carnival, inviting families to come and enjoy a range of fun-filled activities, have the opportunity to talk to the team about the exciting work that they do and enjoy a barbeque. The event was well attended, and new folders containing information about the work of YoYo on newly designed, colourful, eye-catching new branding were available for people to take away. The folders will continue to be given out to local churches and at YoYo events. A newly designed postcard is also being developed as an additional means of sharing key information about YoYo which will be available in the autumn term. New initiatives have taken place with schools as outlined above in the information included under the heading '2023-2024 a year of continued development and growth of schools' work'.

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



Mrs Cathy Roberts
Chair



Revd Peter Horsley
Vice Chair

November 2024

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	209,294	632	0	209,927	175,461
Charitable activities	135	35	0	170	683
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	1,854	0	0	1,854	1,920
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	211,284	667	0	211,951	178,064
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	749	430	0	1,179	608
Charitable activities	205,694	1,738	0	207,432	190,521
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	206,443	2,167	0	208,610	191,129
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	4,841	-1,500	0	3,341	-13,065
Net gains/(losses) on investments	4,886	0	0	4,886	-1,796
Net income/(expenditure)	9,727	-1,500	0	8,227	-14,861
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	9,727	-1,500	0	8,227	-14,861
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	87,699	2,426	0	90,125	
Total funds carried forward	97,426	926	0	98,352	

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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	66,460	0	0	66,460	61,574
Cash at bank and in hand	30,966	926	0	31,892	28,551
Total current assets	97,426	926	0	98,352	90,125
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)	97,426	926	0	98,352	90,125
Total assets less current liabilities	97,426	926	0	98,352	90,125
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	97,426	926	0	98,352	90,125
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	926	0	926	2,426
Unrestricted funds	97,426	0	0	97,426	87,699
Revaluation reserve	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds	97,426	926	0	98,352	90,125

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
<i>CC Roberts</i>	CATHERINE C ROBERTS	21/11/24
<i>P A Horsley</i>	PETER ALEC HORSLEY	21/11/24

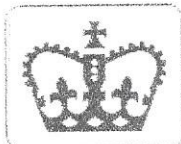
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Year to 31/07/2024

<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	87,699	211,284	-206,443	0	4,886	97,426
Foodbank	688	0	-688	0	0	0
IYC	0	632	-632	0	0	0
Ukraine	1,738	35	-847	0	0	926
Totals	90,125	211,951	-208,610	0	4,886	98,352



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	York Schools and Youth Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st July 2024	Charity no (if any)	1057991
Set out on pages	One		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2024

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: K. Dixon Date: 02/09/2024

Name: Keith Dixon

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any): Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

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