

# THE FLYING DUCKS YOUTH THEATRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1088194

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2001-08-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 IN THE APPRECIATION AND PRACTICE OF DRAMA AND THE PERFORMING ARTS2) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

**Activities:** Working with young people in the York area to enhance their drama and social skills.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- City Of York

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £60,277 | £52,858     | -      | -         |
| 2024-08-31 | £38,866 | £32,383     | -      | -         |
| 2023-08-31 | £26,279 | £28,706     | -      | -         |
| 2022-08-31 | £19,496 | £19,186     | -      | -         |
| 2021-08-31 | £7,538  | £8,011      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name           | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------|-------|------------|
| Jenna Howlett  | Chair | 2021-09-01 |
| Claire Newbold |       | 2015-08-25 |
| Sara Howlett   |       | 2021-09-01 |

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees Report for Flying Ducks Youth Theatre**

Period Covered: Sept 2024-2025

Prepared by: Jenna Howlett and Claire Newbold

The Flying Ducks Youth Theatre (FDYT) is dedicated to providing young people with opportunities to engage in the performing arts, fostering creativity, confidence, and collaboration. This report outlines our activities, financial performance, and future plans for the year 2025-2026.

### **Financial Statements**

These are attached at the end of this report.

### **Investment Performance**

FDYT has maintained a conservative investment strategy, focusing on stability and modest growth. Termly fees and yearly theatre production profit continue to support our operational expenses and help to build reserves for future performance projects, community projects and plans for future growth.

### **Operational Highlights**

#### **- Productions**

In February 2025, FDYT successfully staged a Modern Book Musical production of : Shrek the Musical, at Joseph Rowntree theatre. It was a full scale production with a full scale professional standard set and costumes with 4 of our 6 groups taking part-over 80 children participating across 4 shows. The production was really well-received, we sold over 900 tickets, had 2 different main casts and showcased the talent of our young performers.

#### **- Workshops and Training:**

We offered a series of summer workshops in August 2025 which was at full capacity, working alongside other local theatre makers, which included skill work improvisation, dance and singing. These workshops were led by experienced professionals and aimed to enhance the skills of our young actors.

#### **- Our Lead TA staff completed additional safeguard training.**

#### **- Community Engagement:**

We engaged with local schools and community groups, providing opportunities for collaboration and outreach. We performed at 5 different public events with our members over a course of 3 months- performing for 100s of spectators. We also volunteered for performances during for Relay for Life Cancer Research charity event in summer 2025.

### **Future Outlook**

Looking ahead to 2026-2027, FDYT aims to:

- Expand our workshop offerings to include more industry workshops/ audition preparation training.
- Complete another book musical full scale production at the theatre.

- Increase community outreach programs to involve a more diverse group of participants.
- Launch a fundraising campaign to support our scholarship programme, ensuring that we can offer more young people have access to the arts, regardless of their financial situation.

## Compliance and Governance

FDYT remains committed to maintaining high standards of governance. We have complied with all relevant regulations and have undergone an external audit to ensure transparency and accountability in our financial reporting.

## Conclusion

The Flying Ducks Youth Theatre continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication of our trustees, staff, volunteers, and the support of our community. We look forward to another successful year of inspiring young talent and enriching our community through the performing arts.

Signed

Jenna Dee Howlett

Claire Newbold

This report serves as a comprehensive overview of the past year's activities and sets the stage for future growth and success at FDYT.

## Flying Ducks Youth Theatre Budget 2024/2025

### Income

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Show Profit          | £18,741.70        |
| Show Programme Sales | £791.00           |
| <b>Show Revenue</b>  | <b>£19,532.70</b> |

### **Membership subs/Fees**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ducks/Ducklings/Quacks Fees   | £30,390.00        |
| Summer School Fees            | £2,940.00         |
| Show Fee                      | £1,180.00         |
| <b>Total Member donations</b> | <b>£34,510.00</b> |

### **Other income/fundraising**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Gift Aid                  | £4,514.00        |
| Donations                 | £0.00            |
| Hoodies/Polo Shirts       | £1,184.50        |
| Sponsorship               | £0.00            |
| Misc/Other                | £536.00          |
| <b>Total Other Income</b> | <b>£6,234.50</b> |

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| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>£60,277.20</b> |
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#### **Rehearsal Costs**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rehearsal Room Hire          | £5,341.00         |
| Teachers/Admin/Treasurer     | £26,543.75        |
| Polo Shirts/Hoodies          | £1,280.60         |
| <b>Total rehearsal costs</b> | <b>£33,165.35</b> |

#### **Publicity & Marketing**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Posters/Programmes/Fliers    | £889.61          |
| Website                      | £285.59          |
| Advertising                  | £180.00          |
| <b>Total marketing costs</b> | <b>£1,355.20</b> |

#### **Production**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Joseph Rowntree Theatre       | £5,390.23         |
| Hire & Fees                   |                   |
| Set build/Scenery             | £1,008.72         |
| Costumes                      | £1,466.03         |
| Props                         | £421.52           |
| Insurance                     | £462.39           |
| Script/License Fees           | £6,347.88         |
| Jess and Band                 | £800.00           |
| Training/DBS/Chaperone        | £6.00             |
| License Costs                 |                   |
| <b>Total Production costs</b> | <b>£15,902.77</b> |

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|---------------|------------------|
| Miscellaneous | <b>£2,435.07</b> |
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| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>£52,858.39</b> |
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**SURPLUS/DEFICIT**  
**FOR THE YEAR**

**£7,418.81**

**BALANCE OF**  
**CURRENT**  
**ACCOUNT**

**£37,825.38**

**BALANCE OF**  
**SAVINGS**  
**ACCOUNT**

**£26,037.61**

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### **Operational Highlights**

#### **- Productions**

In March 2024, FDYT successfully staged a main production: Flying Ducks and All that Jazz at Joseph Rowntree theatre. It was a cabaret of Musical Theatre Showstoppers with 4 of our 6 groups taking part- 70 children participating in 4 shows.

The production was really well-received, showcasing the immense talent of our young performers.

#### **- Workshops and Training:**

We offered a series of summer workshops in August, working alongside other local theatre makers, which included skill work improvisation, dance and singing. These workshops were led by experienced professionals and aimed to enhance the skills of our young actors.

- Staff successfully completed First aid training, safeguarding training and mental health first aid training to support the company and safety of students.

#### **- Community Engagement:**

We engaged with local schools and community groups, providing opportunities for collaboration and outreach. We performed at 5 different public events with our members over a course of 3 months- performing for 100s of spectators.

### **Future Outlook**

Looking ahead to 2025/2026, FDYT aims to:

- Expand our workshop offerings to include professional industry workshops
- Complete our largest book musical full scale production at the theatre to date.
- Increase community outreach programs to involve a more diverse group of participants.
- Launch a fundraising campaign to support our scholarship programme, ensuring that we can offer more young people have access to the arts, regardless of their financial situation.

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## Flying Ducks Youth Theatre Budget 2023/2024

### Income

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Show Profit          | £4,488.77               |
| Show Programme Sales | <u>£242.66</u>          |
| <b>Show Revenue</b>  | <b><u>£4,731.43</u></b> |

### **Membership subs/Fees**

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ducks/Ducklings/Quacks Fees   | £24,088.00               |
| Summer School Fees            | £2,305.00                |
| Show Fee                      | <u>£900.00</u>           |
| <b>Total Member donations</b> | <b><u>£27,293.00</u></b> |

### **Other income/fundraising**

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gift Aid                  | £3,282.74               |
| Donations                 | £1,929.00               |
| Hoodies/Polo Shirts       | £614.00                 |
| Sponsorship               | £450.00                 |
| Misc/Other                | <u>£566.00</u>          |
| <b>Total Other Income</b> | <b><u>£6,841.74</u></b> |

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| <b>Total Income</b> | <b><u>£38,866.17</u></b> |
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### **Rehearsal Costs**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rehearsal Room Hire          | £4,965.00                |
| Teachers/Admin/Treasurer     | £17,037.00               |
| Polo Shirts/Hoodies          | <u>£752.42</u>           |
| <b>Total rehearsal costs</b> | <b><u>£22,754.42</u></b> |

### **Publicity & Marketing**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Posters/Programmes/Fliers    | £341.80               |
| Website                      | £0.00                 |
| Advertising                  | <u>£50.00</u>         |
| <b>Total marketing costs</b> | <b><u>£391.80</u></b> |

**Production**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Joseph Rowntree Theatre Hire & Fees  | £4,829.93               |
| Set build/Scenery                    | £150.00                 |
| Costumes                             | £1,310.98               |
| Props                                | £30.98                  |
| Insurance                            | £400.83                 |
| Script/License Fees                  | £0.00                   |
| Jess and Band                        | £280.00                 |
| Training/DBS/Chaperone License Costs | £955.40                 |
| <b>Total Production costs</b>        | <b><u>£7,958.12</u></b> |

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| Miscellaneous | <b><u>£1,278.33</u></b> |
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| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b><u>£32,382.67</u></b> |
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| <b><u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u></b> | <b><u>£6,483.50</u></b> |
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| <b><u>BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT</u></b> | <b><u>£29,144.40</u></b> |
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| <b><u>BALANCE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u></b> | <b><u>£15,702.51</u></b> |
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## Flying Ducks Youth Theatre Budget 2022/2023

### **Income**

#### **Ticket Revenue**

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Net Ticket Sales          | 4,800.60               |
| <b>Net Ticket Revenue</b> | <b><u>4,800.60</u></b> |

#### **Membership subs**

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ducks/Ducklings/Quacks fees   | £15,523.38               |
| Gift Aid                      | £1,687.20                |
| Summer School Fees            | £2,147.50                |
| <b>Total Member donations</b> | <b><u>£19,358.08</u></b> |

#### **Other income/fundraising**

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Show programme sales      | 190.00                 |
| Donations                 | 415.00                 |
| Hoodies/Polo Shirts       | 915.50                 |
| Sponsorship               | 600.00                 |
| <b>Total Other Income</b> | <b><u>2,120.50</u></b> |

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#### **Total Income**

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**26279.18**

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#### **Rehearsal Costs**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rehearsal Room Hire          | 2,154.50                |
| Teachers/Admin/Treasurer     | 14,936.94               |
| Polo Shirts/Hoodies          | 1669.93                 |
| <b>Total rehearsal costs</b> | <b><u>18,761.37</u></b> |

#### **Publicity & Marketing**

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Posters/Programmes/Fliers    | 363.40                 |
| Website                      | 596.11                 |
| Advertising                  | 100.00                 |
| <b>Total marketing costs</b> | <b><u>1,059.51</u></b> |

#### **Production**

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Joseph Rowntree Theatre Hire  | 3,324.26               |
| Set build/Scenery             | 170.62                 |
| Costumes                      | 1,297.70               |
| Props                         | 98.11                  |
| Insurance                     | 374.89                 |
| Script/License Fees           | 79.90                  |
| Jess and Band                 | 1,850.00               |
| Sound                         | 500.00                 |
| <b>Total Production costs</b> | <b><u>7,695.48</u></b> |

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Miscellaneous                                  | <u>1,190.05</u>             |
| <u>Total Expenses</u>                          | <u>28,706.41</u>            |
| <br><b><u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u></b> | <br><u><u>-2,427.23</u></u> |
| <br><b><u>BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT</u></b>   | <br><u>18,612.27</u>        |
| <br><b><u>BALANCE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u></b>   | <br><u>14,725.77</u>        |