

URBAN EXPRESSION

England & Wales · Charity number 1090734

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-02-20

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (1) IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT BY RECRUITING EQUIPPING DEPLOYING AND SUPPORTING TEAMS WHICH WILL PIONEER INNOVATIVE AND RELEVANT EXPRESSIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN AREAS OF INNER CITIES WHICH ARE NOT ADEQUATELY REACHED BY THE CHURCH AND (2) IN SUCH PARTS OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT BY ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIMILAR BODIES PIONEERING INNOVATIVE AND RELEVANT EXPRESSIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ANY AREAS WHICH ARE NOT ADEQUATELY REACHED BY THE CHURCH AND (3) TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE BOTH IN THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND IN THE LAW OF SCOTLAND AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST

Activities: Networking and both formal and informal training and other communication initiatives, in order to motivate, encourage, train and facilitate self-financing teams engaged in church planting.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Scotland
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£107,666	£107,541	-	-
2023-12-31	£170,285	£98,351	-	-
2022-12-31	£91,916	£89,292	-	-
2021-12-31	£56,443	£54,853	-	-
2020-12-31	£93,183	£66,158	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW MICHAEL DORTON		2020-06-06
Emma MacIntosh		2024-10-31
Jennifer Johnson		2024-10-31
Keith Lewis		2024-07-31
Mark Scott		2024-07-31
Rachel Meyrick		2024-03-31
Rev Bev Thomas		2019-10-10

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**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Full name Urban Expression

Charity Number 1090734

Principal address

21 Forest Hill Road
London
SE22 0SG

Trustees

Andy Dorton (chair)
Dirk Uitterdijk
Emma Macintosh
Bev Thomas
Keith Lewis (treasurer)
Jen Johnson
Rachel Meyrick

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
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Urban Expression Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Funds transferred into the organisation

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Public Benefit

Urban Expression has continued to recruit, equip, deploy and network mission partners in economically deprived and other marginalised neighbourhoods in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A small team of coordinators is primarily responsible for supporting these mission partners.

Coastal Expression, which operates under the auspices of Urban Expression, has continued to develop and has hosted online and in-person events for pioneers in coastal communities.

We have continued to run the Crucible course, especially in partnership with The Methodist Church. We have also continued to run the Black Light course in partnership with the Ascension Trust. With our partners, Urban Life, we have facilitated Communities of Practice to enable participants in these courses to embed what they have learned in their ongoing practice.

We have provided coaching for pioneers working under the auspices of the Church at the Margins initiative of The Methodist Church.

In 2023 we absorbed CURBS (Children in Urban Situations) and Urban Life under the umbrella organisation of Urban Expression, although both of these projects maintain their own unique areas of focus within the overall objectives of Urban Expression. We are working on creating a more holistic mission agency, which offers support, training and opportunities for ongoing learning both for those new to the organisation and those who have been connected to UE for some time.

Our trustees have continued to meet four times a year in order to oversee the activities of the Trust. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

**Urban Expression
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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Summary of achievements and performance

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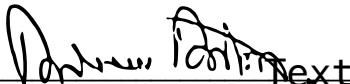
With the addition of CURBs and Urban Life, we feel excited about the possibilities for more joined up mission and reflection on best practice. We believe that we will be able to offer mission partners, and grassroots leaders more opportunities for learning from others who are pioneering in marginalised and deprived communities.

Financial review: The organisation's policy on reserves

The charity reserves policy guidelines are to set aside funds to cover statutory redundancy payments with an additional amount to cover six months operating costs.

The total unrestricted free reserves held at the year-end were £70,262 (2023: £91,600).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed next Date 30.8.2025

Name Andrew Dorton

Position Chair of Trustees

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Urban Expression ("The Trust")
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with the records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed  Date 23/10/2025
Daryl Denson ACMA
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Urban Expression
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

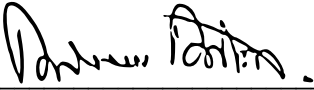
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	2,081	5,779	7,860	55,472
Black light Income	-	1,680	1,680	3,642
Crucible Income	-	1,333	1,333	699
Grants Received	47,795	40,575	88,370	99,726
Events	-	-	-	2,887
Gift Aid	-	833	833	5,048
Sales	-	261	261	323
Services Level Agreements	980	-	980	1,360
Community Weekend	-	2,077	2,077	-
Urban Life	3,609	600	4,209	-
Other	30	33	63	1,128
Total receipts	54,495	53,171	107,666	170,285
Payments				
Staff Costs	55,637	17,934	73,571	64,380
Crucible Fees	7	900	907	972
Accommodation	-	-	-	1,847
BL Speaker Fees	-	1,325	1,325	1,225
Travel and Subsistence	2,759	869	3,628	5,404
Administration	910	5	915	2,091
Room Hire Meetings	370	2,455	2,825	481
Training Events	80	14	94	948
Publicity	50	-	50	251
Insurance	788	-	788	650
Payroll Fees	367	-	367	509
Community Weekend	84	9,308	9,392	11,093
Self Employed Costs	7,186	4,765	11,951	5,929
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	450
Purchases	-	218	218	200
Other Costs	685	500	1,185	1,503
Trustee Reimbursement	325	-	325	-
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-	418
Total payments	69,248	38,293	107,541	98,351
Net receipts/(payments)	(14,753)	14,878	125	71,934
Transfers between funds	(9,539)	9,539	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	94,554	42,851	137,405	65,471
Cash funds carried forward	70,262	67,268	137,530	137,405

**Urban Expression
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	123,493	122,578
Savings account	14,037	14,037
Paypal	-	790
	137,530	137,405

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	438	438
	438	438

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

Signed  Date 24/10/2025

Name Andrew Dorton

Position Chair of Trustees

Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	-	438
	-	438

3. Trustees’ remuneration

No trustees received remuneration during the period. The number of trustees who were reimbursed expenses was £0 (2023: £0).

4. Movement of Funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
BMS	-	-	-	-	-
EMBA	-	-	-	-	-
YBA	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,996	-	-	-	1,996
A.S.Charitable Trust	1,015	-	-	-	1,015
Coastal Expression	14,735	21,174	(8,449)	-	27,460
Rural Ministries	2,388	-	-	-	2,388
Mennonite Grant	544	-	-	-	544
Community Weekend	-	2,077	(10,128)	8,051	-
AM Network	-	4,742	(3,992)	-	750
BL Project	3,636	-	(1,185)	-	2,451
Black Light	1,772	1,680	(1,575)	-	1,877
BU Mission Fund	8,131	8,384	-	-	16,515
Coaching for Methodists	480	-	(480)	-	-
Crucible	-	1,333	(986)	-	347
Curbs	2,578	7,212	(3,313)	-	6,477
HEBA	171	6,308	(7,967)	1,488	-
Urban Life	5,405	-	0	-	5,405
Books	-	261	(218)	-	43
	42,851	53,171	(38,293)	9,539	67,268
	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	94,554	54,495	(69,248)	(9,539)	70,262
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Total funds	137,405	107,666	(107,541)	-	137,530

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5. Purposes of Restricted Funds

Coastal Expression – funding given specifically for the Coastal Expression initiative.

Rural Ministries provided funding to support the work of a coordinator particularly on the Crucible course

Mennonite Grant - provided funding for a coordinator role.

Community Fund - grants given to subsidise the annual community weekend.

AM Network – providing funding towards a coordinator salary

BL Project – project funding

Black Light – monies ring-fenced for the Black Light Course

BU Mission Fund – grant funding to support coordinator time to deliver the Impact Report project

Crucible Course – monies ring-fenced for the Crucible Course

Curbs – monies allotted to the Curbs initiative

HEBA – grant funding support for the Midlands region Coordinator's salary

Urban Life – ring-fenced funding for the Urban Life initiative

Books – from the sale of books

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Philip Warburton
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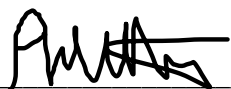
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Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed  Date 8th July 2024
Name Phil Warburton
Position Chair of Trustees, Urban Expression

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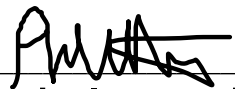
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	51,211	4,261	55,472	4,714
Black light Income	-	3,642	3,642	-
Crucible Income	-	699	699	-
Grants Received	41,610	58,116	99,726	71,221
Events	-	2,887	2,887	15,917
Gift Aid	5,048	-	5,048	-
Sales	22	301	323	-
Services Level Agreements	-	1,360	1,360	-
Other	1,128	-	1,128	64
Total receipts	99,019	71,266	170,285	91,916
Payments				
Staff Costs	45,099	19,281	64,380	73,999
Crucible Fees	-	972	972	-
Accommodation	1,184	663	1,847	-
BL Speaker Fees	-	1,225	1,225	-
Travel and Subsistence	3,741	1,663	5,404	2,933
Administration	1,951	140	2,091	3,304
Room Hire Meetings	448	33	481	-
Training Events	68	880	948	5,159
Publicity	11	240	251	261
Insurance	650	-	650	558
Payroll Fees	509	-	509	168
Community Weekend	83	11,010	11,093	-
Self Employed Costs	-	5,929	5,929	-
Legal and Professional Fees	450	-	450	-
Purchases	200	-	200	-
Other Costs	946	557	1,503	2,496
Independent Examiner's fee	418	-	418	414
Total payments	55,758	42,593	98,351	89,292
Net receipts/(payments)	43,261	28,673	71,934	2,624
Transfers between funds	1,575	(1,575)	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	46,764	18,707	65,471	62,847
Cash funds carried forward	91,600	45,805	137,405	65,471

**Urban Expression
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	122,578	60,177
Savings account	14,037	1,537
Paypal	790	3,757
	137,405	65,471

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	438	418
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These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

Signed  Date 8th July 2024
 Name Phil Warburton
 Position Chair of Trustees, Urban Expression

Urban Expression
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2. Creditors

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Accountancy	438	418
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3. Trustees’ remuneration

No trustees received remuneration during the period. The number of trustees who were reimbursed expenses was £0 (2022: £0).

4. Movement of Funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
BMS	698	-	-	(698)	-
EMBA	215	-	-	(215)	-
YBA	400	-	-	(400)	-
Other	1,996	-	-	-	1,996
A.S.Charitable Trust	1,015	-	-	-	1,015
Coastal Expression	9,166	14,504	(8,062)	(873)	14,735
Rural Ministries	55	2,333	-	-	2,388
Mennonite Grant	544	-	-	-	544
Community Weekend	-	7,887	(11,519)	3,632	-
AM Network	-	3,250	(3,250)	-	-
BL Project	-	4,000	-	(364)	3,636
Black Light	-	3,642	(1,870)	-	1,772
BU Mission Fund	-	8,384	-	(253)	8,131
Coaching for Methodists	-	1,360	(880)	-	480
Crucible	-	694	(1,201)	507	-
Curbs	-	6,781	(3,843)	(360)	2,578
HEBA	-	7,570	(7,399)	-	171
Urban Life	-	10,862	(5,057)	(400)	5,405
New Housing Hub	4,618	-	(5,617)	999	-
	18,707	71,267	(48,698)	1,575	42,851
	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	46,764	98,667	(49,302)	(1,575)	94,554
	46,764	98,667	(49,302)	(1,575)	94,554
Total funds	65,471	169,934	(98,000)	-	137,405

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5. Purposes of Restricted Funds

BMS World Mission give Crucible bursaries to assist those who could not otherwise attend the training conference due to costs of fees and accommodation.

EMBA, HEBA and YBA have all contributed towards the stipend of a Coordinator for their region.

BIC donated funds to be used for the support of a staff member's networking and development role.

A.S Charitable Trust provided funding for coordinator roles.

Coastal Expression – project funding.

Rural Ministries provided funding for support of the Crucible Course.

Mennonite Grant provided funding for a coordinator role.

New Housing Hub This is a new charity with similar aims to Urban Expression, which is in the process of completing the paperwork etc to be properly established with the charity commission. Since their funders require the money to be held by a registered charity, we have agreed to host them temporarily.

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Sheila Thompson

(resigned July 2022)

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

New Housing Hub is a new charity with similar aims to Urban Expression, which is in the process of completing the paperwork etc to be properly established with the charity commission. Since their funders require the money to be held by a registered charity, we have agreed to host them temporarily. At the year-end we are holding £4,618 in cash in a restricted fund.

Public Benefit

In common with many other organisations, Urban Expression has been deeply impacted by the three lockdowns and other restrictions imposed during the past 18 months in light of the pandemic. Although we have continued to operate locally through our 24 teams and to coordinate the overall work through our dispersed team of coordinators, this has been a period in which many plans have necessarily been on hold. No new teams have been deployed in the past year, although we are in conversation with several people and these conversations may result in the emergence of new teams soon.

However, we have explored the opportunities of online activities, recognising both their potential and shortcomings. While we are likely to make increasing use of online activities, we enjoyed meeting in person again at two teams' days in July and November.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Summary of the main activities undertaken

Urban Expression has continued to recruit, equip, deploy, and network mission partners in economically deprived and other marginalised neighbourhoods in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A small team of coordinators is primarily responsible for supporting these mission partners.

Coastal Expression, which operates under the auspices of Urban Expression, has continue to develop and has hosted online and in-person events for pioneers in coastal communities.

We have continued to run the Crucible course, especially in partnership with The Methodist Church. We have also continued to run the Black Light course in partnership with the Ascension Trust. With our partners, Urban Life, we have facilitated Communities of Practice to enable participants in these courses to embed what they have learned in their ongoing practice.

We have provided coaching for pioneers working under the auspices of the Church at the Margins initiative of The Methodist Church.

Our trustees have continued to meet twice a year in order to oversee the activities of the Trust. They have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Summary of achievements and performance

During this year, several new mission partners were recruited, so that we now have more mission partners in more locations than ever before. Our mission partners are involved in a wide range of incarnational mission activities, including church planting.

We celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary this year with a Community Weekend in June, attended by nearly 90 people. Regional gatherings in the north and south of England enabled mission partners in these areas to connect with each other. In common with many other organisations post-pandemic, we are increasingly connecting online, but we value in-person gatherings.

The Black Light course has proved very popular and has continued to attract good numbers from many contexts. Feedback has been very encouraging.

The organisation's policy on reserves

Reserves have been set aside to cover a minimum of six months running costs. The total unrestricted reserves held at the year end were £46,764 (2021: £51,518).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____

Position _____

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Urban Expression ("The Trust")
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with the records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed 
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Date 15/11/2023

Urban Expression
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2022


	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	4,714	-	4,714	3,548
Grants Received	40,082	31,139	71,221	74,527
Events	15,917	-	15,917	8,561
Other	64	-	64	-
Total receipts	60,777	31,139	91,916	86,636
Payments				
Staff Costs	37,320	13,646	50,966	45,634
Coordinators fees	7,738	15,295	23,033	23,973
Travel and Subsistence	2,881	52	2,933	2,658
Administration	3,304	-	3,304	2,531
Training Events	4,884	275	5,159	2,704
Publicity	261	-	261	79
Insurance	558	-	558	585
Payroll Fees	168	-	168	67
Other Costs	1,211	1,285	2,496	2,040
Independent Examiner's fee	414	-	414	792
Total payments	58,739	30,553	89,292	81,063
Net receipts/(payments)	2,038	586	2,624	5,573
Transfers between funds	(6,432)	6,432	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	51,158	11,689	62,847	57,274
Cash funds carried forward	46,764	18,707	65,471	62,847

**Urban Expression
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	60,177	56,596
Savings account	1,537	1,535
Paypal	3,757	4,716
	<u>65,471</u>	<u>62,847</u>

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	418	414
	<u>418</u>	<u>414</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

Signed  Date 17/10/2023
Name PHILIP M WARBURTON
Position CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy	418	414
	418	414

3. Trustees' remuneration

No trustees received remuneration during the period. The number of trustees who were reimbursed expenses was 0(2020:0).

4. Movement of Funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
BMS	698	-	-	-	698
EMBA	215	-	-	-	215
HEBA	(5,091)	6,250	(6,829)	5,670	-
YBA	400	-	-	-	400
Other	1,996	-	-	-	1,996
A.S.Charitable Trust	1,015	-	-	-	1,015
Coastal Expression	-	14,789	(5,623)	-	9,166
Rural Ministries	55	-	-	-	55
Mennonite Grant	2,208	-	(1,664)	-	544
Community Weekend	-	10,100	(10,862)	762	-
New Housing Hub	10,193	-	(5,575)	-	4,618
	11,689	31,139	(30,553)	6,432	18,707
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	51,158	60,777	(58,739)	(6,432)	46,764
	51,158	60,777	(58,739)	(6,432)	46,764
Total funds	62,847	91,916	(89,292)	-	65,471

**Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

5. Purposes of Restricted Funds

BMS World Mission give Crucible bursaries to assist those who could not otherwise attend the training conference due to costs of fees and accommodation.

EMBA, HEBA and YBA have all contributed towards the stipend of a Coordinator for their region.

BIC donated funds to be used for the support of a staff member's networking and development role.

A.S Charitable Trust provided funding for coordinator roles.

Coastal Expression – project funding.

Rural Ministries provided funding for support of the Crucible Course.

Mennonite Grant provided funding for a coordinator role.

New Housing Hub This is a new charity with similar aims to Urban Expression, which is in the process of completing the paperwork etc to be properly established with the charity commission. Since their funders require the money to be held by a registered charity, we have agreed to host them temporarily.

**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Summary of achievements and performance

During this year, several new mission partners were recruited, so that we now have more mission partners in more locations than ever before. Our mission partners are involved in a wide range of incarnational mission activities, including church planting.

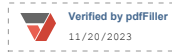
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The Black Light course has proved very popular and has continued to attract good numbers from many contexts. Feedback has been very encouraging.

The organisation's policy on reserves

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Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Signed  Date 20/11/2023
Name PHILIP M WARBURTON
Position CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

URBAN EXPRESSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1090734

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**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Full name Urban Expression

Charity Number 1090734

Principal address

PO Box 16991
Birmingham
B32 9HX

Trustees

Rev Bev Thomas
Sheila Jane Thompson
Philip Warburton
Louise Brown resigned (26/3/2021)
Andrew Turner
Elspeth Barron
Dirk Uitterdijk
Andy Dorton

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST
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Urban Expression Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in London and in such parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit by recruiting, equipping, deploying and supporting teams which will pioneer innovative and relevant expressions of the Christian Church.
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable in the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

Urban Expression is a registered charity, governed by declaration of trust executed on the 8 October 2001 as amended 11 June 2008 and by deeds of variation dated 21 April 2010 and 12 July 2010.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

New Housing Hub is a new charity with similar aims to Urban Expression, which is in the process of completing the paperwork etc to be properly established with the charity commission. Since their funders require the money to be held by a registered charity, we have agreed to host them temporarily. At the year end we are holding £10,193 in cash in a restricted fund.

Public Benefit

In common with many other organisations, Urban Expression has been deeply impacted by the three lockdowns and other restrictions imposed during the past 18 months in light of the pandemic. Although we have continued to operate locally through our 24 teams and to coordinate the overall work through our dispersed team of coordinators, this has been a period in which many plans have necessarily been on hold. No new teams have been deployed in the past year, although we are in conversation with several people and these conversations may result in the emergence of new teams soon.

However, we have explored the opportunities of online activities, recognising both their potential and shortcomings. While we are likely to make increasing use of online activities, we enjoyed meeting in person again at two teams' days in July and November.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Summary of the main activities undertaken

We had no option but to cancel the Crucible modules scheduled for May/June 2020. Over the summer we invested a large amount of time in revising the teaching material and converting the course for online delivery. Three of the modules ran online in the autumn, two more ran between Christmas and Easter and the sixth module ran in May and June 2021– enabling us to offer all the modules in a single year for the first time. We decided to continue running online modules during the autumn of 2021 and the first half of 2022.

For some years we have been concerned about levels of poverty and deprivation in many seaside towns and coastal communities – this is often hidden behind the façade of holiday destinations and beautiful scenery. One of our coordinators, Barney Barron, spent 12 months a few years ago researching this for us. In March, we secured some funding to enable Barney to devote a day a week, in addition to his role as an Urban Expression coordinator, to develop 'Coastal Expression', building a network of people involved in mission in coastal communities and offering support. For the time being, this initiative will remain part of Urban Expression and accountable to our trustees.

**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Alongside the final Crucible module in May, we ran an online course exploring a range of issues, including the Black contributions to church history, the legacy of colonialism, racism, reverse mission and multicultural church. This Black Light course first ran in London in the late 1990s and we have revamped this as an online course. It proved to be very popular with 94 registrations and was enthusiastically received. We ran running it again in the autumn. This is a joint initiative between Urban Expression and Ascension Trust.

The basic structure of Urban Expression has not changed, although some of the personnel have. Our trustees meet twice a year to provide overall direction, support and accountability. Potential new trustees are invited to a trustee meeting. Our finances continue on an even keel and we are operating within budget. At the year end the charity has £50,158 in unrestricted funds. The HEBA restricted fund is in deficit as the report to the HEBA was not sent until November. The funds from HEBA are due in February 2022.

The organisation's policy on reserves

1. Urban Expressions is a small charity entirely dependent upon grants and donations. UE is a values-driven organisation which is both shaped and served by those values including the importance of taking risks that it is acceptable to fail.

As such, the trustees do not believe it would be appropriate for Urban Expressions to build up substantial long-term reserves.


Whilst expenditure is relatively stable, income, however, has proved to be very volatile. Over the last five years, total income has been as low as £72,000 and as high as £140,000. Urban Expression has no guaranteed income beyond the current financial year.

2. The trustees believe, therefore, that it is not unreasonable for the charity to aspire to hold reserves of up to twelve months' core running costs. While this figure is high, the trustees believe it is necessary to allow sufficient time to raise further income, or, if unsuccessful to give staff the contracted six months' notice. As a minimum, therefore, Urban Expression will hold reserves of six months' salaries costs. This figure will not include the costs of those paid a regular fee, but who are not on Urban Expression's payroll.

3. Reserves will be measured excluding expenditure only incurred as a result of specific income. For example, fees received for services delivered which would not have been otherwise delivered or income received to be passed on as donations to specific individuals. Reserves will be measured to include grants received to span more than one financial year. They will also include grants received for specific purposes where it has not been possible to spend the money within the period, but where it is still intended to incur that expenditure.

4. Reserves will be reported to trustees six monthly as part of the management accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed  Date 27/02/2022
Name Philip Warburton
Position Chair of Trustees

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Urban Expression ("The Trust")
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 _____
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Urban Expression
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	3,548	-	3,548	5,284
Grants Received	44,334	30,193	74,527	85,440
Events	8,561	-	8,561	1,896
Other	-	-	-	563
Total receipts	56,443	30,193	86,636	93,183
Payments				
Staff Costs	19,924	25,710	45,634	51,835
Coordinators fees	23,973	-	23,973	7,015
Travel and Subsistence	2,658	-	2,658	2,772
Administration	2,531	-	2,531	1,343
Training Events	2,704	-	2,704	2,005
Publicity	79	-	79	-
Insurance	585	-	585	560
Payroll Fees	67	-	67	197
Other Costs	1,540	500	2,040	431
Independent Examiner's fee	792	-	792	-
Total payments	54,853	26,210	81,063	66,158
Net receipts/(payments)	1,590	3,983	5,573	27,025
Transfers between funds	8,853	(8,853)	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	40,715	16,559	57,274	30,249
Cash funds carried forward	51,158	11,689	62,847	57,274


**Urban Expression
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2021**

	2021	2020
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	56,596	54,659
Savings account	1,535	1,534
Paypal	4,716	1,081
	62,847	57,274

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	414	800
	414	800

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

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Signed  Date 27/02/2022

Name Philip Warburton

Position Chair of Trustees

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Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy	414	800
	414	800

3. Trustees’ remuneration

No trustees received remuneration during the period. The number of trustees who were reimbursed expenses was 0(2020:0).

4. Movement of Funds

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
BMS	698	-	-	-	698
EMBA	215	-	-	-	215
HEBA	1,680	-	(6,771)	-	(5,091)
YBA	400	-	-	-	400
Other	1,996	-	-	-	1,996
A.S.Charitable Trust	764	6,250	(5,999)	-	1,015
Mennonite Trust	8,853	-	-	(8,853)	-
Rural Ministries	55	-	-	-	55
Mennonite Grant	1,898	10,000	(9,690)	-	2,208
Mennonite AM Trust	-	3,250	(3,250)	-	-
New Housing Hub	-	10,693	(500)	-	10,193
	16,559	30,193	(26,210)	(8,853)	11,689
	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)			Closing balance
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	40,715	56,443	(54,853)	8,853	51,158
	40,715	56,443	(54,853)	8,853	51,158
Total funds	57,274	86,636	(81,063)	0	62,847

**Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

5. Purposes of Restricted Funds

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**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Full name Urban Expression

Charity Number 1090734

Principal address

PO Box 16991
Birmingham
B32 9HX

Trustees

Rev Bev Thomas
Sheila Jane Thompson
Philip Warburton
Louise Brown
Andrew Turner
Elspeth Barron
Dirk Uitterdijk
Andy Dorton

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST
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Urban Expression Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in London and in such parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit by recruiting, equipping, deploying and supporting teams which will pioneer innovative and relevant expressions of the Christian Church.
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable in the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.

Governance and management

Urban Expression is a registered charity, governed by declaration of trust executed on the 8 October 2001 as amended 11 June 2008 and by deeds of variation dated 21 April 2010 and 12 July 2010.

Public Benefit

Urban Expression teams and mission partners are located in areas of social marginality and are involved in a wide range of initiatives that benefit their neighbourhoods. These include the provision of activities for families, youth and children; parenting classes; arts festivals; environmental development; community organising; engagement with homeless people and refugees; developing accessible forms of church; inter-faith dialogue; and much else.

A wide range of people draw on the resources and activities of Urban Expression. Members of the neighbourhoods in which the teams are located are the primary beneficiaries, but our training initiatives benefit those who are working in many other locations, including church leaders, members of other mission agencies, community leaders and theological students. Our priority is to engage with those who are on the margins of church and society, bringing some resources and expertise but also exploring ways to develop assets already present among those with whom we work.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Summary of the main activities undertaken

During the past year we have had many conversations with individuals, couples and groups interested in joining Urban Expression. Our experience is that not all of these conversations result in people joining and that in most cases these conversations extend over many months, or longer, as we build relationships, ask people to visit existing teams, and check that our values and expectations are compatible. Taking things at a relaxed pace has been important over the years. As a result, very few people have left prematurely or felt unsupported by Urban Expression. We recognise that with only limited staff time available, the support we can offer is also limited, so it is important that everyone understands this. We currently have 24 teams across the country at various stages of development and only the equivalent of 8 days per week of coordinators' time.

We have welcomed two new teams into Urban Expression during the past year – in Hull and in Broadstairs. We are in conversation with several others in the north and north-east of England (the north seems to be an area of growth for us at present), in the south-west and in the Midlands. We were looking forward to some of these people joining us for our annual Community Weekend this month, with over 70 registered for this, but sadly we had to cancel this in light of the coronavirus restrictions. We hope to hold two teams' days in July – one in the north and one in the south as we explore ways to connect our increasingly scattered teams. We are also looking to develop significantly the use we make of tools such as Zoom and Skype to provide online support and equipping. We were already moving in this direction and the current situation has encouraged us to pursue this more urgently.

**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2020**

The basic structure of Urban Expression has not changed, although some of the personnel have. Our trustees meet twice a year to provide overall direction, support and accountability. We welcomed two new trustees on to the board in 2019, one of whom has taken on the role of treasurer. We hope to add three further trustees in 2020 and have invited these people to join us at our next trustees' meeting in May to explore this with us. We continue to have (voluntary) regional advisors in each of the regions where we work, supporting the work of our (mostly paid) regional coordinators.

The Crucible course is now in its fifteenth year. After successfully transplanting the course from Birmingham to Exeter and London in 2018-19, we have been teaching the course during this academic year in those two venues and in Manchester and Southampton. Taster days in these new venues last summer indicated that there was enough interest in both places and this has proved to be the case. Over 70 people participated in the autumn modules. The coronavirus restrictions have disrupted the current modules and may preclude us from running the summer modules, but we are encouraged by developments this year and starting to plan for the following year. We may continue in all four venues or make some changes. The expanded training team has had one or two teething problems but generally has worked well and this has given us confidence to move forward. Our partnership with the Incarnate Network and Rural Ministries has been very helpful.

The organisation's policy on reserves

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As such, the trustees do not believe it would be appropriate for Urban Expressions# to build up substantial long-term reserves.


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2. The trustees believe, therefore, that it is not unreasonable for the charity to aspire to hold reserves of up to twelve months' core running costs. While this figure is high, the trustees believe it is necessary to allow sufficient time to raise further income, or, if unsuccessful to give staff the contracted six months' notice. As a minimum, therefore, Urban Expression will hold reserves of six months' salaries costs. This figure will not include the costs of those paid a regular fee, but who are not on Urban Expression's payroll.

3. Reserves will be measured excluding expenditure only incurred as a result of specific income. For example, fees received for services delivered which would not have been otherwise delivered or income received to be passed on as donations to specific individuals. Reserves will be measured to include grants received to span more than one financial year. They will also include grants received for specific purposes where it has not been possible to spend the money within the period, but where it is still intended to incur that expenditure.

4. Reserves will be reported to trustees six monthly as part of the management accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed  _____ Date 26 March 2021
Name Sheila Thompson
Position Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Urban Expression ("The Trust")
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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:

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Signed 
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Date 06/04/21

Urban Expression
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2020


	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	5,284	-	5,284	5,611
Grants Received	52,587	32,853	85,440	48,694
Events	1,896	-	1,896	-
Other	563	-	563	1,218
Total receipts	60,330	32,853	93,183	55,523
Payments				
Staff Costs	29,635	22,200	51,835	37,504
Coordinators fees	7,015	-	7,015	-
Travel and Subsistence	2,772	-	2,772	7,432
Administration	1,343	-	1,343	1,423
Training Events	2,005	-	2,005	5,673
Publicity	-	-	-	1,009
Insurance	560	-	560	551
Payroll Fees	197	-	197	240
Other Costs	431	-	431	822
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-	732
Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	852
Total payments	43,958	22,200	66,158	56,238
Net receipts/(payments)	16,372	10,653	27,025	(715)
Cash funds brought forward	24,343	5,906	30,249	30,964
Cash funds carried forward	40,715	16,559	57,274	30,249

**Urban Expression
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	54,659	23,687
Savings account	1,534	1,529
Paypal	1,081	5,033
	57,274	30,249

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	800	400
	800	400

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:

Signed  Date 26 March 2021

Name Sheila Thompson

Position Trustee

**Urban Expression
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

5. Purposes of Restricted Funds

BMS World Mission give Crucible bursaries to assist those who could not otherwise attend the training conference due to costs of fees and accommodation.

EMBA, HEBA and YBA have all contributed towards the stipend of a Coordinator for their region.

BIC donated funds to be used for the support of a staff member's networking and development role.

A.S Charitable Trust provided funding for coordinator roles.

Mennonite Trust provided funding for a coordinator role.

Rural Ministries provided funding for support of the Crucible Course.

Mennonite Grant provided funding for a coordinator role.