


**Urban Expression
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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

Full name Urban Expression

Charity Number 1090734

Principal address

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Trustees

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

(resigned July 2022)

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST
The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
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Urban Expression Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 £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.

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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
	<u>418</u>	<u>414</u>

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
	<u>11,689</u>	<u>31,139</u>	<u>(30,553)</u>	<u>6,432</u>	<u>18,707</u>
	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	51,158	60,777	(58,739)	(6,432)	46,764
	<u>51,158</u>	<u>60,777</u>	<u>(58,739)</u>	<u>(6,432)</u>	<u>46,764</u>
Total funds	<u>62,847</u>	<u>91,916</u>	<u>(89,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,471</u>

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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.

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Position CHAIR OF TRUSTEES