

**Urban Expression
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**Urban Expression
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Full name Urban Expression

Charity Number 1090734

Principal address

21 Forest Hill Road
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Trustees

Rev Bev Thomas
Philip Warburton
Andrew Turner (resigned July 2023)
Elspeth Barron (resigned July 2023)
Dirk Uitterdijk
Andy Dorton
Rachel Meyrick (appointed July 2023)

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 2023

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 transferred into the organisation

During the period CURBS (Children in Urban Situations) and Urban Life were absorbed into the organisation

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.

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Summary of achievements and performance

We have had some new mission partners join Urban Expression, so 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 gathered for our annual Community Weekend in June, attended by nearly 80 people. There were also regional gatherings in the north and south of England, as well as in Scotland 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.

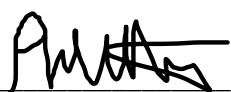
With the addition of CURBs and Urban Life, we feel excited about the possibilities for more joined up mission and reflection on best practice. We believe that we will be able to offer mission partners, and grassroots leaders more opportunities for learning from others who are pioneering in marginalised 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 £91,600 (2022: £46,764).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Urban Expression ("The Trust")
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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 2023.

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 _____
Daryl Denson ACMA
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Urban Expression
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

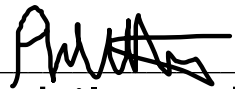
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	51,211	4,261	55,472	4,714
Black light Income	-	3,642	3,642	-
Crucible Income	-	699	699	-
Grants Received	41,610	58,116	99,726	71,221
Events	-	2,887	2,887	15,917
Gift Aid	5,048	-	5,048	-
Sales	22	301	323	-
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
	<u>137,405</u>	<u>65,471</u>

Liabilities		
Independent Examiner's Fee	438	418
	<u>438</u>	<u>418</u>

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
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	438	418
	438	418

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
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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.