

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1101799

Details

Other names	REGIONAL YOUTH WORK UNIT NORTH EAST, REGIONAL YOUTH WORK UNIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04838559
Registered	2004-01-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN PARTICULAR:I) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE;II) THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE

Activities: Promoting and supporting the development of youth work in the North East

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TYNE AND WEAR, NORTHUMBERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,274,087	£1,223,807	£679,777	45
2024-03-31	£1,088,531	£1,005,557	£629,497	33
2023-03-31	£1,097,163	£1,061,480	£546,523	34
2022-03-31	£861,997	£768,006	£510,840	33
2021-03-31	£595,558	£554,101	£416,849	20

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert James Laycock	Chair	2023-12-06
Charlie Lamb		2026-02-09
David Hesselberth		2017-06-29
James Michael Sibbald		2025-05-14
Jennie Louise Clarke Franks		2023-12-06
Karen Marie Marshall		2020-01-13
MR M F BAGNALL		
Michelle Ann Atkinson		2023-12-06
Norma Tullock		2015-02-18

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Accounts

Charity No: 1101799
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Youth Focus North East
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Youth Focus North East

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Legal and Administrative Information For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Board of Trustees

Mr R Laycock	(Chair)
Mr J M Sibbald	(Treasurer – Appointed 14 May 2025)
Mr M Mason	(Resigned 01 December 2024)
Mr M F Bagnall	
Mrs N Tullock	
Mr D Hesselberth	
Ms K M Marshall	
Mr N James	(Resigned 03 July 2025)
Ms J Franks	
Ms M Atkinson	

Key management

Chief Executive Officer	Mr D McCreedy
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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Youth Focus North East For the Year Ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objective and vision of Youth Focus North East is to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Youth Focus North East exist for the benefit of young people and the organisations which support them. Working together Youth Focus North East, invest in the lives of young people, to create lasting change in their own lives and the communities in which they live. Youth Focus North East is rooted in the values of good youth work.

- Honesty
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

We achieve our vision by delivering a series of activities which include:

- Ensuring that young people in our region are actively involved in the development of policy, projects and practice
- Developing sustainable partnerships and enhancing our networks, to improve practice and share knowledge
- Supporting organisations which provide services to young people in the North East
- Developing and share best practice in youth work and services to young people
- Bringing influence to regional and national policy which affects the lives of young people and the professionals who support them.

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit, particularly youth organisations, youth services and young people in the North East of England. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Youth Focus North East are extremely proud of the breadth, quality and impact of our work led by our talented staff team in service of our vision to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. This encompasses running youth clubs across our region, youth work training, supporting young people in schools, hospitals and health settings, research initiatives and our leadership role within the North East Youth Alliance, created to support the development and sustainability of the people and organisations working to improve the lives of young people across the North East. Youth Focus North East believe, and our evidence shows, it is by working in all these ways, from local grassroots youth clubs in communities to regional and national strategic work and influence, that we can best contribute to positive outcomes and fulfilling futures for all our young people.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*) For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

In 2024, Youth Focus North East also developed and launched their new strategy to guide their work over the coming years. The focus will be in four areas: **support** – supporting front line services, enabling practitioners and young people to succeed; **deliver** – ensuring young people are able to make informed decisions so they can achieve a successful transition into adulthood; **develop** – continually identifying and assessing opportunities for growth in support of direct youth services and sector development responding to the evolving needs of young people and the people and organisations that support them; **sustain** – continuing to learn, develop and grow as an organisation ensuring we have capacity and capability to deliver our vision.

Of course, the other big news was the retirement of Youth Focus North East's amazing Chief Executive, Kevin Franks. Kevin lead Youth Focus North East across the North East and nationally, always with an unwavering commitment to young people. It's been a privilege to work with Kevin where staff have experienced close up his inspiring leadership. Thanks to Kevin, for his passion, dedication, talent and commitment over the last sixteen years.

Youth Focus North East are thrilled to have appointed David McCreedy as their new CEO and ready to pick up where Kevin leaves off in May. David has a long and impressive track record of working in the sector including in recent years as the Director of Youth Programmes. Youth Focus North East are excited and looking forward to 2025/26 to continue to champion high quality youth work for the benefit of young people and the people and organisations that support them.

Impact Report

We work with young people to help them explore the challenges they face, to find new and different ways to articulate their emotions and to harness the qualities they already have and often overlook, as well as helping them to develop new skills. In terms of personal development, during 2024/25 we worked directly with 2967 young people and from our impact measurement processes we know that they overwhelmingly improved their confidence, developed their voice and social interaction skills, improved their knowledge of ways to make a positive change in their lives and how to inform and influence the world around them.

Strategy

In recent years, we have progressed significantly in terms of income, range and reach of work and organisational size. We have evolved from a largely strategic organisation to one which brings together the complementary elements of infrastructure support, direct delivery and development.

It is this evolution and our collective ambition that has resulted in our strategy to 'Drive Change, Create Connections and Take Risks through Collaborative Approaches' that is at the centre of all we are aiming to achieve for young people, our sector and partners.

Through our infrastructure support role, we ensure that youth sector organisations get the advice, support and representation they need to improve the circumstances of the young people and communities they work with.

This is provided via these following functions:

- Policy & Influencing
- Learning
- Championing
- Capacity Building
- Qualifications

Our direct support to young people and communities is mainly delivered from our two operating centres in Middlesbrough and Gateshead comprising youth centre, outreach work and community based activities to increase wellbeing and improve community cohesion. Having our foundations firmly rooted in youth work practice via our direct delivery ensures we remain connected to the young people and organisations we serve through our role as an infrastructure support organisation. These dual roles are mutually beneficial and are equally important to us in our overall aim of 'improving the lives of young people through high quality youth work' and is a testament to the hard work and support of our staff, trustees, partners and funders.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Research Work

Youth Focus North East believe that research involving young people is integral to our delivery work. We continue to be involved in a number of different research projects which include:

Peer Action Collective
NHS Charities Together
NIHR
Great North Children's Hospital

Engage Training and Consultancy

During 2024, Youth Focus North East supported 211 learners, who completed CPD training, gained an accreditation outcome or a Youth Work qualification. Training offered included safeguarding, managing challenging behaviour and how to support visually impaired young people. 31 youth workers have gained a qualification in youth work to support their practice with young people across the region at either a Level 2 or Level 3 and 71 learners have gained an accredited qualification in supporting young people who are visually impaired.

The Enrichment Partnership Pilot

The Enrichment Partnership pilot was funded through National Citizen Service Trust and Duke of Edinburgh. Their aim to test whether providing centralised support to 200 mainstream secondary schools in Education Investment Areas has the potential to improve their enrichment offer.

Youth Focus North East have been consulting with young people in 7 Secondary schools across Middlesbrough and Hartlepool. From the findings during consultation, Youth Focus North East then went out to local organisations and providers who offer activities for young people and got over 20 organisations on board with the pilot programme, implementing a range of activities into the schools based on the wants and needs of the young people. Other elements of the pilot included implementing a young inspectors programme and a youth board across all of the schools.

Great North Children's Hospital

Youth Focus North East have reached over 150 young people with long term health conditions, who are accessing hospital services. The project is led by Lead Youth Worker Hannah Potter and it runs across all Newcastle Hospital Trust sites, working with young people aged 11-25 and supporting them through their journey with the health services. Hannah's role is to support long term inpatients offering tailored 1:1 or group sessions on the wards, works with the wider Multi-Disciplinary Teams in Clinics to offer support to young people around the transition into adult services. Having now secured funding up until July 2026, Youth Focus North East are excited to continue to grow this programme and really make a difference to young people's lives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

Youth Focus North East is funded from a variety of sources including charitable trusts and foundations, public sector funding and earned income. Over several years, we have built up a very strong relationship with the National Lottery Community Fund who are a very significant funding partner for our organisation who have funded a five year programme to develop the North East Youth Alliance with only recently a two-year continuation being confirmed. Youth Endowment Fund, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Children in Need, National Citizen Service Trust and the Great North Children's Hospital are a substantial supporter of our work. Successful fundraising applications have secured money from new funders for 2024/25 from Gateshead Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Willian Trust, Awards 4 All, NHS Charities Together and NENC Research Partnership.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*) For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Investment Policy

As at the 31 March 2025 Youth Focus North East held £87,384 in their Virgin Money instant access account. Two long term investment bonds have been maintained. However, to ensure appropriate liquidity, money is held in the Virgin Money Instant access account, to cover potential short falls in the cash flow. Youth Focus North East currently has investment accounts with Cambridge and Counties and Secure Trust totalling £88,618.

Reserves Policy

Youth Focus North East believes it is important to maintain a reserves policy to ensure effective resource management, and to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability. The Board of Trustees uses a continual process of careful financial management, and will aim to review, establish and maintain adequate reserves to enable the organisation to function effectively. A cautious approach to investment is adopted, maximising income by using interest-earning, short-term, accessible bank accounts.

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy considering the financial position of the charity, the performance in recent years, and the expectations of future years, being realistic about the difficulties of the current economic climate. The goal is to ensure Youth Focus North East have the working capital required to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability to achieve their overall charity mission.

Unrestricted funds of the charity have been divided into two funds – Designated and Free Reserves.

Designated Reserves will cover:

- Organisational liabilities covering core costs which include rent, insurances, utility charges, professional services – payroll, accountancy.
- Costs to cover redundancy.
- Worst case scenario - managing the closure of the charity in the event of any sudden decline in funding:
 - normal staffing and operating activities for two-month period.
 - wrap up costs (Senior Management at reduced hours) for a two-month period.

Free Reserves include:

- the need to cover any cash flow shortfalls in income;
- the possibility of long-term sickness or maternity;
- support the development of new activities which requires a period of time prior to seeking external funding;
- investment in organisational improvement (e.g. staff training);
- the ability to raise funding to strengthen infrastructure to boost long-term stability and sustainability.

The current total amount for 31 March 2025 for reserves are:

Restricted: £444,640 (2024 - £391,902)
Unrestricted: £139,398 (2024 - £135,886)

The breakdown of unrestricted reserves being:
Designated Reserves: £95,739 (2024 - £101,709)
Free Reserves: £125,524 (2024 - £133,866)

Youth Focus North East's ambition for overall unrestricted reserves is to hold between 6 – 12 months of operating costs with free reserves to continue to achieve our charitable mission. The Board of Trustees will review the amount of designated and free reserves annually to ensure they are within the thresholds mentioned above.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In the year ahead, following our current business strategy, Youth Focus North East will focus on strengthening opportunities for young people through an ambitious programme of activity. Central to this is the mainlining and potential expansion of open access youth provision, ensuring that more young people across the region have safe, inclusive spaces where they can build relationships, develop skills, and access the support they need. Alongside this, we will drive forward new and existing social enterprise projects, providing practical pathways for young people to gain experience, contribute to their communities, and develop their confidence and resilience.

We will also continue to provide vital infrastructure support to the wider youth sector, recognising the importance of strong, sustainable organisations in delivering meaningful impact. This includes developing and enhancing the workforce through training, resources, and collaboration, equipping practitioners and volunteers with the skills and confidence to respond effectively to the evolving needs of young people. By strengthening the sector as a whole, we will ensure that opportunities for young people are embedded, accessible, and high-quality.

A key priority throughout our work will be the promotion and development of youth voice. We will create and strengthen platforms that enable young people to influence decisions at local, regional, and national levels, ensuring their perspectives are embedded within policy and practice. By empowering young people to lead change and shape the services designed for them, Youth Focus North East will contribute to a future where young people are recognised not only as beneficiaries but as active partners in building stronger communities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association on 19 July 2003, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company, it is governed under its Articles of Association. The company registered as a charity on 28 January 2004. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees of the charity are drawn from youth and community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Each trustee is officially appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Our trustees are reappointed on a three-year rotational basis. Two trustees resign each year and have the opportunity to be reappointed for another fixed period. The Chair of the Board is nominated from existing members and their appointment to the position takes place at the AGM.

Trustee Induction and Training

Each trustee receives an induction pack on joining the organisation, outlining key structures, policies, procedures and responsibilities. The trustees each have a job description and personal specification, outlining their role as a trustee of the charity. Trustees also attend the Board/staff development day where training and planning is included in the programme.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and review these risks on a regular basis. Some of the risks reviewed include:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment resulting in costs or loss of services
- Sudden loss of funding due to claw back or poor work performance
- Injury to staff and young people engaged in projects
- Significant dispute with staff or staff members leading to legal action
- Not preparing adequately for end of current projects leading to subsequent loss of work or staff
- Not responding effectively to serious safeguarding issues resulting in harm to individuals or others
- Cyber-attack into our IT systems accessing or losing data, particularly sensitive information
- We will look at emergencies that affect the running of our organisation

Organisational structure

Youth Focus North East is governed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of professionals from the public and voluntary sector. The interface between strategic and operational management is through regular board meetings, attended by Chief Executive and Operations Manager, and separate meetings between the Chair and the Chief Executive. The operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive, and the staff team consists of: A Director of Youth Work, Director of Youth Programmes, one Operations Manager, one Strategic Development Manager, three Programme Managers, one Training & Development Officer, seven Lead Youth Workers, thirteen part-time Sessional Youth Workers, 5 Peer Researchers, and two part-time Administration Officers. Youth Focus North East also employs consultants on a contractual basis.

Approved by the board of trustees on 11/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



R Laycock - Chair

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Youth Focus North East (the 'charitable company') For the Year Ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (*continued*)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed auditor under the companies Act 2006 and we report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained a general understanding of the company's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of management concerning their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, the entity's policies and procedures regarding compliance, and how they identify, evaluate and account for litigation claims. We also drew on our existing understanding of the company's industry and regulation.

We understand that the company complies with the framework through:

- Engaging external legal professionals as required and making changes to internal procedures and controls as necessary.
- The directors' close involvement in the day-to-day running of the business, meaning that any litigation or claims would come to their attention directly.
- Monitoring of updates made by regulatory bodies.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the company's ability to conduct its business, and where there is a risk that failure to comply could result in material penalties. We identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the company:

- The Companies Act 2006 and FRS 102 in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.
- The Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

We performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations identified above:

- Making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

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The senior statutory auditor led a discussion with senior members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.

The areas identified in this discussion were:

- Manipulation of the financial statements via and management overriding controls.
- The incorrect recognition of grants and donations resulting in the income being recognised in the incorrect accounting period.

These areas were communicated to the other members of the engagement team not present at the discussion.

The procedures we carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Performed data analytics on the general ledger against client specific criteria
- Obtained third party evidence for a sample of donations and grants, to ensure that it was appropriate to recognise the income in the financial statements in accordance with the principles of the SORP.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charities trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of S&W Audit

17 December 2025
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**Chartered Accountants and
Statutory Auditors**

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:						
Charitable activities	4	13,717	-	1,246,148	1,259,865	1,077,983
Other trading activities	6	3,980	-	-	3,980	3,388
Investments	5	10,242	-	-	10,242	7,160
		<u>27,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,246,148</u>	<u>1,274,087</u>	<u>1,088,531</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	19,587	-	1,204,220	1,223,807	1,005,557
		<u>19,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,204,220</u>	<u>1,223,807</u>	<u>1,005,557</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		8,352	-	41,928	50,280	82,974
Transfers between funds	17	(4,840)	(5,970)	10,810	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>3,512</u>	<u>(5,970)</u>	<u>52,738</u>	<u>50,280</u>	<u>82,974</u>
Reconciliation of fund						
Total funds brought forward		135,886	101,709	391,902	629,497	546,523
Total funds carried forward		<u>139,398</u>	<u>95,739</u>	<u>444,640</u>	<u>679,777</u>	<u>629,497</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	13,874	10,164
Current assets			
Investments	13	88,618	84,965
Debtors	14	235,933	150,916
Cash at bank in hand		397,193	417,051
		<u>721,744</u>	<u>652,932</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(55,841)	(33,599)
Net current assets		<u>665,903</u>	<u>619,333</u>
Net assets		<u>679,777</u>	<u>629,497</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
- General fund		139,398	135,886
- Designated funds		95,739	101,709
Restricted funds			
	17	<u>679,777</u>	<u>629,497</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 05/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:



J M Sibbald - Treasurer

Company Number: 4838559

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements

Youth Focus North East

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	21	(14,958)	41,271
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		10,242	7,160
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(11,489)	(5,205)
<i>Net cash outflow from investing activities</i>		<u>(1,247)</u>	<u>1,955</u>
Net (decrease)/increase and cash equivalents		(16,205)	43,226
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		502,016	458,790
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>485,811</u>	<u>502,016</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		397,193	417,051
Short term investments		88,618	84,965
		<u>485,811</u>	<u>502,016</u>

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

Investment income relates to interest earned through holding assets on deposit.

1.5 Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct and support costs incurred in the management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.6 Support cost allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	over the term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

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1.8 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with instant access from the date of opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.14 Pensions

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the SoFA.

2. Legal status

Youth Focus North East is a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information in the reference and administration pages of these financial statements.

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3. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Charitable activities	4	52,512	-	1,025,471	1,077,983	1,092,005
Other trading activities	6	3,388	-	-	3,388	1,924
Investments	5	7,160	-	-	7,160	3,234
		<u>63,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,025,471</u>	<u>1,088,531</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	45,268	-	960,289	1,005,557	1,061,480
		<u>45,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960,289</u>	<u>1,005,557</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		17,792	-	65,182	82,974	35,683
Transfers between funds	17	(23,682)	16,303	7,379	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(5,890)</u>	<u>16,303</u>	<u>72,561</u>	<u>82,974</u>	<u>35,683</u>
Reconciliation of fund						
Total funds brought forward		141,776	85,406	319,341	546,523	510,480
Total funds carried forward		<u>135,886</u>	<u>101,709</u>	<u>391,902</u>	<u>629,497</u>	<u>546,523</u>

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4. Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Performance related grants	1,259,865	1,077,983
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds-general	13,717	52,512
Restricted funds	1,246,148	1,025,471
Performance related grants:		
National Lottery Community Fund - NE Youth Alliance	231,564	225,011
Youth Endowment Fund	168,874	147,334
North Ormesby Development Fund	-	12,000
Co-op Foundation - Community Spaces Fund	-	2,617
National Youth Agency	19,109	32,266
Tess Valley Community	-	5,386
Holiday Activity Fund	26,744	45,509
Astra Foundation	-	92,344
Children in Need	38,770	40,377
YFNE Training Centre	-	30,407
Great North Children's Hospital	80,860	28,800
Police and Crime Commissioner Cleveland	-	30,893
You've Got This	-	7,886
Great North Children's Hospital – Diabetes	-	79,824
National Lottery Awards 4 All	19,988	19,951
Million Hours (National Lottery Community Fund)	19,055	38,365
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	50,000	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	15,000	-
Focus Coffee House	37,500	-
Gateshead Prosperity Fund	86,740	-
Middlesbrough Youth Mutual	140,001	-
National Citizen Service	37,800	-
NHS Charities Together	12,000	-
NCS Enrichment Fund	116,639	-
Other	159,221	239,013
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	1,259,865	1,077,983
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5. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	10,242	7,160
	<u>10,242</u>	<u>7,160</u>

6. Other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising income	3,980	3,388
	<u>3,980</u>	<u>3,388</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities Undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	637,610	31,626	669,236	607,288
Direct project costs	428,841	-	428,841	283,112
Travel	25,898	-	25,898	23,729
Training	1,925	-	1,925	5,973
Communications	14	-	14	17
Premises costs	78,467	-	78,467	64,965
Depreciation	7,779	-	7,779	7,003
Audit and accountancy fees	-	8,000	8,000	6,300
Other costs	3,647	-	3,647	7,170
	<u>1,184,181</u>	<u>39,626</u>	<u>1,223,807</u>	<u>1,005,557</u>

8. Allocation of support costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	31,626	31,626
Governance costs (note 9)	8,000	6,300
	<u>39,626</u>	<u>37,926</u>

9. Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent auditor's fee	8,000	6,300

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10. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	7,779	7,003
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11. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The total staff costs and employee's benefits was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	620,889	576,599
Social security costs	49,659	12,044
Pension costs	22,791	18,645
	<u>693,339</u>	<u>607,288</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Direct	41	29
Support	4	4
	<u>45</u>	<u>33</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2024 - none).

The charity trustees neither were paid nor received any other benefits from employment in the year (2024 - £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024 - nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional services or other services supplied to the charity (2024- nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Office Manager. The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel of the charity is £97,174 (2024 - £94,056).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	29,303	61,601	90,904
Additions	-	11,489	11,489
At 31 March 2025	<u>29,303</u>	<u>73,090</u>	<u>102,393</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	29,303	51,437	80,740
Charge for the year	-	7,779	7,779
At 31 March 2025	<u>29,303</u>	<u>59,216</u>	<u>88,519</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	-	13,874	13,874
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>10,164</u>	<u>10,164</u>

13. Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Short term deposits	88,618	84,965
	<u>88,618</u>	<u>84,965</u>

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	19,664	60,711
Prepayments and accrued income	216,269	90,205
	<u>235,933</u>	<u>150,916</u>

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15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,143	1,535
Other creditors	4,182	11,813
Accruals and deferred income	38,236	9,783
PAYE	10,280	10,468
	<u>55,841</u>	<u>33,599</u>

16. Pension costs

The scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the pension charge represents the amount payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2025 amount to £22,791 (2024 - £18,645).

At the balance sheet date £3,706 (2024 - £4,192) contributions were payable.

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17. Movement in funds

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	135,886	27,939	(19,587)	(4,840)	139,398
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	101,709	-	-	(5,970)	95,739
Total unrestricted funds	<u>237,595</u>	<u>27,939</u>	<u>(19,587)</u>	<u>(10,810)</u>	<u>235,137</u>
Restricted fund					
Infrastructure Support	59,511	393,174	(347,456)	132	105,353
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	84,056	236,079	(260,622)	916	60,429
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	182,582	201,122	(257,182)	1,190	127,712
Direct Delivery – Regional	65,771	415,773	(338,960)	8,572	151,146
Total restricted funds	<u>391,902</u>	<u>1,246,148</u>	<u>(1,204,220)</u>	<u>10,810</u>	<u>444,640</u>
Total funds	<u>629,497</u>	<u>1,274,087</u>	<u>(1,223,807)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>679,777</u>

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	141,776	63,060	(45,268)	(23,682)	135,886
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	85,406	-	-	16,303	101,709
Total unrestricted funds	<u>227,182</u>	<u>63,060</u>	<u>(45,268)</u>	<u>(7,379)</u>	<u>237,595</u>
Restricted fund					
Infrastructure Support	48,665	272,205	(261,359)	-	59,511
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	69,283	181,060	(166,287)	-	84,056
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	183,034	322,325	(323,141)	364	182,564
Direct Delivery – Regional	18,359	249,881	(209,494)	7,015	65,671
Total restricted funds	<u>319,341</u>	<u>1,025,471</u>	<u>(960,289)</u>	<u>7,379</u>	<u>391,902</u>
Total funds	<u>546,523</u>	<u>1,088,531</u>	<u>(1,005,557)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>629,497</u>

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Restricted funds

Infrastructure Support

- Policy and Influencing (influencing policy and practice on behalf of young people and the sector)
- Inform and Support Service Design and Improvement (supporting and delivering workforce development. Collect and disseminate data and research to inform, develop and support the sector)
- Championing (embedding youth voice and leadership across organizations and the sector)
- Capacity Building (enabling and supporting collaboration at a local and regional level)

Direct Delivery - Gateshead

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding areas of Tyne and Wear.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Middlesbrough and the immediate surrounding areas of Tees Valley.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Regional

Providing support to young people and communities across the North East.

- Social Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Redundancy Fund

This is a designated fund created by the trustees to set aside funds for potential redundancy liabilities should projects cease.

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

<u>For the Year Ended 31 March 2025</u>	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	13,874	-	-	13,874
Net current assets/(liabilities)	125,524	95,739	444,640	665,903
	<u>139,398</u>	<u>95,739</u>	<u>444,640</u>	<u>679,777</u>

<u>For the Year Ended 31 March 2024</u>	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	10,164	-	-	10,164
Net current assets/(liabilities)	125,722	101,709	391,902	619,333
	<u>135,886</u>	<u>101,709</u>	<u>391,902</u>	<u>629,497</u>

19. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the current or prior year.

20. Operating lease commitments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	43,088	38,318
	<u>43,088</u>	<u>38,318</u>

21. Reconciliation of net income to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income for the period	50,280	82,974
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(10,242)	(7,160)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,779	7,003
(Increase) in debtors	(85,017)	(46,127)
increase in creditors	22,240	4,581
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	<u>(14,958)</u>	<u>41,271</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1101799

Accounts

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Youth Focus North East
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Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Board of Trustees	Mr P Stout	(Chair, sadly died September 2023)
	Mr M Mason	(Treasurer)
	Mr M F Bagnall	
	Mr T Adams	(Appointed Chair October 2023)
	Mrs N Tullock	
	Mr D Hasselberth	
	Ms K M Marshall	
	Mr R Laycock	(Appointed December 2023)
	Mr N James	(Appointed December 2023)
	Ms J Franks	(Appointed December 2023)
Ms M Atkinson	(Appointed December 2023)	

Key management

Chief Executive Officer	Mr K Franks
Office Manager	Mrs C Garrity

Registered Office	21 Liddell Terrace Bensham Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 1YN
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Auditors	CLA Evelyn Partners Limited 17 Queens Lane Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1RN
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Bankers	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Solicitors	Muckle LLP 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BF
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Youth Focus North East

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Youth Focus North East for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objective and vision of Youth Focus North East is to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Youth Focus North East exist for the benefit of young people and the organisations which support them. Working together Youth Focus North East, invest in the lives of young people, to create lasting change in their own lives and the communities in which they live. Youth Focus North East is rooted in the values of good youth work.

- Honesty
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

We achieve our vision by delivering a series of activities which include:

- Ensuring that young people in our region are actively involved in the development of policy, projects and practice
- Developing sustainable partnerships and enhancing our networks, to improve practice and share knowledge
- Supporting organisations which provide services to young people in the North East
- Developing and share best practice in youth work and services to young people
- Bringing influence to regional and national policy which affects the lives of young people and the professionals who support them.

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit, particularly youth organisations, youth services and young people in the North East of England. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2023/2024 was a significant year for Youth Focus North East. Working with a greater number of young people than ever before, significantly grew the staff team, and achieved impact on a local, regional and national level. In this report, you will find a variety of work that we have completed in the last twelve months.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Impact Report

We work with young people to help them explore the challenges they face, to find new and different ways to articulate their emotions and to harness the qualities they already have and often overlook, as well as helping them to develop new skills. In terms of personal development, during 2023/24 we worked directly with 3093 young people and from our impact measurement processes we know that they overwhelmingly improved their confidence, developed their voice and social interaction skills, improved their knowledge of ways to make a positive change in their lives and how to inform and influence the world around them. We were able to work with young people from all 12 local authorities in the North East region across a wide range of ages.

Strategy

Through our infrastructure support we enable organisations across our sector to come together to collaborate, share and learn from best practice and have their views heard. We support them to be well informed on the policy, practice and strategy developments that affect young people.

Our direct support to young people and communities is mainly delivered from our two operating centres in Middlesbrough and Gateshead comprising youth centre, outreach work and community-based activities to increase wellbeing and improve community cohesion. Having our foundations firmly rooted in youth work practice via our direct delivery ensures we remain connected to the young people and organisations we serve through our role as an infrastructure support organisation. These dual roles are mutually beneficial and are equally important to us in our overall aim of 'improving the lives of young people through high quality youth work' and is a testament to the hard work and support of our staff, trustees, partners and funders.

Particular highlights and areas of work to note include:

The North East Youth Alliance (NEYA)

Jointly led by two core partners, Youth Focus NE and NE Youth. The NEYA has been created to support the development and sustainability of the people and the organisations working to improve the lives of young people across the North East region. Our ambition is to support a culture shift across the sector – to get people in the youth and community sector thinking and working differently. The overall outcomes for the NEYA are:

- Improved capacity, collaboration and coordination in the youth sector leading to improved youth provision in the region,
- Increased influence of young people's voices in shaping of services,
- Increased sustainability of services and support for and with young people.

Our Workforce Development Offer continues to be diverse and vibrant for the sector. It is based on providing what the sector has asked for and by taking advantage of partnership opportunities when they arise.

The development, sustainability and growth of Local Youth Partnerships continues to be high priority and we are now involved in facilitation of these models of localised collaborative working in 6 of the 12 Local Authority Areas within the North East.

The Youth Endowment Fund – Peer Action Collective (PAC)

The first Peer Action Collective (PAC) project ended successfully early in 2023. Youth Focus North East and our regional partners NE Youth were successful in securing an additional 2.5 years' funding to be the lead partners for the North East region for the PAC 2.

PAC is a peer research and social action project focusing on youth violence in educational settings and how violence can be reduced caused by, or within, the education system.

In September, we recruited 10 young people to work on PAC 2; eight as Peer Researchers and two as Social Action Leads. The team is split geographically with half being based at the Youth Focus North East Middlesbrough office and the other half working for our partner organisation NE Youth in Gateshead, coming together as a whole team as often as possible.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*)

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

We kick-started PAC with a bang, getting together for a weekend of activities and training at Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham. The group connected while tackling outdoor challenges. There was a lot of fun and laughter, and the group bonded quickly.

They group have spent time getting to grips with what research and social action are, and how their jobs could create positive and a lasting impact in their community.

The year ended on a high with plans for a pilot project in the New Year coming together, collating questions about all of the topics they were interested in and thought would be important to their peers. Based on the learning from the pilot the group will develop a main research project which will be taken to local schools and youth groups, allowing young people to get their voices heard– we can't wait to hear what they have to say!

The Spaces Programme:

Funded by the Co-op Foundation, the Spaces programme supported young people in improving the design and use of a community space in Middlesbrough. Young people have now delivered a range of social action projects across Middlesbrough that benefit not only themselves and their peers but also the local community. They took the lead in the planning and delivery of every stage of the projects they undertook, and delivered projects ranging from community gardens in residential homes, creating a new waiting area in a children's ward at James Cooke University Hospital and giving out hampers over Christmas to the community.

In December, we had what can only be described as the most humbling, fantastic and enjoyable night to celebrate the end of four amazing years of the Co-op Spaces projects.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to all projects and awards were handed out for 'Project of the Year'. There was a singing performance from one of the groups, 'Grassroots Music' who stole the show and had everyone up dancing.

Children in Need - Positive Pathways

Funded by Children in Need, Positive Pathways is a community project based in the Pallister Park Centre for young people of East Middlesbrough, of which is ranked 27th out of 7522 wards in level of deprivation. Positive Pathways provides weekly open access provision and one to one support. We offer a safe and fun space for young people aged 10 to 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal educational manner. Just by living in Pallister Park young people are immediately disadvantaged due to negative stereotypes held by many from outside this community. They are referred to as the 'Pally Mafia' due to the perceived associations with antisocial behaviour. Other terms we hear about these young people are 'Hard to reach', 'Disadvantaged', 'Lacking Aspiration'. These judgements are a deficit model about communities. They don't inspire any hope or belief in the young people. They feel trapped and ignored, and unfortunately are less likely to make a positive transition into adulthood.

This is why our provision is so successful and has such a positive impact on the young people that attend. Themed interventions are delivered around the personal challenges young people face, including; deprivation, employability, risk taking behaviour, and improving their mental wellbeing and physical activity. Young people have told us how hard this year has been and we want to create a space that is both educational and fun. Delivering a healthy mix of activities and workshops we aim to raise their aspirations to reach their full potential, allowing them to better themselves for their future. Examples of activities we have offered are; wheelchair basketball, skateboarding, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), graffiti, cooking workshops, which has enabled the young people to be themselves and enjoy their time with their peers.

The young people have also taken part in social action projects which have benefited the local community. This has allowed young people to make new positive relationships within the youth club setting, and also for community members and professionals to see young people in a positive light. Young people recognise our youth club as a safe space for them to enjoy on a weekly basis stating that when they come to us 'We feel like family' which is credit to the staff who run this project.

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Positive Pathways - North Ormesby

Our North Ormesby youth provision provides a weekly safe and fun space for young people aged 10 to 18, to develop friendships and life skills. Our provision supports young people from getting involved in risk taking behaviours and giving them opportunities to raise their aspirations and hope for their futures. Having this safe space is important to the young people as they are all collated into an overall assumption that they are bad. However, a lot of young people are doing positive work within their community and show respect to their area. It is these young people that we are advocating for as well.

Our sessions include a range of activities chosen weekly by the young people; cooking is a huge part of their learning in North Ormesby, they spend time learning about each other's cultures through food and also through areas such as music and art.

Young people from the area also had the opportunity to speak with Channel 5 News about the cost of living, the impact it has on them and their families and why having a space to attend weekly has supported them and their families during this difficult time. Members of the public were blown away by their honesty and how well they spoke about such a difficult subject for many. Following their appearance, we received generous donations to go towards our youth provision, which allowed the young people to enjoy a well-deserved trip out.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) – Gateshead

Our PHF work in Gateshead is designed to be a programme led by disadvantaged young people that enables them to have real influence, rather than just a voice. A programme that shifts the power dynamic between organisations towards a more collaborative approach to meeting the needs of young people with a focus on embedding young people as leaders of systemic change.

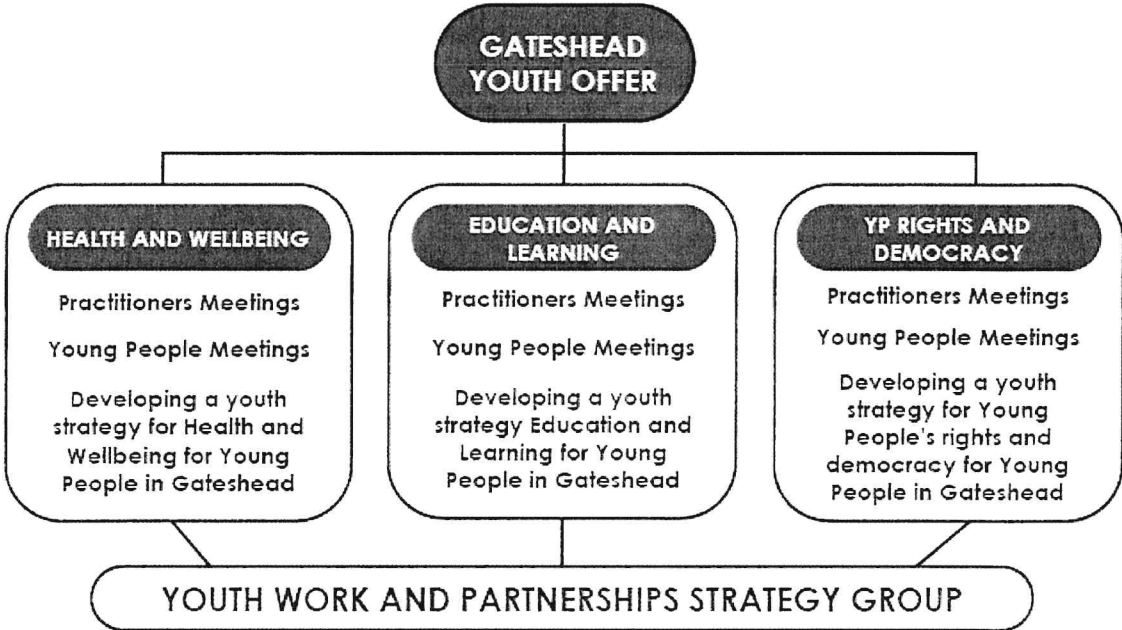
Traditionally, attempts to link organisations and support collaboration are led by professionals – while some young people have a voice, they are rarely allowed to make and enact decisions that result in meaningful structural change. With PHF support we are working with local organisations to develop a new way of working alongside young people that takes them from being “service users” to become meaningful partners in affecting systemic local change.

This year, the priority was to develop the three main themes within the “Gateshead Youth Offer”. These were the following: health and wellbeing; education and learning; and, young people’s rights and democracy.

Within each of the three main themes the priorities included developing practitioner’s meetings and young people’s meetings with the focus of developing a youth strategy for each theme for young people in Gateshead. Underpinning all of this is the development of the Gateshead – Youth Work Partnership Strategic Group.

Free Space

Free Space is a safe and open space where young people can explore topics which they identify as important to them without facing prejudice or judgment. During the last year we have explored topics such as healthy relationships, sexual health, gender stereotypes and isolation & loneliness, as well as contributing to research work on child poverty, and identifying gaps and areas for improvement in mental health services of which were presented as part of a visionary panel to over 200 health professionals. The group also contributed to a local environmental project ‘Bees of Bensham’ where they explored bee habitats through art work, and took part in a first aid workshop delivered by the British Red Cross. This group also operates as a safe space where young people are able to access support, referrals, and signposting for a vast array of issues linking to their mental health and wellbeing.



Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH)

Youth Focus North East expanded our local youth offer by appointing a new lead youth worker, at the Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH). Their role is to work with and support patients within the GNCH, promoting the social development of young patients, providing emotional and practical support to young people.

Working in the hospital our youth worker promotes the advocacy for groups of patients who may be currently under represented, assists in the transition to adult care, accompanies young people to hospital appointments and undertakes advocacy work on the wards. Bringing youth work to this setting means working with young people not only within the hospital but also support in accessing community services and activities, examples of this so far are supporting patients transitioning to college and supporting the families of transplant patients to halfway houses.

Arts Council England - Youth Advisory Board.

2023 saw the final funded year of working as a Youth Advisory Board with Youth Focus North West and Youth Work Unit - Yorkshire and Humber. The board supported 23 board meetings, across the life of the project, with four of these being overnights. 25 young people have been involved as board members during the journey of the programme, with an average of 42 hours per young person. The young people were involved in advising staff at Arts Council England and stakeholders on key policy area making recommendations by speaking at National Council meetings and presenting thoughts on key policy areas; the opportunity to engage in arts and culture across the country whilst developing their skills, knowledge and network.

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The Belong Collective

UK Youth has been collaboratively working with Youth Focus North East to build on learnings of how to tackle youth loneliness and isolation. Support from Astra Foundation and Co-op Foundation has helped us to further develop the work of the Belong Collective; a cross-sector network of youth groups and other stakeholders working together to develop vital resources, share learnings, challenges, and good practice to tackle youth loneliness and isolation. Summary of activities throughout the year include; attending and supporting events, delivering "Train the Trainers" sessions locally and nationally, and producing resources with partners and young people. Youth Focus North East have partnered with City Year UK to deliver training sessions for their volunteer mentors and staff members. City Year UK is an education charity which places young full time volunteers in schools for a year, where they then act as mentors to students providing pastoral and educational support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

Youth Focus North East is funded from a variety of sources including charitable trusts and foundations, public sector funding and earned income. Over a number of years, we have built up a very strong relationship with the Co-op Foundation, who are supporting a number of our programmes on youth loneliness. The National Lottery Community Fund are a very significant funding partner for our organisation who are funding the five year programme to develop the North East Youth Alliance. Youth Endowment Fund, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Children in Need, Astra Foundation and Royal Society Blind Children are a substantial supporter of our work. Successful fundraising applications has secured money from new funders for 2023/24 from Great North Children's Hospital, KFC Foundation, Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind, NCS Enrichment Fund, PCC Serious Violence Fund, Culture Bridge and Young People Foundations Trust.

Investment Policy

As at the 31 March 2024 Youth Focus North East held £85,730 in their Virgin Money instant access account. Two long term investment bonds have been maintained. However, to ensure appropriate liquidity, money is held in the Virgin Money Instant access account, to cover potential short falls in the cash flow. Youth Focus North East currently has investment accounts with Cambridge and Counties and Secure Trust totalling £84,965.

Reserves Policy

Youth Focus North East believes it is important to maintain a reserves policy to ensure effective resource management, and to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability. The Board of Trustees uses a continual process of careful financial management, and will aim to review, establish and maintain adequate reserves to enable the organisation to function effectively. A cautious approach to investment is adopted, maximising income by using interest-earning, short-term, accessible bank accounts.

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy considering the financial position of the charity, the performance in recent years, and the expectations of future years, being realistic about the difficulties of the current economic climate. The goal is to ensure Youth Focus North East have the working capital required to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability to achieve their overall charity mission.

Unrestricted funds of the charity have been divided into two funds – Designated and Free Reserves.

Designated Reserves will cover:

- Organisational liabilities covering core costs which include rent, insurances, utility charges, professional services – payroll, accountancy.
- Costs to cover redundancy.
- Worst case scenario - managing the closure of the charity in the event of any sudden decline in funding:
 - normal staffing and operating activities for two-month period.
 - wrap up costs (Senior Management at reduced hours) for a two-month period.

Free Reserves include:

- the need to cover any cash flow shortfalls in income;

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- the possibility of long-term sickness or maternity;
- support the development of new activities which requires a period of time prior to seeking external funding;
- investment in organisational improvement (e.g. staff training);
- the ability to raise funding to strengthen infrastructure to boost long-term stability and sustainability.

The current total amount for 31 March 2024 for reserves are:

Restricted: £391,902 (2023 - £319,341)

Unrestricted: £237,595 (2023 - £227,182)

The breakdown of unrestricted reserves being:

Designated Reserves: £101,709 (2023 - £85,406)

Free Reserves: £133,866 (2023 - £129,814)

Youth Focus North East's ambition for overall unrestricted reserves is to hold between 6 – 12 months of operating costs with free reserves to continue to achieve our charitable mission. The Board of Trustees will review the amount of designated and free reserves annually to ensure they are within the thresholds mentioned above.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The death of our Chair of Trustees, Pete Stout so tragically in September was devastating. Pete had been involved with our organisation since its establishment in 1989. Over the years his contribution was immense, not only across the North East region, but also nationally and internationally. His life touched the lives of thousands of young people, workers and organisations; his memory will continue to live on in what he stood for, campaigned for, and believed in. He was a huge support to our organisation, youth work and young people. He was a man of the utmost integrity and commitment, and a great colleague and friend. We will miss him greatly.

Looking forward to 2025 sees us in a healthy position to sustain our achievements. With the recruitment of four new Trustees, in December 2023, our Board is in an excellent position to support the organisation moving forward. We will be producing our new Business Strategy over the coming months, which will give us a firm foundation to build on over the next five years. A key area we will be developing is our training offer via the Engage Training & Consultancy service we launched last year.

We know there are many challenges currently facing young people. Over the last few years, they have been faced with the impact of Covid, the Ukraine War, the risk of online harm, the dangers of exploitation, and the cost of living crisis. The youth work sector also faces many challenges. The funding environment continues to be a complex, demanding and time-consuming environment and the recruitment and retention of staff is a major issue. However; we do not see these challenges as being insurmountable and working together we believe we can meet them head on and help provide effective solutions.

As Chief Executive, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all our staff, partners and supporters for their contribution to everything we achieved in 2024. I look forward to working with you all in 2025, on our shared aim of 'improving the lives of young people through high quality youth work'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association on 19 July 2003, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company, it is governed under its Articles of Association. The company registered as a charity on 28 January 2004. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees of the charity are drawn from youth and community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Each trustee is officially appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Our trustees are reappointed on a three-year rotational basis. Two trustees resign each year and have the opportunity to be reappointed for another fixed period. The Chair of the Board is nominated from existing members and their appointment to the position takes place at the AGM.

Trustee Induction and Training

Each trustee receives an induction pack on joining the organisation, outlining key structures, policies, procedures and responsibilities. The trustees each have a job description and personal specification, outlining their role as a trustee of the charity. Trustees also attend the Board/staff development day where training and planning is included in the programme.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and review these risks on a regular basis. Some of the risks reviewed include:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment resulting in costs or loss of services
- Sudden loss of funding due to claw back or poor work performance
- Injury to staff and young people engaged in projects
- Significant dispute with staff or staff members leading to legal action
- Not preparing adequately for end of current projects leading to subsequent loss of work or staff
- Not responding effectively to serious safeguarding issues resulting in harm to individuals or others
- Cyber-attack into our IT systems accessing or losing data, particularly sensitive information
- We will look at emergencies that affect the running of our organisation

Organisational structure

Youth Focus North East is governed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of professionals from the public and voluntary sector. The interface between strategic and operational management is through regular board meetings, attended by Chief Executive and Office Manager, and separate meetings between the Chair and the Chief Executive. The operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive and the staff team consists of: a Programmes Manager, seven Development Officers, one Youth Support Worker, an Office Manager and three part-time Administration Officers. Youth Focus North East also employs consultants on a contractual basis.

Approved by the board of trustees on 23/4/24 and signed on its behalf by:



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Marc Mason - Trustee

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Youth Focus North East (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (continued)
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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charitable company itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2024.

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Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of CLA Evelyn Partners Limited

28 October 2024
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Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants

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Youth Focus North East

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Charitable activities	4	52,512	-	1,025,471	1,077,983	1,092,005
Other trading activities	6	3,388	-	-	3,388	1,924
Investments	5	7,160	-	-	7,160	3,234
		<u>63,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,025,471</u>	<u>1,088,531</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	45,268	-	960,289	1,005,557	1,061,480
		<u>45,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960,289</u>	<u>1,005,557</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		17,792	-	65,182	82,974	35,683
Transfers between funds	17	(23,682)	16,303	7,379	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(5,890)</u>	<u>16,303</u>	<u>72,561</u>	<u>82,974</u>	<u>35,683</u>
Reconciliation of fund						
Total funds brought forward		141,776	85,406	319,341	546,523	510,480
Total funds carried forward		<u>135,886</u>	<u>101,709</u>	<u>391,902</u>	<u>629,497</u>	<u>546,523</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024**

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	10,164	11,962
Current assets			
Investments	13	84,965	128,625
Debtors	14	150,916	104,789
Cash at bank in hand		417,051	330,165
		<u>652,932</u>	<u>563,579</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(33,599)	(29,018)
		<u>619,333</u>	<u>534,561</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>629,497</u>	<u>546,523</u>
Net assets			
		<u>629,497</u>	<u>546,523</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
- General fund		135,886	141,776
- Designated funds		101,709	85,406
Restricted funds		391,902	319,341
	17	<u>629,497</u>	<u>546,523</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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M Mason - Treasurer

Company Number: 4838559

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	21	41,271	25,147
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		7,160	3,234
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(5,205)	(3,009)
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		1,955	225
Net increase and cash equivalents			
		43,226	25,372
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			
		458,790	433,418
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			
		502,016	458,790
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		417,051	330,165
Short term investments		84,965	128,625
		502,016	458,790

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

Investment income relates to interest earned through holding assets on deposit.

1.5 Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct and support costs incurred in the management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.6 Support cost allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	over the term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1.8 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with instant access from the date of opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.14 Pensions

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the SoFA.

2. Legal status

Youth Focus North East is a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information in the reference and administration pages of these financial statements.

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3. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities as restated

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	As restated Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	1,352
Charitable activities	4	66,142	-	1,025,863	1,092,005	857,168
Other trading activities	6	1,924	-	-	1,924	1,899
Investments	5	3,234	-	-	3,234	1,578
		<u>71,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,025,863</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>	<u>861,997</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	119,831	-	941,649	1,061,480	768,006
		<u>119,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>941,649</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>	<u>768,006</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(48,531)	-	84,214	35,683	93,991
Transfers between funds	17	(55,932)	19,305	36,627	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(104,463)</u>	<u>19,305</u>	<u>120,841</u>	<u>35,683</u>	<u>93,991</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		246,239	66,101	198,500	510,840	416,849
Total funds carried forward		<u>141,776</u>	<u>85,406</u>	<u>319,341</u>	<u>546,523</u>	<u>510,840</u>

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4. Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Performance related grants	1,077,983	1,092,005
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds-general	63,060	71,300
Restricted funds	1,014,923	1,020,705
Performance related grants:		
National Lottery Community Fund - NE Youth Alliance	225,011	199,164
Youth Endowment Fund	147,334	238,143
North Ormesby Development Fund	12,000	10,680
Co-op Foundation -Community Spaces Fund	2,617	35,396
National Youth Agency	32,266	33,309
Centre for Youth Impact	-	5,220
Tess Valley Community	5,386	12,569
Holiday Activity Fund	45,509	21,944
Kickstart reimbursement	-	-
Virgin Money Foundation	-	13,740
Astra Foundation	92,344	107,111
Children in Need	40,377	47,457
Community Renewal Fund	-	31,396
Paul Hamlyn	-	30,000
Garfield Weston	-	30,000
Arts Council	-	7,400
Sage Gateshead	-	7,900
County Durham Community Foundation	-	10,000
YFNE Training Centre	30,407	-
Dulverton Trust	-	34,790
Great North Children's Hospital	28,800	19,200
British Youth Council	-	3,750
Northumbria VRU	-	9,666
Police and Crime Commissioner Cleveland	30,893	47,007
You've Got This	7,886	-
Great North Children's Hospital – Diabetes	79,824	30,233
Awards 4 All	19,951	-
Million Hours (National Lottery Community Fund)	38,365	-
Other	239,013	105,930
	<u>1,077,983</u>	<u>1,092,005</u>

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5. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	7,160	3,234
	<u>7,160</u>	<u>3,234</u>

6. Other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising income	3,388	1,924
	<u>3,388</u>	<u>1,924</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities Undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	575,662	31,626	607,288	517,265
Direct project costs	283,112	-	283,112	411,654
Travel	23,729	-	23,729	29,98
Training	5,973	-	5,973	48
Communications	17	-	17	78
Premises costs	64,965	-	64,965	53,704
Depreciation	7,003	-	7,003	5,283
Audit and accountancy fees	-	6,300	6,300	6,000
Other costs	7,170	-	7,170	37,467
	<u>967,631</u>	<u>37,926</u>	<u>1,005,557</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>

8. Allocation of support costs

	Basis of allocation	2024	2023
		£	£
Staff costs	Allocation of time	31,626	29,034
Governance costs (note 9)	Invoiced	6,300	6,000
		<u>37,926</u>	<u>35,034</u>

9. Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent auditor's fee	6,300	6,000
Non-audit fees	-	3,240
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>9,240</u>

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10. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	7,003	5,283
	<u>7,003</u>	<u>5,283</u>

11. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The total staff costs and employee's benefits was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	576,599	469,553
Social security costs	12,044	32,117
Pension costs	18,645	15,585
	<u>607,288</u>	<u>517,255</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Direct	29	31
Support	4	3
	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2023 - none).

The charity trustees neither were paid nor received any other benefits from employment in the year (2023 - £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023 - nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional services or other services supplied to the charity (2023- nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Office Manager. The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel of the charity is £94,056 (2023 - £85,526).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	29,303	56,396	85,699
Additions	-	5,205	5,205
At 31 March 2024	<u>29,303</u>	<u>61,601</u>	<u>90,904</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	29,303	44,434	73,737
Charge for the year	-	7,003	7,003
At 31 March 2024	<u>29,303</u>	<u>51,437</u>	<u>80,740</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	-	10,164	10,164
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>11,962</u>	<u>11,962</u>

13. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Short term deposits	84,965	128,625

14. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	60,711	71,977
Other debtors	-	1,699
Prepayments and accrued income	90,205	31,113
	<u>150,916</u>	<u>104,789</u>

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15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,535	12,363
Other creditors	11,813	6,872
Accruals and deferred income	9,783	9,783
PAYE	10,468	-
	<u>33,599</u>	<u>29,018</u>
	<u><u>33,599</u></u>	<u><u>29,018</u></u>

16. Pension costs

The scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the pension charge represents the amount payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2023 amount £18,645 (2023 - £15,585).

At the balance sheet date £4,192 (2023 - £3,648) contributions were payable.

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17. Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	141,785	63,060	(45,268)	(23,682)	135,886
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	85,406	-	-	16,303	101,709
Total unrestricted funds	<u>227,191</u>	<u>63,060</u>	<u>(45,268)</u>	<u>(7,379)</u>	<u>237,595</u>
Restricted fund					
Infrastructure Support	48,665	272,205	(261,359)	-	59,511
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	69,283	181,060	(166,287)	-	84,056
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	183,034	322,325	(323,159)	364	182,564
Direct Delivery – Regional	18,359	249,881	(209,484)	7,015	65,771
Total restricted funds	<u>319,341</u>	<u>1,025,471</u>	<u>(960,289)</u>	<u>7,379</u>	<u>391,902</u>
Total funds	<u>546,523</u>	<u>1,088,531</u>	<u>(1,005,557)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>629,497</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2023 as restated

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	246,248	71,300	(119,831)	(55,932)	141,785
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	66,101	-	-	19,305	85,406
Total unrestricted funds	<u>312,349</u>	<u>71,300</u>	<u>(119,831)</u>	<u>(36,627)</u>	<u>227,191</u>
Restricted fund					
Infrastructure Support	56,532	240,783	(251,866)	3,207	48,65
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	15,772	202,742	(150,650)	1,419	69,283
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	92,072	326,779	(253,488)	17,671	183,034
Direct Delivery – Regional	34,115	255,559	(285,645)	14,330	18,359
Total restricted funds	<u>198,491</u>	<u>1,025,863</u>	<u>(941,649)</u>	<u>36,627</u>	<u>319,341</u>
Total funds	<u>510,840</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>	<u>(1,061,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,523</u>

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Restricted funds

Infrastructure Support

- Policy and Influencing (influencing policy and practice on behalf of young people and the sector)
- Inform and Support Service Design and Improvement (supporting and delivering workforce development. Collect and disseminate data and research to inform, develop and support the sector)
- Championing (embedding youth voice and leadership across organizations and the sector)
- Capacity Building (enabling and supporting collaboration at a local and regional level)

Direct Delivery - Gateshead

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding areas of Tyne and Wear.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Middlesbrough and the immediate surrounding areas of Tees Valley.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Regional

Providing support to young people and communities across the North East.

- Social Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Redundancy Fund

This is a designated fund created by the trustees to set aside funds for potential redundancy liabilities should projects cease.

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

<i>For the year ended 31 March 2024</i>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	10,164	-	-	10,164
Net current assets/(liabilities)	125,722	101,709	391,902	619,333
	<u>135,886</u>	<u>101,709</u>	<u>391,902</u>	<u>629,497</u>

<i>For the year ended 31 March 2023 as restated</i>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	11,962	-	-	11,962
Net current assets/(liabilities)	129,814	85,406	319,341	534,561
	<u>141,776</u>	<u>85,406</u>	<u>319,341</u>	<u>546,523</u>

19. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the current or prior year.

20. Operating lease commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	23,729	15,960
Interest receivable	-	-
	<u>23,729</u>	<u>15,960</u>

21. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period	82,974	35,683
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(7,160)	(3,234)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,003	5,283
(Increase) in debtors	(46,127)	(19,057)
increase in creditors	4,581	6,472
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>41,271</u>	<u>25,147</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1101799

Accounts

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Youth Focus North East
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements
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Legal and Administrative Information

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Board of Trustees	Mr P Stout	(Chair)
	Mr M Mason	(Treasurer)
	Mr M F Bagnall	
	Mr T Adams	
	Mrs N Tullock	
	Ms E Vasey	(Resigned 22 November 2022)
	Mr D Hasselberth	
	Ms H Blair	(Resigned 22 November 2022)
Ms K M Marshall		

Key management

Chief Executive Officer	Mr K Franks
Office Manager	Mrs C Garrity

Registered Office	21 Liddell Terrace Bensham Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 1YN
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Auditors	Haines Watts North East LLP 17 Queens Lane Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1RN
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Bankers	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Solicitors	Muckle LLP 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BF
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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Youth Focus North East for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objective and vision of Youth Focus North East is to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Youth Focus North East exist for the benefit of young people and the organisations which support them. Working together Youth Focus North East, invest in the lives of young people, to create lasting change in their own lives and the communities in which they live. Youth Focus North East is rooted in the values of good youth work.

- Honesty
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

We achieve our vision by delivering a series of activities which include:

- Ensuring that young people in our region are actively involved in the development of policy, projects and practice
- Developing sustainable partnerships and enhancing our networks, to improve practice and share knowledge
- Supporting organisations which provide services to young people in the North East
- Developing and share best practice in youth work and services to young people
- Bringing influence to regional and national policy which affects the lives of young people and the professionals who support them.

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit, particularly youth organisations, youth services and young people in the North East of England. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As an organisation we continue to grow and currently have 33 employees on our staff team. A number of these are sessional youth workers, delivering much needed youth provision in local communities. We now have staff based in the Great North Children's Hospital and schools. Our developing project, Peer Researchers, has brought us to the attention of new audiences, and has been extremely well-received.

There is a growing sense of optimism that youth work is making a much welcome return as a recognised intervention that makes a positive contribution to improving the outcomes of young people. As we move forward we want to ensure Youth Focus North East plays its part in the revitalisation of youth services in our region. We operate as both an **infrastructure support** body and a **direct deliverer** of services to young people and communities.

Through our infrastructure support we enable organisations across our sector to come together to collaborate, share and learn from best practice and have their views heard. We support them to be well informed on the policy, practice and strategy developments that affect young people. Our direct delivery to young people and communities is mainly delivered from our two operating centres in *Middlesbrough* and *Gateshead* comprising youth centre, outreach work and community based activities to increase wellbeing and improve community cohesion.

Having our foundations firmly rooted in youth work practice through our direct delivery ensures we remain connected to the young people and organisations we serve through our role as an infrastructure support organisation. The dual roles are mutually beneficial and are equally important to us in our overall aim of '**improving the lives of young people through high quality youth work**' and this annual report is a testament to the hard work and support of our staff, trustees, partners and funders.

Impact Report

We work with young people to help them explore the challenges they face, to find new and different ways to articulate their emotions and to harness the qualities they already have and often overlook, as well as helping them to develop new skills. In terms of personal development, during 2022/23 we worked directly with 2200 young people and from our impact measurement processes we know that they overwhelmingly improved their confidence, developed their voice and social interaction skills, improved their knowledge of ways to make a positive change in their lives and how to inform and influence the world around them. We were able to work with young people from all 12 local authorities in the North East region across a wide range of ages.

Strategy

During 2022/23, Youth Focus North East has provided a range of support to both young people and the youth sector in the North East and beyond. Through our infrastructure support we enable organisations across our sector to come together to collaborate, share and learn from best practice and have their views heard. We support them to be well informed on the policy, practice and strategy developments that affect young people. We hold and deliver the function of the Regional Youth Work Unit and are proud co-founders of the North East Youth Alliance.

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Particular highlights and areas of work to note include:

The North East Youth Alliance (NEYA)

Jointly led by two core partners, Youth Focus NE and NE Youth. The NEYA has been created to support the development and sustainability of the people and the organisations working to improve the lives of young people across the NE region. Our ambition is to support a culture shift across the sector – to get people in the youth and community sector thinking and working differently. The overall outcomes for the NEYA are:

- Improved capacity, collaboration and coordination in the youth sector leading to improved youth provision in the region,
- Increased influence of young people's voices in shaping of services,
- Increased sustainability of services and support for and with young people.

The NEYA holds a unique position within the region's youth sector, offering guidance, support, advice, training, and staff development opportunities for youth workers and youth work organisations. We enable young people to influence and affect the decisions that concern their lives and communities. We support them to get involved in democracy locally, regionally and nationally, making a change as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders. We provide a bridge between national, regional and grassroots organisations; enabling communication, informing policy developments, engaging parts of the youth sector who may otherwise not be able to access national initiatives and knowledge, and provide regional intelligence to national organisations while informing organisations in the region of national developments that could affect their practice and environment.

As we look back on the first two years of the NEYA we can be proud of what we have achieved. Our workforce development offer has been well received by the sector and has attracted interest nationally. We initially aimed to develop two local youth partnerships and are currently working in eight distinct areas, with an increasing interest in further developments in other localities. Our youth voice work has not been without its challenges; but with the regional roadshows and formalised links with UK youth parliament in place we move forward with a renewed vigor and the foundations in place to realise our ambitions.

The Youth Endowment Fund – Peer Action Collective (PAC)

The PAC has provided the young people associated with Youth Focus North East and our many partners with some fantastic opportunities throughout 2022/3. The PAC, a national study on serious youth violence allowed our consortium to employ 12 amazing young peer researchers to work within youth work organisations across the North East.

They designed and conducted their own research study from start to finish. While the study had to be focused on serious youth violence, they were able to choose what topic within this they wanted to concentrate on. Topics included; racism, gender, cyberbullying and education. 298 Participants between the ages of 10-25 took part, giving their views and opinions and having their voices heard. When looking at all of the studies together, as a group, three main themes were identified:

- The role of the peer group as both a support system and a negative influence.
- Lack of mental health support for young people and lack of education, for example, on different countries and cultures, on sexual violence and misogyny and on cyberbullying.
- A lack of support within the education system.

The project produced a number of impactful social action projects in response to these findings and aimed to reduce and/or prevent serious youth violence in communities.

Young people created educational videos, music projects, artwork and posters. They engaged with 180 young changemakers to bring these projects to life, working with The Key to ensure every young person gained important skills and confidence as a result of taking part.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*)

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In December 2022 we held the first ever North East PAC Showcase event at the Baltic in Gateshead. The event showcased all of the amazing research and social action projects to key stakeholders in the North East. The peer researchers each presented on stage and hosted their own stalls during the breakout time, talking about both their research and social action projects and encouraging others to get involved and make an even bigger impact. It gave young people the opportunity to talk directly to the adults in their lives about the issues which matter to them.

The Spaces Programme:

Funded by the Co-op Foundation, the Spaces programme originally supported young people in improving the design and use of a community space in the Pallister Park area of Middlesbrough. This received extremely positive feedback from the community members and from partners. Through Spaces young people have now delivered a range of social action projects across Middlesbrough that benefit not only themselves and their peers but also the local community. They take the lead in the planning and delivery of every stage of the projects they undertake, and have delivered projects ranging from local heritage photography to food hampers to an Eco Shop.

Children in Need - Positive Pathways

Funded by Children in Need, Positive Pathways delivers youth activities for young people living in East Middlesbrough. This project provides new and fun experiences through open access youth provision and 1-1 support to explore opportunities, raise aspirations, be positively challenged and be supported to be the decision makers of their own pathway.

During our club sessions, the young people engage with different partner organisations that vary from Health to the Police. Through these sessions we aim to make the young people to both feel safe, and to gain a good understanding of these organisations.

Our main focus is giving young people a voice in which activities they'd like to do, what food they would like introduced into the sessions, and generally help them to make healthy choices. We also deliver a range of sports activities to suit the needs of the young people, to expand both their knowledge and experiences around physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle in the future.

Positive Pathways - North Ormesby

Our North Ormesby youth provision is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund - Big Local initiative. Positive Pathways North Ormesby provides a safe space for young people aged 10 - 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal educational manner. We deliver themed sessions around the personal challenges young people face and which they identify as being important to them, including; deprivation, mental health, employability, risk taking behaviour and improving their physical activity.

Many young people who attend our sessions at North Ormesby recognise the issues they are surrounded by and are passionate about advocating for a better environment for not only them but the other residents around them.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) – Gateshead

Our PHF work in Gateshead is designed to be a programme led by disadvantaged young people that enables them to have real influence, rather than just a voice. A programme that shifts the power dynamic between organisations towards a more collaborative approach to meeting the needs of young people with a focus on embedding young people as leaders of systemic change. Organisations working separately are helping young people to secure positive outcomes, but we are missing opportunities to put those outcomes together and build on them in a way that then enables young people to really break the cycle of deprivation and dependency.

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Trustees' Report *(continued)* For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Traditionally, attempts to link organisations and support collaboration are led by professionals – while some young people have a voice, they are rarely allowed to make and enact decisions that result in meaningful structural change. With PHF support we are working with local organisations to develop a new way of working alongside young people that takes them from being “service users” to become meaningful partners in affecting systemic local change. With better support more young people will have a positive transition of adulthood and will learn the skills to reflect, learn and develop forward-thinking approaches.

Free Space

The Free Space project aims to connect young people through a love of music. Free Space is a collaborative project delivered jointly by Sage Gateshead and Youth Focus North East and comes from a piece of consultation we carried out in early 2021. Young people tell us that Sage Gateshead feels as though it is for a specific group of young people; for example, those who are very proficient at playing musical instruments. Sage Gateshead has funded this project because they want to be more inclusive through a broader offer to a wider group of young people.

Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NUTH)

A partnership between Youth Focus North East and NUTH has resulted in new roles for two workers to work with young people and young adults (age 16 - 25) with diabetes, within the Great North Children's Hospital. This is part of an exciting project funded by NHS England to transform the long term health and social outcomes of young people with diabetes, helping to promote the social development of young patients aged 16 - 25 years via a range of activities, combining education with enjoyment, challenge resilience and learning. Alongside this project, a further youth worker is supporting young patients across the hospital with the aim of improving the advocacy for groups of patients currently under represented, assisting in the transition to adult and tertiary care, accompanying young people to hospital appointments and undertaking support on the wards.

Arts Council England - Youth Advisory Board.

We are working alongside Youth Focus North West and Youth Work Unit - Yorkshire and Humber to form and facilitate the Arts Council Youth Advisory Board for the North. This opportunity allows young people to lead on the projects and the policies they want to work on, as well as engaging in a range of activities and tasks that directly connect to Arts Council England policy and programme development. In the last year, this has included opportunities such as speaking at national meetings and presenting thoughts on key policy areas, taking part in consultation work and listening to other young people and hearing their views. Young people have had the opportunity to travel to other regions and engage in arts and culture whilst developing their skills, knowledge and networks.

The Belong Collective

Funded by the Coop and Astra Foundations the Belong Collective aims to be a cross sector network, which is focused on connecting practitioners to share learning, challenges, good practice, and new thinking about youth loneliness.

The focus of this work is wider than just the youth sector - supporting those who work and engage with young people to consider youth loneliness and embed effective solutions to tackle it. In partnership with UK Youth; we are leading the work to co-design resources and deliver training which will enable practitioners to support young people to articulate feelings of loneliness, explore their emotions around this challenging issue and develop practical actions that begin to help young people take positive steps forward.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

Youth Focus North East is funded from a variety of sources including charitable trusts and foundations, public sector funding and earned income. Over a number of years, we have built up a very strong relationship with the Co-op Foundation, who are supporting a number of our programmes on youth loneliness. The National Lottery Community Fund are a very significant funding partner for our organisation who are funding the five year programme to develop the North East Youth Alliance. Youth Endowment Fund, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Children in Need, Arts Council England, Astra Foundation and Virgin Money Foundation are substantial supporters. Successful fundraising applications have secured money from new funders for 2022/23 from Garfield Weston Foundation, Dulverton Trust, Percy Bilton Charity, Tees Valley Youth Watch, Willian Trust and You've Got This.

Investment Policy

As at the 31 March 2023 Youth Focus North East held £85,265 in their Virgin Money instant access account. Two long term investment bonds have been maintained. However, to ensure appropriate liquidity, money is held in the Virgin Money Instant access account, to cover potential short falls in the cash flow. Youth Focus North East currently has investment accounts with Cambridge and Counties and Secure Trust totalling £128,625.

Reserves Policy

Youth Focus North East believes it is important to maintain a reserves policy to ensure effective resource management, and to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability. The Board of Trustees uses a continual process of careful financial management, and will aim to review, establish and maintain adequate reserves to enable the organisation to function effectively. A cautious approach to investment is adopted, maximising income by using interest-earning, short-term, accessible bank accounts.

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy considering the financial position of the charity, the performance in recent years, and the expectations of future years, being realistic about the difficulties of the current economic climate. The goal is to ensure Youth Focus North East have the working capital required to enable financial viability and longer-term sustainability to achieve their overall charity mission.

Unrestricted funds of the charity have been divided into two funds – Designated and Free Reserves.

Designated Reserves will cover:

- Organisational liabilities covering core costs which include rent, insurances, utility charges, professional services – payroll, accountancy.
- Costs to cover redundancy.
- Worst case scenario - managing the closure of the charity in the event of any sudden decline in funding:
 - normal staffing and operating activities for two-month period.
 - wrap up costs (Senior Management at reduced hours) for a two-month period.

Free Reserves include:

- the need to cover any cash flow shortfalls in income;
- the possibility of long-term sickness or maternity;
- support the development of new activities which requires a period of time prior to seeking external funding;
- investment in organisational improvement (eg.. staff training);
- the ability to raise funding to strengthen infrastructure to boost long-term stability and sustainability.

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Trustees' Report *(continued)* For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The current total amount for 31 March 2023 for reserves are:

Restricted: £322,918 (2022 - £242,624)
Unrestricted: £223,605 (2022 - £268,216)

The breakdown of unrestricted reserves being:

Designated Reserves: £85,406 (2022 - £66,101)
Free Reserves: £138,199 (2022 - £202,115)

Youth Focus North East's ambition for overall unrestricted reserves is to hold between 6 – 12 months of operating costs with free reserves to continue to achieve our charitable mission. The Board of Trustees will review the amount of designated and free reserves annually to ensure they are within the thresholds mentioned above.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

2023 sees us coming to the end of our current business planning cycle and we will be focusing on producing a new strategy to have in place for the beginning of 2024. In November 2022, we became a registered training centre with the Skills and Education Group. This development is the start of a planned journey to diversify our income through a more formalised training and consultancy offer. We have established a new brand identity 'ENGAGE' for this development and it will form a key element of our new strategy.

Other areas of development we are keen to explore moving forward include clear processes for influencing, local, regional and national policy; development of Local Youth Partnership Models; explore how apprenticeships and the levy transfer scheme can be used to support and develop the youth workforce; seek new opportunities for cross sector collaboration (including with funders and commissioners); exploring the role of youth work in new settings i.e. health, schools, culture etc. and examining the opportunities for Corporate Partnerships to support our own and the sectors sustainability.

Note from The Board of Trustees

It is with the utmost sense of sadness and grief that our Chair of Trustees, great friend, inspirational leader, and youth champion, Pete Stout passed away on Thursday 7th September 2023.

Pete had been involved with our organisation since its establishment in 1989. Over the years his contribution has been immense, not only across the North East region, but also nationally and internationally. His life touched the lives of thousands of young people, workers and organisations; his memory will live long based on what he stood for, campaigned for and believed in.

Pete was a huge support to our organisation, youth work and young people. He truly cared about the profession of youth work and was immensely proud of the work we all do for young people. He was a man of the utmost integrity and commitment, and a great colleague and friend. We will miss him greatly.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association on 19 July 2003, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company, it is governed under its Articles of Association. The company registered as a charity on 28 January 2004. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees of the charity are drawn from youth and community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Each trustee is officially appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Our trustees are reappointed on a three-year rotational basis. Two trustees resign each year and have the opportunity to be reappointed for another fixed period. The Chair of the Board is nominated from existing members and their appointment to the position takes place at the AGM.

Trustee Induction and Training

Each trustee receives an induction pack on joining the organisation, outlining key structures, policies, procedures and responsibilities. The trustees each have a job description and personal specification, outlining their role as a trustee of the charity. Trustees also attend the Board/staff development day where training and planning is included in the programme.

Risk Management

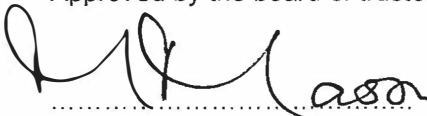
The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and review these risks on a regular basis. Some of the risks reviewed include:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment resulting in costs or loss of services
- Sudden loss of funding due to claw back or poor work performance
- Injury to staff and young people engaged in projects
- Significant dispute with staff or staff members leading to legal action
- Not preparing adequately for end of current projects leading to subsequent loss of work or staff
- Not responding effectively to serious safeguarding issues resulting in harm to individuals or others
- Cyber-attack into our IT systems accessing or losing data, particularly sensitive information
- We will look at emergencies that affect the running of our organisation

Organisational structure

Youth Focus North East is governed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of professionals from the public and voluntary sector. The interface between strategic and operational management is through regular board meetings, attended by Chief Executive and Office Manager, and separate meetings between the Chair and the Chief Executive. The operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive and the staff team consists of: a Programmes Manager, seven Development Officers, one Youth Support Worker, an Office Manager and three part-time Administration Officers. Youth Focus North East also employs consultants on a contractual basis.

Approved by the board of trustees on 3 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Marc Mason - Trustee

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Youth Focus North East (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matter – Corresponding figures unaudited

In the prior year the charitable company was independently examined in line with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 as its income level was under £1 million. However, as its income levels have now exceeded this threshold it is now being audited in line with the provisions of section 144 of that Act. The corresponding figures in the financial statements are therefore unaudited.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charitable company itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2023.

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**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Youth Focus North East (*continued*)
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Haines Watts North East Audit LLP

Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants

17 Queens Lane
Newcastle upon
Tyne NE1 1RN
3 November 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	As restated Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	4	-	-	-	-	1,352
Charitable activities	5	66,142	-	1,025,863	1,092,005	857,168
Other trading activities	7	1,924	-	-	1,924	1,899
Investments	6	3,234	-	-	3,234	1,578
		<u>71,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,025,863</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>	<u>861,997</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	119,831	-	941,649	1,061,480	768,006
		<u>119,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>941,649</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>	<u>768,006</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(48,531)	-	84,214	35,683	93,991
Transfers between funds	18	(55,932)	19,305	36,627	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(104,463)</u>	<u>19,305</u>	<u>120,841</u>	<u>35,683</u>	<u>93,991</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		246,239	66,101	198,500	510,840	416,849
Total funds carried forward		<u>141,776</u>	<u>85,406</u>	<u>319,341</u>	<u>546,523</u>	<u>510,840</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	As restated 2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	11,962	14,236
Current assets			
Investments	14	128,625	127,595
Debtors	15	104,789	85,732
Cash at bank in hand		330,165	305,823
		<u>563,579</u>	<u>519,150</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(29,018)	(22,546)
Net current assets		<u>534,561</u>	<u>496,604</u>
Net assets		<u>546,523</u>	<u>510,840</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
- General fund		141,776	246,248
- Designated funds		85,406	66,101
Restricted funds		319,341	198,491
	18	<u>546,523</u>	<u>510,840</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 3 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



M Mason - Treasurer

Company Number: 4838559

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	22	25,147	56,402
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		3,234	1,578
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(3,009)	(13,859)
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		<u>225</u>	<u>(12,281)</u>
Net increase and cash equivalents		25,372	44,121
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		433,418	389,297
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>458,790</u>	<u>433,418</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		330,165	305,823
Short term investments		128,625	127,595
		<u>458,790</u>	<u>433,418</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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1.4 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

Investment income relates to interest earned through holding assets on deposit.

1.5 Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct and support costs incurred in the management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.6 Support cost allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	over the term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1.8 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with instant access from the date of opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.14 Pensions

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the SoFA.

2. Legal status

Youth Focus North East is a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information in the reference and administration pages of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities as restated

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	4	1,352	-	-	1,352	24,833
Charitable activities	5	143,086	-	714,082	857,168	567,935
Investment income	6	1,578	-	-	1,578	2,678
Other trading activities	7	1,899	-	-	1,899	112
		<u>147,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>714,082</u>	<u>861,997</u>	<u>595,558</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	41,441	-	726,565	768,006	554,101
		<u>41,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,565</u>	<u>768,006</u>	<u>554,101</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		106,474	-	(12,483)	93,991	41,457
Transfers between funds	18	(26,240)	5,719	20,521	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>80,234</u>	<u>5,719</u>	<u>8,038</u>	<u>93,991</u>	<u>41,457</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		166,014	60,382	190,453	416,849	375,392
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>246,248</u></u>	<u><u>66,101</u></u>	<u><u>198,491</u></u>	<u><u>510,840</u></u>	<u><u>416,849</u></u>

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

4. Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Government grants	-	1,352
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,352</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,352</u></u>

Government grants have been received from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

5. Incoming from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund - NE Youth Alliance	199,164	196,852
Youth Endowment Fund	238,143	175,037
North Ormesby Development Fund	10,680	34,344
Free Spaces Project	-	7,100
Middlesbrough Phil Foundation	-	7,107
Community Foundation	-	9,996
Thorntree	-	2,500
Co-op Foundation Building Connections Fund: National Resources	-	31,165
Co-op Foundation - #iwill Community Spaces Fund	35,396	19,625
National Youth Agency	33,309	46,785
Clothworks Grant	-	9,200
Centre for Youth Impact	5,220	-
Tess Valley Community	12,569	-
RSBC – Live Life Go Further	-	8,502
Uplift Fund – National Lottery Community	-	65,945
Innox Foundation	-	25,000
Holiday Activity Fund	21,944	20,966
Kickstart	-	13,311
Virgin Money Foundation	13,740	27,266
Astra Foundation	107,111	32,984
Children in Need	47,457	21,522
Community Renewal Fund	31,396	13,085
Paul Hamlyn	30,000	30,000
Garfield Weston	30,000	-
Arts Council	7,400	-
Sage Gateshead	7,900	-
County Durham Community Foundation	10,000	-
Dulverton Trust	34,790	-
Great North Children's Hospital	19,200	-
British Youth Council	3,750	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Cleveland	47,007	-
Great North Children's Hospital – Diabetes	30,233	-
Northumbria VRU	9,666	-
Other	105,930	58,876
	<u>1,092,005</u>	<u>857,168</u>
	<u><u>1,092,005</u></u>	<u><u>857,168</u></u>

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6. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	3,234	1,578
	<u>3,234</u>	<u>1,578</u>

7. Other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising income	1,924	1,899
	<u>1,924</u>	<u>1,899</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities Undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	488,231	29,034	517,265	391,785
Direct project costs	411,654	-	411,654	296,128
Travel	29,981	-	29,981	8,433
Training	48	-	48	175
Communications	78	-	78	94
Premises costs	53,704	-	53,704	59,122
Depreciation	5,283	-	5,283	4,921
Audit and accountancy fees	-	6,000	6,000	2,880
Other costs	37,467	-	37,467	4,468
	<u>1,026,446</u>	<u>35,034</u>	<u>1,061,480</u>	<u>768,006</u>

9. Allocation of support costs

	Basis of allocation	2023	2022
		£	£
Staff costs	Allocation of time	29,034	27,924
Governance costs (note 10)	Invoiced	6,000	2,880
		<u>35,034</u>	<u>30,804</u>

10. Governance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	-	2,880
Independent auditor's fee	6,000	-
Non-audit fees	3,240	-
	<u>9,240</u>	<u>2,880</u>

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11. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	5,283	4,921
	<u>5,283</u>	<u>4,921</u>

12. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The total staff costs and employee's benefits was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	469,563	353,240
Social security costs	32,117	26,144
Pension costs	15,585	12,401
	<u>517,265</u>	<u>391,785</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Direct	31	30
Support	3	3
	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2022 - none).

The charity trustees neither were paid nor received any other benefits from employment in the year (2022 - £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022 - nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional services or other services supplied to the charity (2022- nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Office Manager. The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel of the charity is £94,706 (2022 - £92,211).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	29,303	53,387	82,690
Additions	-	3,009	3,009
At 31 March 2023	<u>29,303</u>	<u>56,396</u>	<u>85,699</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	29,303	39,151	68,454
Charge for the year	-	5,283	5,283
At 31 March 2023	<u>29,303</u>	<u>44,434</u>	<u>73,737</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	-	11,962	11,962
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>14,236</u>	<u>14,236</u>

14. Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Short term deposits	128,625	127,595
	<u>128,625</u>	<u>127,595</u>

15. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	71,977	34,925
Other debtors	1,699	3,148
Prepayments and accrued income	31,113	47,659
	<u>104,789</u>	<u>85,732</u>

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	12,363	15,439
Other creditors	6,872	3,372
Accruals and deferred income	9,783	3,735
	<u>29,018</u>	<u>22,546</u>
	<u><u>29,018</u></u>	<u><u>22,546</u></u>

17. Pension costs

The scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the pension charge represents the amount payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2023 amount £15,585 (2022 - £10,153).

At the balance sheet date £3,648 (2022 - £1,380) contributions were payable.

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18. Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	246,248	71,300	(119,831)	(55,932)	141,785
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	66,101	-	-	19,305	85,406
Total unrestricted funds	<u>312,349</u>	<u>71,300</u>	<u>(119,831)</u>	<u>(36,627)</u>	<u>227,191</u>
Restricted fund					
Infrastructure Support	56,532	240,783	(251,866)	3,207	48,656
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	15,772	202,742	(150,650)	1,419	69,283
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	92,072	326,779	(253,488)	17,671	183,034
Direct Delivery – Regional	34,115	255,559	(285,645)	14,330	18,359
Total restricted funds	<u>198,491</u>	<u>1,025,863</u>	<u>(941,649)</u>	<u>36,627</u>	<u>319,332</u>
Total funds	<u>510,840</u>	<u>1,097,163</u>	<u>(1,061,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,523</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022 as restated

	At 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	166,014	147,915	(41,441)	(26,240)	246,248
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	60,382	-	-	5,719	66,101
Total unrestricted funds	<u>226,396</u>	<u>147,915</u>	<u>(41,441)</u>	<u>(20,521)</u>	<u>312,349</u>
Restricted funds					
Infrastructure Support	89,140	251,502	(286,545)	2,435	56,532
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	11,012	30,000	(27,513)	2,273	15,772
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	72,508	242,045	(238,303)	15,822	92,072
Direct Delivery – Regional	17,793	190,535	(174,204)	(9)	34,115
Total restricted funds	<u>190,453</u>	<u>714,082</u>	<u>(726,565)</u>	<u>20,521</u>	<u>198,491</u>
Total funds	<u>416,849</u>	<u>861,997</u>	<u>(768,006)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,840</u>

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Restricted funds

Infrastructure Support

- Policy and Influencing (influencing policy and practice on behalf of young people and the sector)
- Inform and Support Service Design and Improvement (supporting and delivering workforce development. Collect and disseminate data and research to inform, develop and support the sector)
- Championing (embedding youth voice and leadership across organizations and the sector)
- Capacity Building (enabling and supporting collaboration at a local and regional level)

Direct Delivery - Gateshead

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding areas of Tyne and Wear.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Middlesbrough and the immediate surrounding areas of Tees Valley.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Regional

Providing support to young people and communities across the North East.

- Social Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Redundancy Fund

This is a designated fund created by the trustees to set aside funds for potential redundancy liabilities should projects cease.

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15. Prior period adjustment

A prior period adjustment has been made in respect of;

Incorrect classification of fund balances between restricted funds and unrestricted funds.

Change to the balance sheet

	As previously reported	Adjustment	31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	202,115	44,133	246,248
Designated funds	66,101	-	66,101
Restricted funds	242,624	(44,133)	198,491
	<u>510,840</u>	<u>67,770</u>	<u>510,840</u>
	<u><u>510,840</u></u>	<u><u>67,770</u></u>	<u><u>510,840</u></u>

Change to the statement of financial activities

No change to the statement of financial activities.

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

<u>For the year ended 31 March 2023</u>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	11,962	-	-	11,962
Net current assets/(liabilities)	129,823	85,406	319,332	534,561
	<u>141,785</u>	<u>85,406</u>	<u>319,332</u>	<u>546,523</u>
	<u><u>141,785</u></u>	<u><u>85,406</u></u>	<u><u>319,332</u></u>	<u><u>546,523</u></u>
<u>For the year ended 31 March 2022 as restated</u>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	13,859	-	-	13,859
Net current assets/(liabilities)	232,389	66,101	198,491	496,981
	<u>246,248</u>	<u>66,101</u>	<u>198,491</u>	<u>510,840</u>
	<u><u>246,248</u></u>	<u><u>66,101</u></u>	<u><u>198,491</u></u>	<u><u>510,840</u></u>

20. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the current or prior year.

21. Operating lease commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	15,960	6,622
Interest receivable	-	-
	<u>15,960</u>	<u>6,622</u>
	<u><u>15,960</u></u>	<u><u>6,622</u></u>

22. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the period	35,683	93,991
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(3,234)	(1,578)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,283	4,921
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(19,057)	(31,942)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	6,472	(8,990)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>25,147</u>	<u>56,402</u>
	<u><u>25,147</u></u>	<u><u>56,402</u></u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1101799

Accounts

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Report and Financial Statements
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Legal and Administrative Information For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Board of Trustees	Mr P Stout	(Chair)
	Mr M Mason	(Treasurer)
	Mr M F Bagnall	
	Mr T Adams	
	Mrs N Tullock	
	Ms E Vasey	
	Mr D Hasselberth	
	Ms H Blair	
	Ms J C Golightly	(Resigned 24 March 2022)
Ms K M Marshall		

Key management

Chief Executive Officer	Mr K Franks
Office Manager	Mrs C Garrity

Registered Office	21 Liddell Terrace Bensham Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 1YN
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Independent Examiners	Haines Watts 17 Queens Lane Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1RN
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Bankers	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Solicitors	Muckle LLP 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BF
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Youth Focus North East

Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Youth Focus North East for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objective and vision of Youth Focus North East is to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Youth Focus North East exist for the benefit of young people and the organisations which support them. Working together Youth Focus North East, invest in the lives of young people, to create lasting change in their own lives and the communities in which they live. Youth Focus North East is rooted in the values of good youth work.

- Honesty
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

We achieve our vision by delivering a series of activities which include:

- Ensuring that young people in our region are actively involved in the development of policy, projects and practice
- Developing sustainable partnerships and enhancing our networks, to improve practice and share knowledge
- Supporting organisations which provide services to young people in the North East
- Developing and share best practice in youth work and services to young people
- Bringing influence to regional and national policy which affects the lives of young people and the professionals who support them.

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit, particularly youth organisations, youth services and young people in the North East of England. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The last twelve months have proved to be a challenging yet probably, in many respects, our most productive year to date. Like so many organisations we have been dealing with the impacts of the COVID pandemic. We made careful and practical use of the furlough scheme and were sensible in resuming our direct contact work with young people and their communities. Our funders have been attentive to our changing needs and flexible in their responses, in both allowing us to continue with our vital work and providing substantial additional funding so that we could extend the capacity, breadth and reach of our services.

The hallmark of the year has centered on partnership working and drawing the sector together through collaborative bids and joint endeavours. A prime example of this is the Youth Endowment Fund – Peer Action Collective; where we led a consortium approach to secure investment into the region's youth sector to employ 14 young people and support 11 partners. This is a genuine example of our ambitions with the North East Youth Alliance to support a culture shift across the sector through improved capacity, collaboration and co-ordination.

During the summer of 2021 we relocated our Gateshead Office to St Chad's Community Project in Bensham, Gateshead. This means we are better placed in the heart of the community to grow our provision and replicate the successful community based youth provision we have established in Middlesbrough over the past few years. Expansion and growth in our funding has meant that we have appointed a number of new staff members to our team and have developed and reconfigured our Senior Management Team to enable us to meet our increased provision of services across the region.

Impact Report

We work with young people to help them explore the challenges they face, to find new and different ways to articulate their emotions and to harness the qualities they already have and often overlook, as well as helping them to develop new skills. In terms of personal development, during 2021/22 we worked directly with 1,775 young people and from our impact measurement processes we know that they overwhelmingly improved their confidence, developed their voice and social interaction skills, improved their knowledge of ways to make a positive change in their lives and how to inform and influence the world around them. We were able to work with young people from all 12 local authorities in the North East region across a wide range of ages.

Through our North East Youth Alliance programme 509 bookings have been made on to our workforce development offer. 22 learners have completed and are undertaking a Level 2 Youth Work qualification. We are developing Locality Based Partnership in 6 distinct areas in the region and 346 young people from across the North East have participated in a range of youth voice activities. One of the Youth Board members, a 13-year-old visually impaired male, has provided the following case study to demonstrate both the difference he has made and the difference being involved has made for himself.

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<p>What support activities have they been involved in?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fortnightly online sessions – youth voice.▪ National Resource development – to support organisations and professionals to develop their understanding of youth loneliness and isolation, as well as exploring ways to help young people begin to tackle it.▪ Developing a resource for and with visual impaired (VI) young people.
<p>What changes have occurred through their involvement in the programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Since he has been a part of our sessions he has shown an increase in confidence and engaged more in the activities.▪ As he has got to know the team he felt more comfortable meeting us face to face to take part in other projects.
<p>How is life different for them now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ He has always been part of a number of different groups and is keen to show that even though he is visually impaired this does not stop him getting involved. Since being part of the youth voice sessions he has become a member of the North East Youth Alliance – Youth Advisory Board and is excited about this opportunity. He will be working to ensure that young people are able to get involved in a range of useful ways which are relevant and interesting to them but also importantly meaningful; including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A chance to engage in regional projects- Opportunity to have their voice heard- Develop personal skills- A chance to connect with other Youth Voice Groups- Opportunity to influence youth services policies and programmes- To meet like-minded young people and most importantly, have fun!
<p>What has been the most <i>significant</i> change for them, and why is it significant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ His involvement has been beneficial for staff and other young people in expanding their understanding and confidence to engage with and work with VI Young People.
<p>Any other comments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ He is an amazing young person who shows how being visually impaired doesn't prevent him doing things. He will tell you what support he needs and is keen to show you. It was great to learn about some of the equipment he uses in school and how we can adopt these in a youth work setting.

Strategic

During 2021, Youth Focus North East has provided a range of support to the youth sector in the North East. We have provided individual support to organisations and sectoral support to initiatives at a local level.

Centre for Youth Impact - Regional Impact Network

We are proud to lead on the Regional Impact Network for the North East. This network is open to any organisations working with young people in the North East of England, that has an interest in developing their impact measurement practice, and is supported by the Centre for Youth Impact (CYI). The CYI believes that evaluation, data collection and analysis only have value if practitioners, managers and funders/commissioners are improving their practice – and decisions – as a result of what they are learning. The network is where individuals gain the skills and confidence to do this, because approaches to impact measurement should be determined collectively, with peer support and challenge.

***Co-op Foundation: Building Connections Fund-
National Resources: To provide support to tackle Youth Loneliness***

Youth Focus North East was commissioned in 2019 by the Co-op Foundation, through its Building Connections Fund, to lead the development of resources for workers across the country to use to help young people tackle youth loneliness and isolation. Around this work we have developed the National Youth Partnership - comprising of ourselves, Youth Focus North West, Yorkshire and Humber Youth Work Unit, the National Youth Agency, Youth Focus West Midlands, Partnership for Young London, and Youth Focus South West C.I.C. The funding has enabled us to develop a range of resources to help workers understand and then respond to an issue that can be sensitive and difficult" for young people to talk about and begin to tackle. We have created the Tackling Youth Loneliness website (www.tacklingyouthloneliness.org.uk) that brings together a wealth of research and data about the issue, along with suggestions on ways to raise awareness and provide support. We have developed a sense-check toolkit for organisations to consider where they are at in terms of responding effectively to youth loneliness and isolation, as well as providing a one-day training course to help professionals explore the issues around this topic. Bespoke packages for themed areas of work covering homelessness, Young Carers and LGBTQ have been produced and shared on the website.

National Youth Agency (NYA): Youth Work Bursary Fund

Youth Focus North East are pleased to be working in partnership with the NYA to deliver the Youth Worker Bursary Fund programme. This is a national initiative to open up career pathways in youth work. The purpose of the Bursary Fund is to provide financial assistance to those undertaking approved qualifications in Youth Work, by providing funded places to those individuals who would otherwise experience financial difficulties in accessing Youth Worker qualifications.

During 2021, the Bursary Fund enabled us to build capacity within the regions sector to deliver a Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice. The course was designed to give both an understanding of key youth work theory and principles, as well as practical skills to enable learners to work more effectively with young people. Even though we were faced with unpredicted challenges due to COVID-19, we were delighted that all 22 learners successfully completed the award developing their skills, knowledge and experience in Youth Work.

Direct Delivery

Co-op Foundation: #iwill Fund - Big Days

Our Big Days programme, funded by the Co-op Foundation, focused on increasing awareness of youth loneliness and isolation. At the end of the programme we had an underspend due to a range of large community events planned that were cancelled as a result of Covid-19 lockdowns. The nature of Big Days meant that we halted delivery rather than take the work online. In agreement with the Co-op Foundation a new plan of delivery was implemented to deliver local provision in Bensham Gateshead. The delivery included providing space to bring together young people who were lonely and isolated, or at risk of becoming so. The remaining budget covered staff time and a resource budget for the young people to access.

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Co-op Foundation: Building Connections Fund - Half a World Away

At the end of the Half a World Away programme we had an underspend as a result of us pausing the face to face delivery of the programme during the Covid-19 lockdowns. We continued delivery of Half a World Away online, but this meant we did not utilise the resource budgets we had allocated. To utilise this underspend and remain true to the themes of tackling loneliness and isolation we developed a small pilot project focused around our delivery in Gateshead and Middlesbrough. This involved working with young people to understand the barriers that stop some young people accessing the support they need that would help their wellbeing and develop new connections.

Co-op Foundation - #iwill Community Spaces

Funded by the Co-op Foundation, the Positively Pally programme originally supported local young people in improving the design and use of a community space in the Pallister Park area of Middlesbrough which has received extremely positive feedback from community members and from partners. The funding has made a fundamental difference to the young people of Pallister Park. The community space was previously only used by adults, but now has an increased community involvement with young people at the centre of this work. Through Positively Pally young people have delivered a range of social action projects that benefit not only themselves and their peers, but also the local community. They take the lead in the planning and delivery of every stage of the projects, they undertake and have delivered projects ranging from local heritage photography to food hampers to an Eco Shop.

National Lottery Community Fund: Partnership England Wide - North East Youth Alliance

Youth Focus North East is the lead body for the North East Youth Alliance (NEYA). The NEYA has been created to support the development and sustainability of the people and the organisations working to improve the lives of young people across the region. Its ambition is to support a culture shift across the sector - to get people in the youth and community sector thinking and working differently, supporting organisations to develop ground-up local partnerships/alliances, supporting meaningful workforce development, increasing the influence of young people's voices. We began working in partnership with NE Youth to develop and deliver a five-year programme of work, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund. The goal is: Improved youth services through collaboration.

The NEYA is approaching the end of its second year of funding.

Partnership for Young London

This is a youth-led initiative exploring how young people from different social groups and different regions of the UK define their identities. As part of a partnership with the Regional Network of Youth Work Units funded via Paul Hamlyn Youth Fund, Partnership for Young London act as the lead organisation. This is a pilot project to establish our partnership, develop our research methodology and design a four-year project on the theme of 'Identity' with young people. Young people will undertake research in each region and using multi-media approaches explore the ways in which they express who they are and how they want to be represented. The focus will be on structural inequalities, the impact of power and privilege, stereotyping, and its interplay in young people's lives.

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Youth Endowment Fund - Positive Pathways

The aim of the Positive Pathways project was to deter young people from anti-social and criminal behaviours, to enable them to learn new skills, understand their own ability, and help them make well-informed choices. We worked with young people to help with building confidence and self-esteem, create a sense of purpose and to develop critical thinking and self-control, and build awareness of issues relating to gang and knife crime. The project began in 2020 and ended in June 2021. We developed and delivered a range of pop-up activities – sports, music, social action, one-to-one sessions, group work and health and wellbeing projects as an approach to exploring behaviour and raising aspirations beyond gang and crime culture.

Sport England

This project delivers sessions of structured sporting activities to improve the mental health and lifestyles of young people in Pallister Park, Middlesbrough. Sporting activities enhance the work that Youth Focus North East are currently delivering in themed sessions around personal challenges young people may face, including deprivation, mental health, employability and risk taking behaviour.

North Ormesby Big Local

Big Local is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and managed by Local Trust, working to build on the skills and experiences of others to provide expert advice and support for local residents. It's a long term, user-led programme, designed to ensure residents can focus on the things that make a lasting difference to their communities. Since November 2020 Youth Focus North East have been delivering our detached programme Positive Pathways as part of the Big Local project in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Activities have included: Sports in multi-use games areas, arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Royal Society for Blind Children – Live Life Go Further

Youth Focus North East have been the North East partner, with the Royal Society for Blind Children, on the Live Life Go Further project. The aim of the project was to create a space for visually impaired young people to feel less isolated, feel more confident and able to make decisions, and improve their wellbeing and aspirations. We have worked with our partners to increase their capacity and understanding of the needs of visually impaired young people through a bespoke training package. We are bridging the gap between visually impaired young people and sighted young people by creating VI ambassadors. These young people advocate for visually impaired young people in their local community.

National Lottery Community Fund: Uplift Fund

Youth Focus North East received funding from the Uplift Fund to build on the initial pilot of our CommuniTees Project within the Dormanstown area of Redcar and Cleveland. By using a multi-generational approach, we brought together people of all ages to build strong and lasting relationships. We supported them to link with other support agencies working in the area, such as voluntary groups, statutory services, housing, police etc. Through their involvement they were supported to develop their confidence and life skills and to take leadership roles, thereby inspiring and influencing others.

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Innox Foundation

Youth Focus North East have received 12 months funding from the Innox Foundation in relation to tackling youth isolation and loneliness. The funding allows Youth Focus North East to offer direct support for young people, creating a safe and supportive environment. We have also been able to offer awareness workshops to raise and upskill workers who support young people. Those working with young people need more tools and techniques to help young people to begin to talk about loneliness.

Youth Endowment Fund – Peer Action Collective

This is a new funded programme which started in the summer of 2021. The Youth Endowment Fund – Peer Action Collective is a Peer Research Programme running nationwide with 9 regions in England and one in Wales. Youth Focus North East, are the lead delivery partner for the North East region. As the lead partner we invited 14 other organisations from across the North East to help us deliver this project. By partnering with these organisations we are able to run this project throughout the North East, in urban, rural and coastal areas. Twelve of these partner organisations are hosting one Peer Researcher each – between the ages of 16-20 (with the possibility for a couple of exceptions made up to age 25). The aim of this project is for Peer Researchers to investigate youth violence in their communities; with the aim that this will then be used to and produce social action projects. In addition to partnering with the organisations hosting Peer Researchers we have also partnered with NE Youth and The Key. NE Youth are helping to support the Peer Researchers; creating a network of the 12 young people involved to help them to support each other, while The Key are assisting with the creation of social action projects, helping the young people to build their ideas into tangible projects.

Middlesbrough Moving Forward - Holiday Activity Fund

Youth Focus North East received funding from the Holiday Activity Fund to deliver sessions for six weeks of the summer holidays in North Ormesby, Pallister Park and Park End. The sessions were based around the five ways of wellbeing. Activities included dance, graffiti art and wheelchair basketball. Young people who attended the outreach sessions were also provided with a nutritious meal.

Arts Council England – Youth Advisory Board

Youth Focus North East alongside Youth Focus: North West and Youth Work Unit: Yorkshire and Humber are working on a pilot Youth Advisory Board for Arts Council England. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for 18 young people across the North of England, 6 from the North East, to work with staff to ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of what Arts Council England do. This opportunity allows for our young people to lead on the projects and policies they want to work on, as well as engaging in a range of activities and tasks that directly connect to Arts Council England policy and programme development.

Clothworkers Foundation

Youth Focus North East received capital funding from Clothworkers Foundation to improve our digital equipment to become more efficient with our service delivery. The funding allowed us to purchase laptops for staff, tablets to use during delivery, the appropriate software and internet data to use while out of the office.

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Virgin Money Foundation – #iwill Take Action Grant

Youth Focus North East received funding from the Virgin Money Foundation #iwill Take Action Grant to deliver their Young Boro Champions programme. Young Boro Champions is a group of young people from East Middlesbrough who explore the challenges of their community, find their own solutions and make lasting change as the community comes out of Covid restrictions. This funding enables the young people to explore ideas and the challenges facing their community, raise their aspirations, be supported to be the decision makers, manage a larger budget, take the next step in their social action journey and encourage more young people to be involved.

BBC Children in Need

This is a first time investment from BBC Children in Need for Youth Focus North East receiving two years funding. This is a community project based in the Pallister Park Centre with and for young people of East Middlesbrough. This project provides weekly open access provision and one to one support. We offer a safe and fun space for young people aged 10 to 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal educational manner. We deliver themed interventions around the personal challenges young people face, including; deprivation, employability, risk taking behaviour and improving their mental wellbeing and physical activity.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Youth Focus North East received funding from the Paul Hamlyn's Youth Fund for a 36-month period in the summer of 2021. The aim of this programme is to enable young people to be at the centre of accessing more support and services that have a positive impact on their lives. Youth Focus North East have done this by testing out an approach in Gateshead by creating a collective of organisations and young people that work more collaboratively. For some young people, the programme helps them engage with support and services they do not know are available to them, for others it looks to change the relationship they have with agencies. The overall outcome is that with better support more young people have a positive transition to adulthood.

Sage Gateshead – Free Space

Free Space is a project run in collaboration with Youth Focus North East and Sage Gateshead. It is a neutral space free of expectations, a space for young people aged 16 – 25 to meet up to listen or discuss different types of music, have conversations about musical and creative interests, share ideas and thoughts around these topics without a need for it to go somewhere. The Free Space sessions have also given opportunities for young people to meet and familiarise themselves with different people from the music, creative and cultural sector in the region (and nationally), attend different performances, and most importantly have fun.

Astra Foundation and Co-op Foundation

Support from the Astra Foundation and the Co-op Foundation enables UK Youth and Youth Focus North East to work collaboratively and build on the learning and work we have developed over the last four years to tackle youth loneliness and isolation. Youth Focus North East take a lead on the work to co-design four resources which enable practitioners to support young people to articulate feelings of loneliness, explore their emotions around this challenging issue and develop practical actions that begin to help young people take positive steps forward. This funding brings capacity to work alongside practitioners to embed the resources within the context of their own work and local communities and explore the different ways they can be implemented. We will develop local networks in hotspot areas to also enable the sharing of best practice.

Community Foundation – The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust

The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust funds allow Youth Focus North East to staff “Pop n Drop” in Park End, Middlesbrough. Pop n Drop is a model we set up due to finding that not all young people want to attend a youth centre but still require support and guidance around challenges they are facing. We use gazebos as our youth space and pitch up in Park End Skate Park to deliver our sessions. Our offer provides a safe space for young people aged 10 to 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal educational manner. We deliver themed sessions around the personal challenges young people face, including; deprivation, mental health, employability, risk taking behaviour and improving their physical activity.

Middlesbrough Philanthropic Foundation

Middlesbrough Philanthropic Foundation funds allow Youth Focus North East to resource “Pop n Drop” in Park End, Middlesbrough. Pop n Drop is a model we set up due to finding that not all young people want to attend a youth centre but still require support and guidance around challenges they are facing. We use gazebos as our youth space and pitch up in Park End Skate Park to deliver our sessions. Our offer provides a safe space for young people aged 10 – 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal education manner. The funding allows additional resources to be purchased to support the weekly sessions.

Gateshead Council – UK Community Renewal Fund

In partnership with Gateshead Council, Youth Focus North East have received funding from the UK Community Renewal Fund to support a pilot programme and test new approaches to support unemployed and economically inactive residents into employment. The FUTURE YOU project brings together a unique partnership between Gateshead Council services and voluntary sector organisations to pilot a new co-created approach. As part of the programme, Youth Focus North East are offering advice and support for isolated young people under 25; youth work experience placements; the Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice and training for professionals giving them the knowledge and understanding of working within the youth work sector.

Tees Valley Community Foundation

Youth Focus North East are using funds from the Tees Valley Community Foundation to deliver their Pop n Drop model in Thorntree Park, Middlesbrough. We set this model up due to finding that not all young people want to attend a youth centre but still require support and guidance around challenges they are facing. We use gazebos as our youth space and pitch up in green spaces around local communities where we work. In terms of this project we use Thorntree Park to deliver our sessions. We provide a safe space for young people aged 10 to 18 to develop friendships and life skills in an informal educational manner. We deliver themes around the personal challenges young people face, including; deprivation, mental health, employability, risk taking behaviour and improving their physical activity.

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Trustees' Report (*continued*) For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

Youth Focus North East is funded from a variety of sources including charitable trusts and foundations, public sector funding and earned income. Over a number of years, we have built up a very strong relationship with the Co-op Foundation, who are supporting a number of our programmes on youth loneliness. The National Lottery Community Fund are a very significant funding partner for our organisation who are funding the Uplift Fund and also a five year programme to develop the North East Youth Alliance. The Virgin Money Foundation, Youth Endowment Fund, North Ormesby Big Local and Sage Gateshead are substantial supporters of our work. Successful fundraising applications has secured money from new funders for 2021/22 from Innox Foundation, Arts Council England, Clothworkers Foundation, Children in Need, Astra Foundation and the Community Renewal Fund.

Investment Policy

As at the 31 March 2022 Youth Focus North East held £85,265 in their Virgin Money instant access account. Two long term investment bonds have been maintained. However, to ensure appropriate liquidity, money is held in the Virgin Money Instant access account, to cover potential short falls in the cash flow. Youth Focus North East currently have investment accounts with Cambridge and Counties and Secure Trust totalling £127,595.

Reserves Policy

As a charity, it is incumbent on the organisation to hold money in reserves, to cover outstanding liabilities and short-term fluctuations in income. Youth Focus North East have divided unrestricted reserves into two funds – designated and general reserves. The designated fund is held to cover organisational liabilities including redundancy and wind up costs. At 31 March 2022 this figure is £66,101. The money which is needed to be held in the designated fund is recalculated on an annual basis. General funds are used to cover any short-term shortfalls in income, to cover staff salaries or project costs, where necessary, and agreed by the trustees. The current figure for 31 March 2022 for our unrestricted reserves is £202,115 (excluding designated funds). Youth Focus North East's ambition for overall unrestricted reserves is to hold between 3 – 6 months of annual operating costs.

Impact of Covid-19

The unforeseen impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had the potential to disable our charity, both financially and operationally. To best mitigate the risks and successfully manage the on-going functions of the organisation, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff team and trustees reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in their assessment and decision making of the situation. In particular, we have tested our cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on the business of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19. With the support of all concerned we have been able to put in place a range of appropriate measures, which have enabled us to mitigate the current adverse conditions. We will continue to assess the situation, and continue to adapt our business based on the latest appropriate advice and guidance.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our current Business Strategy was developed and agreed during the Covid pandemic and is intended to cover the 18–24 month period from June 2021 to May 2023. We will be embarking on the development and production of our next Business Strategy within the 2022/23 financial year.

Our current Impact Measurement Framework was introduced over eight years ago. Whilst it has served a purpose it is now time to review and update the framework. The organisation has changed substantially, especially in the area of direct delivery of youth services and support, during the last eight years and we need a framework and system where we collect appropriate data and accurately evidence and demonstrate our impact.

The updating and improvement to our Impact Framework, including the development of a new Theory of Change, will be integral to the process of producing the next Business Strategy.

In regards to timeframes we are looking at the following:

August 2022 – January 2023

- Review, Revise and Produce a new Theory of Change (TOC). This work to be accompanied by related work focused on measuring, managing and communicating the impact of our work. A new Impact Framework will be produced to capture this.

October 2022 – April 2023

- Undertake business planning process and produce an agreed Strategy to cover the 3-year period (June 2023 - May 2026). This will coincide with the end of the current North East Youth Alliance Funding in May 2025. Also; any longer than 3 years is unrealistic in predicting current PESTLE trends.

We will also be underrating a strategic review of our current Board of Trustees, with a view to recruiting further skills and representation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association on 19 July 2003, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company, it is governed under its Articles of Association. The company registered as a charity on 28 January 2004. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees of the charity are drawn from youth and community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Each trustee is officially appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Our trustees are reappointed on a three year rotational basis. Two trustees resign each year and have the opportunity to be reappointed for another fixed period. The Chair of the Board is nominated from existing members and their appointment to the position takes place at the AGM.

Trustee Induction and Training

Each trustee receives an induction pack on joining the organisation, outlining key structures, policies, procedures and responsibilities. The trustees each have a job description and personal specification, outlining their role as a trustee of the charity. Trustees also attend the Board/staff development day where training and planning is included in the programme.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and review these risks on a regular basis. Some of the risks reviewed include:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment resulting in costs or loss of services
- Sudden loss of funding due to claw back or poor work performance
- Injury to staff and young people engaged in projects
- Significant dispute with staff or staff members leading to legal action
- Not preparing adequately for end of current projects leading to subsequent loss of work or staff
- Not responding effectively to serious safeguarding issues resulting in harm to individuals or others
- Cyber attack into our IT systems accessing or losing data, particularly sensitive information
- We will look at emergencies that affect the running of our organisation

Organisational structure

Youth Focus North East is governed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of professionals from the public and voluntary sector. The interface between strategic and operational management is through regular board meetings, attended by Chief Executive and Office Manager, and separate meetings between the Chair and the Chief Executive. The operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive and the staff team consists of: a Programmes Manager, seven Development Officers, one Youth Support Worker, an Office Manager and three part-time Administration Officers. Youth Focus North East also employs consultants on a contractual basis.

Approved by the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:



K Franks – Chief Executive Officer

Youth Focus North East

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Youth Focus North East For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 15 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

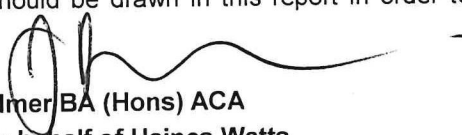
Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.


Donna Bulmer BA (Hons) ACA
For and on behalf of Haines Watts

10 November 2022

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Youth Focus North East

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	4	1,352	-	-	1,352	24,833
Charitable activities	5	94,391	-	762,777	857,168	567,935
Investment income	6	1,578	-	-	1,578	2,678
Other trading activities	7	1,899	-	-	1,899	112
		<u>99,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>762,777</u>	<u>861,997</u>	<u>595,558</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	22,322	-	745,684	768,006	554,101
		<u>22,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>745,684</u>	<u>768,006</u>	<u>554,101</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		76,898	-	17,093	93,991	41,457
Transfers between funds	18	(40,797)	5,719	35,078	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>36,101</u>	<u>5,719</u>	<u>52,171</u>	<u>93,991</u>	<u>41,457</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		166,014	60,382	190,453	416,849	375,392
Total funds carried forward		<u>202,115</u>	<u>66,101</u>	<u>242,624</u>	<u>510,840</u>	<u>416,849</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	14,236	5,298
Current assets			
Investments	14	127,595	166,662
Debtors	15	85,732	53,790
Cash at bank in hand		305,823	222,635
		<u>519,150</u>	<u>443,087</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(22,546)	(31,536)
Net current assets		<u>496,604</u>	<u>411,551</u>
Net assets		<u>510,840</u>	<u>416,849</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
- General fund		202,115	166,014
- Designated funds		66,101	60,382
Restricted funds		242,624	190,453
	18	<u>510,840</u>	<u>416,849</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



M Mason - Treasurer

Company Number: 4838559

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	22	56,402	47,823
Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		1,578	2,678
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(13,859)	-
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		<u>(12,281)</u>	<u>2,678</u>
Net increase/ in cash and cash equivalents		44,121	50,501
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		389,297	338,796
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>433,418</u>	<u>389,297</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		305,823	222,635
Short term investments		127,595	166,662
		<u>433,418</u>	<u>389,297</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1.4 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

Investment income relates to interest earned through holding assets on deposit.

1.5 Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct and support costs incurred in the management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.6 Support cost allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	over the term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1.8 Current asset investments

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with instant access from the date of opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.14 Pensions

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the SoFA.

2. Legal status

Youth Focus North East is a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information in the reference and administration pages of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	4	24,833	-	-	24,833	-
Charitable activities	5	49,256	-	518,679	567,935	657,718
Investments	6	2,678	-	-	2,678	3,308
Other trading activities	7	112	-	-	112	260
		<u>76,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518,679</u>	<u>595,558</u>	<u>661,286</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	59,995	-	494,106	554,101	637,450
		<u>59,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,106</u>	<u>554,101</u>	<u>637,450</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		16,884	-	24,573	41,457	23,836
Transfers between funds	18	2,576	3,819	(6,395)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>19,460</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>18,178</u>	<u>41,457</u>	<u>23,836</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		146,554	56,563	172,275	375,392	351,556
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>166,014</u></u>	<u><u>60,382</u></u>	<u><u>190,453</u></u>	<u><u>416,849</u></u>	<u><u>375,392</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)* For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

4. Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Government grants	1,352	24,833
	<u>1,352</u>	<u>24,833</u>
	<u><u>1,352</u></u>	<u><u>24,833</u></u>

Government grants have been received from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

5. Incoming from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund - NE Youth Alliance	196,852	192,484
Youth Endowment Fund	175,037	24,850
North Ormesby Development Fund	34,344	14,310
Free Spaces Project	7,100	-
Middlesbrough Phil Foundation	7,107	-
Community Foundation	9,996	-
Thorntree	2,500	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Youth Investment Fund	-	1,799
National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities	-	51,230
Co-op Foundation Building Connections Fund: Half A World Away	-	31,260
Co-op Foundation Building Connections Fund: National Resources	31,165	66,667
Co-op Foundation - #iwill Community Spaces Fund	19,625	33,597
National Youth Agency	46,785	32,350
Centre for Youth Impact	-	12,800
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland – Feast of fun	-	8,729
Sport England	-	9,350
Durham Community Foundation	-	9,800
Clothworks Grant	9,200	-
RSBC – Live Life Go Further	8,502	-
Uplift Fund – National Lottery Community	65,945	-
Innox Foundation	25,000	-
Holiday Activity Fund	20,966	-
Kickstart	13,311	-
Virgin Money Foundation	27,266	-
Astra Foundation	32,984	-
Children in Need	21,522	-
Community Renewal Fund	13,085	-
Paul Hamlyn	30,000	-
Other	58,876	78,709
	<u>857,168</u>	<u>567,935</u>
	<u><u>857,168</u></u>	<u><u>567,935</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

6. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,578	2,678
	<u>1,578</u>	<u>2,678</u>

7. Other trading activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising income	1,899	112
	<u>1,899</u>	<u>112</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities			
	Undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	363,861	27,924	391,785	297,947
Direct project costs	296,128	-	296,128	186,557
Travel	8,433	-	8,433	2,917
Training	175	-	175	1,822
Communications	94	-	94	97
Premises costs	59,122	-	59,122	52,107
Depreciation	4,921	-	4,921	7,397
Audit and accountancy fees	-	2,880	2,880	2,880
Printing, postage and stationery	845	-	845	1,024
Other costs	3,623	-	3,623	1,353
	<u>737,202</u>	<u>30,804</u>	<u>768,006</u>	<u>554,101</u>

9. Allocation of support costs

		2022	2021
	Basis of allocation	£	£
Staff costs	Allocation of time	27,924	25,684
Governance costs (note 10)	Invoiced	2,880	2,880
		<u>30,804</u>	<u>28,564</u>

10. Governance costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,880	2,880
	<u>2,880</u>	<u>2,880</u>

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11. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	4,921	7,397
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The total staff costs and employee's benefits was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	353,240	270,059
Social security costs	26,144	17,735
Pension costs	12,401	10,153
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>391,785</u>	<u>297,947</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Direct	30	17
Support	3	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2021 - none).

The charity trustees neither were paid nor received any other benefits from employment in the year (2021 - £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2021 - nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional services or other services supplied to the charity (2021- nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Office Manager. The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel of the charity is £92,211 (2021 - £83,907).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	29,303	39,528	68,831
Additions	-	13,859	13,859
At 31 March 2022	<u>29,303</u>	<u>53,387</u>	<u>82,690</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	28,083	35,450	63,533
Charge for the year	1,220	3,701	4,921
At 31 March 2022	<u>29,303</u>	<u>39,151</u>	<u>68,454</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	-	14,236	14,236
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,220</u>	<u>4,078</u>	<u>5,298</u>

14. Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Short term deposits	127,595	166,662

15. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	34,925	26,968
Other debtors	3,148	2,239
Prepayments and accrued income	47,659	24,583
	<u>85,732</u>	<u>53,790</u>

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,439	2,154
Other creditors	3,372	7,852
Accruals and deferred income	3,735	21,530
	<u>22,546</u>	<u>31,536</u>

17. Pension costs

The scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the pension charge represents the amount payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2022 amount £12,401 (2021 - £10,153).

At the balance sheet date £1,380 (2021 - £2,410) contributions were payable.

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18. Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	At 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	166,014	99,220	(22,322)	(40,797)	202,115
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	60,382	-	-	5,719	66,101
Total unrestricted funds	<u>226,396</u>	<u>99,220</u>	<u>(22,322)</u>	<u>(35,078)</u>	<u>268,216</u>
Restricted funds					
Infrastructure Support	89,140	251,502	(286,545)	2,435	56,532
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	11,012	30,000	(27,513)	2,273	15,772
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	72,508	242,045	(238,303)	15,831	92,081
Direct Delivery – Regional	17,793	239,230	(193,323)	14,539	78,239
Total restricted funds	<u>190,453</u>	<u>762,777</u>	<u>(745,684)</u>	<u>35,078</u>	<u>242,624</u>
Total funds	<u>416,849</u>	<u>861,997</u>	<u>(768,006)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,840</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	At 1 April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	146,554	76,879	(59,995)	2,576	166,014
Designated funds:					
Redundancy fund	56,563	-	-	3,819	60,382
Total unrestricted funds	<u>203,117</u>	<u>76,879</u>	<u>(59,995)</u>	<u>6,395</u>	<u>226,396</u>
Restricted funds					
Infrastructure Support	10,814	319,422	(241,096)	-	89,140
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	10,826	31,260	(31,074)	-	11,012
Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough	111,487	159,495	(192,079)	(6,395)	72,508
Direct Delivery – Regional	39,148	8,502	(29,857)	-	17,793
Total restricted funds	<u>172,275</u>	<u>518,679</u>	<u>(494,106)</u>	<u>(6,395)</u>	<u>190,453</u>
Total funds	<u>375,392</u>	<u>595,558</u>	<u>(554,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416,849</u>

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Restricted funds

Infrastructure Support

- Policy and Influencing (influencing policy and practice on behalf of young people and the sector)
- Inform and Support Service Design and Improvement (supporting and delivering workforce development. Collect and disseminate data and research to inform, develop and support the sector)
- Championing (embedding youth voice and leadership across organizations and the sector)
- Capacity Building (enabling and supporting collaboration at a local and regional level)

Direct Delivery - Gateshead

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding areas of Tyne and Wear.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Middlesbrough and the immediate surrounding areas of Tees Valley.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Regional

Providing support to young people and communities across the North East.

- Social Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Redundancy Fund

This is a designated fund created by the trustees to set aside funds for potential redundancy liabilities should projects cease.

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

<i>For the year ended 31 March 2022</i>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	14,236	-	-	14,236
Net current assets/(liabilities)	187,879	66,101	242,624	496,604
	<u>202,115</u>	<u>66,101</u>	<u>242,624</u>	<u>510,840</u>

<i>For the year ended 31 March 2021</i>	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	5,298	-	-	5,298
Net current assets/(liabilities)	160,716	60,382	190,453	411,551
	<u>166,014</u>	<u>60,382</u>	<u>190,453</u>	<u>416,849</u>

20. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the current or prior year.

21. Operating lease commitments

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	6,622	23,468
Interest receivable	-	6,622
	<u>6,622</u>	<u>30,090</u>

22. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the period	93,991	41,457
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(1,578)	(2,678)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,921	7,397
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(31,942)	(1,628)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(8,990)	3,275
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>56,402</u>	<u>47,823</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1101799

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1101799

Company Registration No. 4838559 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The main objective and vision of Youth Focus North East is to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Youth Focus North East exist for the benefit of young people and the organisations which support them. Working together Youth Focus North East, invest in the lives of young people, to create lasting change in their own lives and the communities in which they live. Youth Focus North East is rooted in the values of good youth work.

- Honesty
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

We achieve our vision by delivering a series of activities which include:

- Ensuring that young people in our region are actively involved in the development of policy, projects and practice
- Developing sustainable partnerships and enhancing our networks, to improve practice and share knowledge
- Supporting organisations which provide services to young people in the North East
- Developing and share best practice in youth work and services to young people
- Bringing influence to regional and national policy which affects the lives of young people and the professionals who support them.

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit, particularly youth organisations, youth services and young people in the North East of England. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by Youth Focus North East have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

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Achievements and performance

Never has the role of high-quality youth work been needed more than throughout 2020. The devastating impact of COVID-19 on young people, communities and organisations has been self-evident. However, it is a testament to the hard work, sacrifice, commitment, support and good humour of the staff and trustees here at Youth Focus North East, that has seen us navigate these most challenging, and unprecedented times so successfully. Without the support of our funders, the commitment and expertise of our trustees, the passion and skills of our staff team and the involvement of young people, we would be a much poorer organisation.

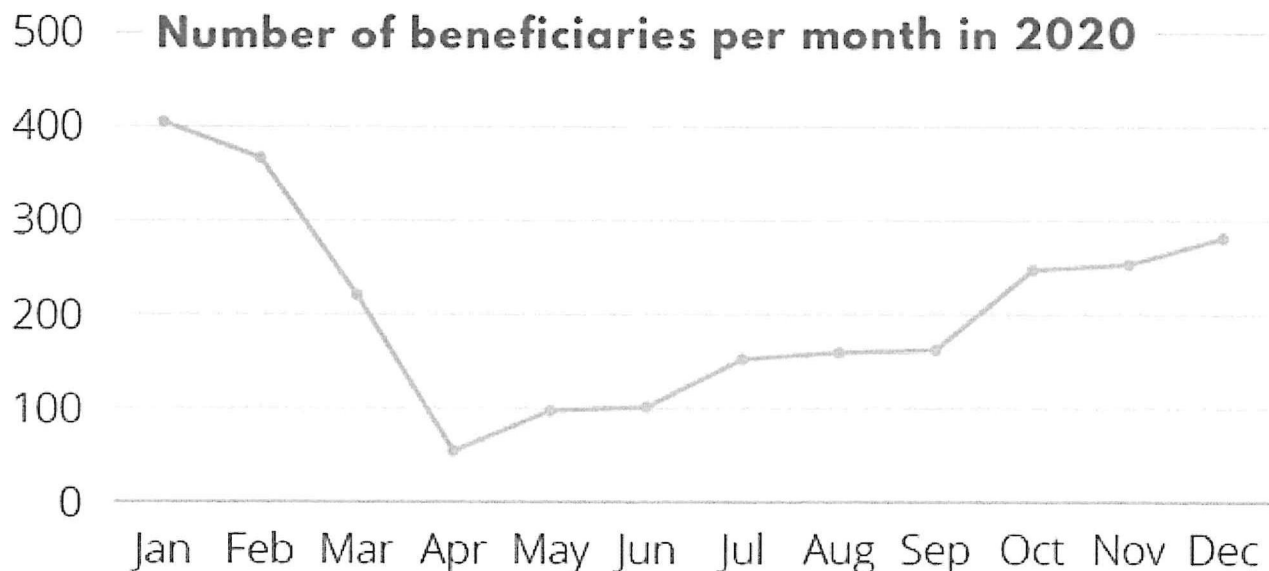
As we reflect on the past year, we can take great pride in our achievements. Our collaboration with NE Youth has resulted in a Five-Year investment from the National Community Lottery Fund to develop a North East Youth Alliance. This Alliance will enable us to provide a range of support at a local and regional level with, and to, the youth sector. Our successful partnership, with Safer Communities secured investment from the Youth Endowment Fund to provide direct support to young people in Middlesbrough through detached and outreach work. Finally, we have a lead role in a National Partnership developing and delivering training, and resources, to support workers and young people to tackle youth isolation and loneliness.

These are just some examples of the achievements of the team, and work, here at Youth Focus North East. This report provides further details and examples of our programmes and projects. However, we could not achieve this on our own. In last year's report I made comment that partnerships and collaborative working would need to be at the forefront of our thinking and delivery moving forward. This is still the case and we look forward to further opportunities to develop work with a range of partners at a local, regional and national level including most importantly young people.

Impact Report

2020 was obviously a year like no other owing to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in a full national lockdown in March 2020, followed by several other periods where possible activities were limited due to enforced changes to our day to day life. Youth Focus North East has adapted to these changes and tailored delivery to respond to this unprecedented situation. During 2020, 1,540 young people across the North East were still able to be beneficiaries to our work. We were able to work with young people from all 12 local authorities in the North East region across a wide range of ages.

The impact of COVID-19 in 2020 cannot be underestimated. However, as the graph below shows, having seen activity drop off in April at the beginning of the pandemic, Youth Focus North East have adapted and saw month on month growth for the remainder of 2020.



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Strategy

During 2020, Youth Focus North East has provided a range of support to the youth sector in the North East. We have provided individual support to organisations and sectoral support to initiatives at a local level.

Centre for Youth Impact - Regional Impact Network

We are proud to lead on the Regional Impact Network for the North East. This network is open to any organisation working with young people in the North East of England that has an interest in developing their impact measurement practice and is supported by the Centre for Youth Impact (CYI). The CYI believes that evaluation, data collection and analysis only have value if practitioners, managers and funders/commissioners are improving their practice – and decisions – as a result of what they are learning. The network is where individuals gain the skills and confidence to do this because approaches to impact measurement should be determined collectively with peer support and challenge. As part of our work with the CYI we are one of three regional leads for the pilot of the Enterprise Development Programme (EDP), a five-year £40m programme funded by Access - The Foundation for Social Investment. The programme provides a broad range of support and guidance to youth organisations, helping them make a transition to new enterprise models, or grow existing ones, in order to build their organisational resilience by diversifying their income streams.

Co-op Foundation: Building Connections Fund - National Resources: To provide support to tackle Youth Loneliness

Youth Focus North East was commissioned in 2019 by the Co-op Foundation, through its Building Connections Fund, to lead the development of resources for workers across the country to use to help young people tackle youth loneliness and isolation. Around this work we have developed the National Youth Partnership - comprising of ourselves, Youth Focus North West, Yorkshire and Humber Youth Work Unit, the National Youth Agency, Youth Focus West Midlands, Partnership for Young London, and Youth Focus South West C.I.C. The funding has enabled us to develop a range of resources to help workers understand and then respond to an issue that can be sensitive and difficult for young people to talk about and begin to tackle. We have created the Tackling Youth Loneliness website (www.tacklingyouthloneliness.org.uk) that brings together a wealth of research and data about the issue, along with suggestions on ways to raise awareness and provide support. We have developed a sense-check toolkit for organisations to consider where they are at in terms of responding effectively to youth loneliness and isolation, as well as providing a one-day training course to help professionals explore the issues around this topic. Bespoke packages for themed areas of work covering homelessness, Young Carers and LGBTQ have been produced and shared on the website.

Erasmus+ - Youth Voice Project

A European Union funded Erasmus project, Youth Voice is bringing together three leading youth organisations in England - Royal Society for Blind Children, Youth Focus North East and Essex Boys and Girls Club - who work with young people from across the country with the aim of getting their voices heard in a meaningful way. There have been a number of events throughout the year, which enabled young people to meet with influencers and decision makers from a range of sectors to discuss their views on the things that matter to young people today. The aim of the project is to influence change through young people: building and increasing their confidence, communication, decision making and influencing skills; having a greater knowledge of local services and the decision making processes that regulate them; and having a greater awareness of the processes and structures to effect change.

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Department of Digital; Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) – Young Inspectors and Youth Policy

This work forms part of the Government's Civil Society Strategy. The Strategy includes a section on involving young people in policy design, which involves: A Civil Society Youth Steering Group set up within the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to oversee the development and implementation of policies affecting young people including the plans set out in the Civil Society Strategy. A National Young Inspectors Group involves young people directly and meaningfully in the commissioning, monitoring and evaluation of national programmes affecting young people.

Youth Focus North East, Youth Focus North West and Regional Youth Work Unit Yorkshire & Humber have led on the establishment of the National Young Inspectors Group. As part of the development of the programme young people have been trained to inspect services and provide feedback on their work on involving young people. A framework to support the delivery of youth led inspections has been produced as part of this programme. It is written for any organisation or individuals who are interested in setting up youth led inspections as a method of youth participation. The aim of the document is to provide a broad set of guidance principles to help improve the quality and impact of youth led inspection.

National Youth Agency: Youth Work Bursary Fund

Youth Focus North East are pleased to be working in partnership with the National Youth Agency (NYA) to deliver the Youth Worker Bursary Fund programme. This is a national initiative to open up career pathways in youth work. The purpose of the Bursary Fund is to provide financial assistance to those undertaking approved qualifications in Youth Work, by providing funded places for those individuals who would otherwise experience financial difficulties in accessing Youth Worker qualifications.

During 2020 we were able to provide assistance to Gateshead Learning and Skills and Corbridge Youth Initiative to deliver a Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice to 10 Learners. The Bursary Fund also enabled us to build capacity within the region's sector to deliver a Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice. This involved the training of tutors, assessors and quality assurers for the course. The course was designed to give both an understanding of key youth work theory and principles and practical skills to enable learners to work more effectively with young people. Even though we were faced with the challenges that COVID-19 provided in relation to face to face teaching, we were delighted that all 21 learners successfully completed the award.

Direct Delivery

Virgin Money Foundation - # iwill Take Action Fund

This is a three year funded project supported by Virgin Money Foundation. Young people developed and delivered 50 local challenges in 50 communities across the North East. Each project looked to link people together through social action, which focused on the environment, health or culture. Youth Focus North East staff support them to decide on a project and then develop and deliver something that makes a positive difference to their own community. We have seen social action projects delivered in areas ranging from Seghill on the Northumberland/Tyne and Wear border to Middlesbrough, and from Pelton Fell in County Durham to Stepney Bank in Byker. These social action projects are not only fun, they also help develop confidence, reduce isolation and foster positive relationships within the community.

National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities - Our Community Matters

Our Community Matters, funded by the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund, is a programme designed to address isolation and loneliness. We designed a series of 'wellbeing challenges' for intergenerational groups – young people aged between 13 to 25 working with groups of people aged 50 and over to develop and deliver community events and activities to increase wellbeing and improve community cohesion. Understanding between the different groups improved and real friendships formed as a result of connections made through the project. We worked in partnership with Tees Valley Rural Action, which enabled us to work in a number of isolated rural villages across the Tees Valley. We were also able to bring together groups from urban and rural areas of Darlington. A key part of the programme was the development of our Talking Head Squad, a group of young people who have each participated in projects throughout the year and who helped to plan, design and deliver a fantastic Celebration Event.

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Co-op Foundation: # iwill Fund - Big Days

In its final year of delivery, funded by the Co-op Foundation, our Big Days programme focused on increasing awareness of youth loneliness and isolation. The 'big days' our work focused on are the key days of the year - such as Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day and school events; times when being alone and lonely, when it seems like others are surrounded by a community, can be particularly impactful. Big Days is led by a steering group of young people who plan and deliver social action projects around these significant days of the year to combat loneliness and isolation in both young and old. Getting involved in this programme helps young people reduce their own feelings of isolation and loneliness and develops their empathy for others in similar situations. The planning group have worked with a number of groups and community organisations in order to organise events, among them Age UK Gateshead, local veterans' groups, Newcastle Young Adult Carers Group, Walker Riverside Academy and Bostey Girls Group.

Co-op Foundation: Building Connections Fund - Half a World Away

Half a World Away is about the links we can create between two different worlds, helping young people to build connections so that they can explore what they have in common, as well as the ways in which their lives are different. This project, funded by the Co-op Foundation, focused on loneliness and isolation from the point of view of young people from both urban and rural communities across the North East. We brought together young people from these areas, who were either unemployed or at risk of unemployment, to share a deeper understanding of what it is to be lonely and unemployed in rural and urban settings and to use this link to share learning and develop practical, preventative solutions. Young people have come together to develop ideas to tackle some of the issues they have raised in sessions, as well as taking these ideas into communities to raise awareness.

Heritage Lottery Fund - City Roots

City Roots offers young people a fresh approach to exploring heritage, putting them in control, deciding which local landmarks, stories and buildings are important to them. Young people tell the story of their area in a way they want it to be heard. City Roots focuses on bringing heritage to life in a way that makes sense to young people. The project is focused on the geographical areas that surround the West Road in the West of Newcastle and Shields Road in the East End.

Co-op Foundation - # iwill Community Spaces

The funding from the Co-op spaces programme has made a fundamental difference to the young people of Pallister Park, Middlesbrough. The community space was previously only used by adults, but now has an increased community involvement with young people at the centre of this work. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have delivered a blend of online and face to face delivery with young people, supporting them to design, develop and deliver their own social action projects. A number of themes were identified during our first year of delivery which included; environmental, community safety, culture, health and wellbeing. However, these were just some of the many ideas that young people have already come up with and there will be more developed through the work of the core advisory group as this project grows during 2021.

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National Lottery Community Fund: Partnership England Wide - North East Youth Alliance

Youth Focus North East is the lead body for the North East Youth Alliance (NEYA). The NEYA has been created to support the development and sustainability of the people and the organisations working to improve the lives of young people across the region. Its ambition is to support a culture shift across the sector - to get people in the youth and community sector thinking and working differently, supporting organisations to develop ground-up local partnerships/alliances, supporting meaningful workforce development and increasing the influence of young people's voices. We began working in partnership with NE Youth to develop and deliver a five-year programme of work, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund. The goal is: Improved youth services through collaboration.

The NEYA was formally launched in June 2020. Following the launch, we undertook a number of information sessions with a wide range of people from across the region featuring a mix of presentations on the aims and objectives of the Alliance and question and answer sessions.

Partnership for Young London

This is a youth-led initiative exploring how young people from different social groups and different regions of the UK define their identities. As part of a partnership with the Regional Network of Youth Work Units funded via Paul Hamlyn Youth Fund, Partnership for Young London act as the lead organisation. This is a pilot project to establish our partnership, develop our research methodology and design a four-year project on the theme of 'Identity' with young people. Young people will undertake research in each region and using multi-media approaches explore the ways in which they express who they are and how they want to be represented. The focus will be on structural inequalities, the impact of power and privilege, stereotyping and its interplay in young people's lives.

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Youth Endowment Fund - Positive Pathways

The aim of the Positive Pathways project is to deter young people from anti-social and criminal behaviors, to enable them to learn new skills, understand their own ability and help them make well-informed choices. We worked with young people to help with building confidence and self-esteem, create a sense of purpose, to develop critical thinking and self-control and build awareness of issues relating to gang and knife crime. The project began in 2020 by developing and delivering a range of pop-up activities – sports, music, social action, one-to-one sessions, group work and health and wellbeing projects as an approach to exploring behaviour and raising aspirations beyond gang and crime culture. Positive Pathways is a 12-month programme, to be delivered at times and in locations such as parks, shopping centres and on the streets to suit the young people with who we work.

County Durham Community Foundation – Pop N Drop

Pop N Drop is a pop up youth space that ran weekly in Park End, East Middlesbrough. At Pop N Drop, Youth Focus North East offered a range of activities that young people could get involved in a safe space. Activities included: sport, food, issue-based workshops and STEM. Youth Focus North East worked with a range of partners to provide young people with a range of opportunities. With funding from County Durham Community Fund, we have been able to move our sessions online during the year. We have delivered activity packs to young people and offered an online session for young people to join in.

Sport England

This project delivers sessions of structured sporting activities to improve the mental health and lifestyles of young people in Pallister Park, Middlesbrough. Sporting activities enhance the work that Youth Focus North East are currently delivering in themed sessions around personal challenges young people may face, including deprivation, mental health, employability and risk taking behaviour.

Catalyst and the National Lottery Community Fund

Organisations were supported over a four-week period by a Digital Partner and a grant, to understand their needs and behaviours of their communities and how digital, data and design could best support them with the challenge outlined in their application form and also offering guidance on how to share this with their networks. At the end of the four-week sprint, we expected them to have an understanding of the next steps needed to support themselves in addressing their challenge. They would have developed an outline brief or a next steps report for your digital project, supported by discovery and preliminary user research.

North Ormesby Big Local

In November 2020 Youth Focus North East began a detached programme Positive Pathways as part of the Big Local project in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. In a very short amount of time a range of engagement activities were implemented to ensure we reached as many young people as possible. Activities have included: Sports in multi-use games areas, fitness sessions, arts and crafts, online cookery classes and COVID-secure doorstep catch ups. A big positive point is these sessions have seen a high take up amongst young males. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic young males were the group that engaged the least in this kind of provision in North Ormesby.

Financial review

Income of £595,558 (2020 - £661,286) has been generated during the year, £518,679 (2020 - £505,286) relates to restricted funds. An operating surplus of £41,457 (2020 - £23,836) is shown on the Statement of Financial Activities. Within the overall result was a surplus on restricted funds of £18,178 (2020 - £14,878).

The fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021 show a total of £416,849 (2020 - £375,392). Of these funds £190,453 (2020 - £172,275) are restricted funds.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Reserves policy

As a charity, it is incumbent on the organisation to hold money in reserves, to cover outstanding liabilities and short term fluctuations in income. Youth Focus North East have divided unrestricted reserves into two funds - designated and general reserves. The designated fund is held to cover organisational liabilities including redundancy and wind up costs, at 31 March 2021 this figure is £60,382. The money which is needed to be held in the designated fund is recalculated on an annual basis. General funds are used to cover any short term shortfalls in income, to cover staff salaries or project costs, where necessary and agreed by the trustees. Youth Focus North East's ambition for overall reserves is to hold between 3 - 6 months of annual income. Free reserves at 31 March 2021 is £160,716 (excluding designated funds).

Principal funding sources

Youth Focus North East is funded from a variety of sources including charitable trusts and foundations, public sector funding and earned income. Over a number of years, we have built up a very strong relationship with the Co-op Foundation, who are supporting a number of our programmes on youth loneliness - Big Days, Half a World Away and the National Resources programme and our three year programme in Tees Valley - # iwill Community Spaces. The National Lottery Community Fund are a very significant funding partner for our organisation who are funding or part funding Our Community Matters and also this financial year a five year programme to develop the North East Youth Alliance. The Virgin Money Foundation are a substantial supporter of our work, funding our # iwill Local Challenges programme. Successful partnership work in Tees Valley with Safer Communities has secured funding with the Youth Endowment Fund and the North Ormesby Big Local.

Impact of Covid-19

The unforeseen impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had the potential to disrupt our charity, both financially and operationally. To best mitigate the risks and successfully manage the on-going functions of the organisation, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff team and trustees reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in their assessment and decision making of the situation. In particular, we have tested our cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on the business of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19. With the support of all concerned we have been able to put in place a range of appropriate measures, which have enabled us to mitigate the current adverse conditions. We will continue to assess the situation and moving forward continue to adopt our business based on the latest appropriate advice and guidance.

Investment policy

Youth Focus North East currently holds £85,122 in their Virgin Money instant access account. One long term investment bond account has been maintained, however, to ensure appropriate liquidity and to keep within the appropriate FSCS, money is held in accounts with Virgin Money, Aldermore, Saffron Building Society and Redwood Bank, to cover potential short falls in the cash flow. Youth Focus North East currently have investment accounts with Cambridge and Counties and Secure Trust totalling £81,511.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and review these risks on a regular basis. Some of the risks reviewed include:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment resulting in costs or loss of services
- Sudden loss of funding due to claw back or poor work performance
- Injury to staff and young people engaged in projects
- Significant dispute with staff or staff members leading to legal action
- Not preparing adequately for end of current projects leading to subsequent loss of work or staff
- Not responding effectively to serious safeguarding issues resulting in harm to individuals or others
- Cyber-attack into our IT systems accessing or losing data, particularly sensitive information
- National emergencies that affect the running of our organisation.

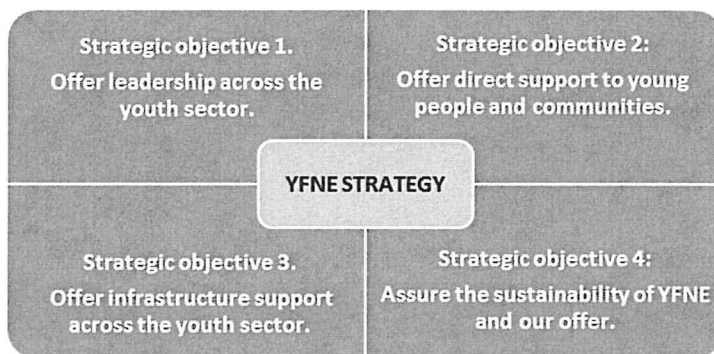
YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Plans for the future

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic we were working towards launching a new five-year strategy in Spring 2020. Given the uncertainties around how the country will emerge from the pandemic, we believe it was prudent to put a hold on this and to look only eighteen months into the future. We will therefore develop and launch a strategy that will take us to the end of the calendar year 2022. Our organisation must be prepared to respond and engage with new opportunities and challenges that will be facing our sector over the immediate future and beyond. We need to ensure that we are flexible and responsive, whilst retaining our core values and principles. This will require a clear vision and strategy for success. This will include:

There are four broad strategic objectives that shape our thinking about Youth Focus North East's future and bring the strategy to life.



Each of the four strategic objectives have been designed to complement each other and to provide a coherent overall forward strategy to sustain, develop and grow the work of the organisation in supporting young people directly and the sector collectively in their work with young people.

A key development in our future plans is the re-location of our Gateshead Offices. Whilst the cost saving on rental is significant in comparison to our current site, more importantly the opportunities to replicate our successful Middlesbrough Community Provision are considerable.

We will be undertaking a review of our current Impact Measurement Framework to take account of our own learning and new knowledge emerging across the sector in regards to data and outcomes collection and monitoring.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association on 19 July 2003, which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. The company registered as a charity on 28 January 2004. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

K M Marshall
N Tullock
J K Golightly
E C Vasey
T C Adams
M Mason
M F Bagnall
D Hesselberth
H Blair
P Stout

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees of the charity are drawn from youth and community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Each trustee is officially appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Our trustees are reappointed on a three-year rotational basis. Two trustees resign each year and have the opportunity to be reappointed for another fixed period. The Chair of the Board is nominated from existing members and their appointment to the position takes place at the AGM.

Organisational structure

Youth Focus North East is governed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of professionals from the public and voluntary sector. The interface between strategic and operational management is through regular board meetings, attended by Chief Executive and Office Manager, and separate meetings between the Chair and the Chief Executive. The operational management is overseen by the Chief Executive and the staff team consists of: a Programmes Manager, seven Development Officers, one Youth Support Worker, an Office Manager and three part-time Administration Officers. Youth Focus North East also employs consultants on a contractual basis.

Trustee induction and training

Each trustee receives an induction pack on joining the organisation, outlining key structures, policies, procedures and responsibilities. The trustees each have a job description and personal specification, outlining their role as a trustee of the charity. Trustees also attend the Board/staff development day where training and planning is included in the programme.

Remuneration policy

Senior staff salaries are bench marked across other organisations in the sector of a similar size and scope.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Mason

Trustee

Dated: 05.08.21

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Youth Focus North East (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Gillian Benjamin ACA
For and on behalf of Haines Watts

17 Queens Lane
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 1RN

Dated: 11/9/2021

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	24,833	-	-	24,833	-
Charitable activities	3	49,256	-	518,679	567,935	657,718
Other trading activities	4	112	-	-	112	260
Investments	5	2,678	-	-	2,678	3,308
Total income		<u>76,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518,679</u>	<u>595,558</u>	<u>661,286</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	59,995	-	494,106	554,101	637,450
Net incoming resources before transfers		<u>16,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,573</u>	<u>41,457</u>	<u>23,836</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>2,576</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>(6,395)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>19,460</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>18,178</u>	<u>41,457</u>	<u>23,836</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		<u>146,554</u>	<u>56,563</u>	<u>172,275</u>	<u>375,392</u>	<u>351,556</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>166,014</u></u>	<u><u>60,382</u></u>	<u><u>190,453</u></u>	<u><u>416,849</u></u>	<u><u>375,392</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	152,432	-	505,286	657,718
Other trading activities	4	260	-	-	260
Investments	5	3,308	-	-	3,308
Total income		156,000	-	505,286	661,286
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	147,574	-	489,876	637,450
Net incoming resources before transfers		8,426	-	15,410	23,836
Gross transfers between funds		23,263	(22,731)	(532)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		31,689	(22,731)	14,878	23,836
Fund balances at 1 April 2019		114,865	79,294	157,397	351,556
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		146,554	56,563	172,275	375,392

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		5,298		12,695
Current assets					
Debtors	12	53,790		52,162	
Investments		166,662		170,570	
Cash at bank and in hand		222,635		168,226	
		<u>443,087</u>		<u>390,958</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(31,536)		(28,261)	
Net current assets			411,551		362,697
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>416,849</u>		<u>375,392</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		190,453		172,275
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	60,382		56,563	
General unrestricted funds		166,014		146,554	
		<u>226,396</u>		<u>203,117</u>	
			<u>416,849</u>		<u>375,392</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

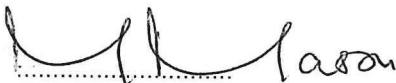
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 05.08.21



M Mason
Trustee

Company Registration No. 4838559

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	21		47,823		(12,187)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,023)	
Investment income received		2,678		3,308	
Net cash generated from investing activities					
			2,678		2,285
Net cash used in financing activities					
			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents					
			50,501		(9,902)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year					
			338,796		348,698
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year					
			389,297		338,796
Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			222,635		168,226
Short term deposits included in current asset investments			166,662		170,570

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Youth Focus North East is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 21 Liddell Terrace, Bensham, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 1YN. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have tested their cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on their business of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, alongside the measures that they can take to mitigate the impact. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

Investment income is interest earned on monies held on deposit.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct and support costs incurred in the management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	over the term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computers	33.3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Government grants	24,833	-

Government grants have been received from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3 Charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Performance related grants	567,935	657,718
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	49,256	152,432
Restricted funds	518,679	505,286
	<u>567,935</u>	<u>657,718</u>
Performance related grants		
National Lottery Community Fund - Youth Investment Fund	1,799	176,298
Virgin Money Foundation - #iwill Take Action Fund	-	50,427
National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities	51,230	97,883
Co-op Foundation - #iwill Fund - Big Days	-	35,000
Co-op Foundation Building Connections Fund: Half A World Away	31,260	38,740
Heritage Lottery Fund - City Roots	-	20,000
Thirteen	-	18,500
Co-op Foundation Building Connections Fund: National Resources	66,667	66,667
Co-op Foundation - #iwill Community Spaces Fund	33,597	34,978
National Youth Agency	32,350	26,100
National Lottery Community Fund - North East Youth Alliance	192,484	-
Youth Endowment Fund	24,850	-
North Ormesby Development Fund	14,310	-
Centre for Youth Impact	12,800	6,200
County Durham Community Foundation	9,800	-
Together Middlesborough & Cleveland - Feast of fun	8,729	4,293
National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All - Talkit	-	9,736
Other	88,059	72,896
	<u>567,935</u>	<u>657,718</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Fundraising events	112	-
Room hire	-	260
Other trading activities	<u>112</u>	<u>260</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Interest receivable	<u>2,678</u>	<u>3,308</u>

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6 Charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	272,263	337,098
Depreciation and impairment	7,397	8,136
Direct project costs	186,557	148,514
Travel	2,917	19,460
Training	1,822	2,105
Communications	97	5,968
Premises costs	52,107	70,519
Postage, printing and stationary	1,024	7,438
Other costs	1,353	4,588
	<u>525,537</u>	<u>603,826</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	25,684	30,744
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	2,880	2,880
	<u>554,101</u>	<u>637,450</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	59,995	147,574
Restricted funds	494,106	489,876
	<u>554,101</u>	<u>637,450</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Staff costs	25,684	-	25,684	30,744	-	30,744
Legal and professional	-	2,880	2,880	-	2,880	2,880
	<u>25,684</u>	<u>2,880</u>	<u>28,564</u>	<u>30,744</u>	<u>2,880</u>	<u>33,624</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>25,684</u>	<u>2,880</u>	<u>28,564</u>	<u>30,744</u>	<u>2,880</u>	<u>33,624</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £2,880 (2020-£2,880) for the independent examination.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

8	Net movement in funds	2021	2020
		£	£
	Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	7,397	8,136
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Direct	17	15
Support	3	4
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	20	19
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	270,059	331,486
Social security costs	17,735	23,235
Other pension costs	10,153	13,121
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	297,947	367,842
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Office Manager. The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel of the charity is £107,460 (2020 - £107,881).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	29,303	8,005	31,523	68,831
At 31 March 2021	29,303	8,005	31,523	68,831
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	23,199	4,631	28,306	56,136
Depreciation charged in the year	4,884	491	2,022	7,397
At 31 March 2021	28,083	5,122	30,328	63,533
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	1,220	2,883	1,195	5,298
At 31 March 2020	6,104	3,374	3,217	12,695

12 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	26,968	14,375
Other debtors	2,239	35,443
Prepayments and accrued income	24,583	2,344
	53,790	52,162

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Deferred income	14	18,507	-
Trade creditors		2,154	13,362
Other creditors		7,852	1,956
Accruals		3,023	12,943
		31,536	28,261

14 Deferred income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other deferred income	18,507	-

YOUTH FOCUS NORTH EAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,153 (2020 - £13,121).

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	£
Infrastructure Support	10,814	319,422	(241,096)	-	89,140
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	10,826	31,260	(31,074)	-	11,012
Direct Delivery - Middlesborough	111,487	159,495	(192,079)	(6,395)	72,508
Direct Delivery - Regional	39,148	8,502	(29,857)	-	17,793
	<u>172,275</u>	<u>518,679</u>	<u>(494,106)</u>	<u>6,395</u>	<u>190,453</u>

Prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	£
Infrastructure Support	-	32,300	(21,132)	(354)	10,814
Direct Delivery - Gateshead	34,123	58,740	(82,037)	-	10,826
Direct Delivery - Middlesborough	86,713	354,083	(329,131)	(178)	111,487
Direct Delivery - Regional	36,561	60,163	(57,576)	-	39,148
	<u>157,397</u>	<u>505,286</u>	<u>(489,876)</u>	<u>(532)</u>	<u>172,275</u>

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16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Infrastructure Support

- Policy and Influencing (influencing policy and practice on behalf of young people and the sector)
- Inform and Support Service Design and Improvement (supporting and delivering workforce development. Collect and disseminate data and research to inform, develop and support the sector)
- Championing (embedding youth voice and leadership across organizations and the sector)
- Capacity Building (enabling and supporting collaboration at a local and regional level)

Direct Delivery – Gateshead

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding areas of Tyne and Wear.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Middlesbrough

Providing direct delivery work to support young people and communities in Middlesbrough and the immediate surrounding areas of Tees Valley.

- Social Action
- Open Access/Detached Provision
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

Direct Delivery – Regional

Providing support to young people and communities across the North East.

- Social Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Youth Voice
- Skills Development

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

Current year

	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2021 £
	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Contingency fund	56,563	-	-	3,819	60,382
	<u>56,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>60,382</u>
	<u><u>56,563</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,819</u></u>	<u><u>60,382</u></u>

Prior year

	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2020 £
	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Contingency fund	79,294	-	-	(22,731)	56,563
	<u>79,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,731)</u>	<u>56,563</u>
	<u><u>79,294</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(22,731)</u></u>	<u><u>56,563</u></u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	5,298	-	-	5,298
Current assets/(liabilities)	160,716	60,382	190,453	411,551
	<u>166,014</u>	<u>60,382</u>	<u>190,453</u>	<u>416,849</u>

Prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Designated funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	12,695	-	-	12,695
Current assets/(liabilities)	133,859	56,563	172,275	362,697
	<u>146,554</u>	<u>56,563</u>	<u>172,275</u>	<u>375,392</u>

19 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	23,468	28,468
Between two and five years	6,622	6,622
	<u>30,090</u>	<u>35,090</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

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21	Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
	Surplus for the year	41,457	23,836
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,678)	(3,308)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	7,397	8,136
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(1,628)	(41,669)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(15,232)	818
	Increase in deferred income	18,507	-
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>47,823</u>	<u>(12,187)</u>
22	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		