

# Canvas

England & Wales · Charity number 1138522

## Details

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**Other names** CANVAS (BIRMINGHAM), CANVAS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2010-10-22

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 4.THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN BIRMINGHAM AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY.

**Activities:** The trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by acting as a church primarily for the student population and operating various community outreach projects in Birmingham and Nottingham.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BIRMINGHAM.
- Birmingham City
- Nottingham City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£169,840	£158,780	-	-
2024-06-30	£140,408	£139,962	-	-
2023-06-30	£122,975	£133,799	-	-
2022-06-30	£129,477	£126,758	-	-
2021-06-30	£88,074	£86,049	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Emma Woods</b>	Chair	2023-04-24
Aimee Gatting		2023-04-24
Christophe Charbonneau-Freeston		2025-05-01
Miles Costello		2023-04-24
Thomas Edward Gallant		2021-11-08

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Year ended 30 June 2025

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**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	3A Teignmouth Road Birmingham B29 7BA
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation Conversion Dated 18 Jun 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1138522
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Ashley Dukart (resigned Oct 24) Thomas Gallant Vanessa Vogt (resigned Nov 25) Emma Woods Miles Costello Aimee Gatting Christophe Charbonneau-Freeston (appointed May 2025)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**CANVAS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 June 2025.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document are: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Birmingham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objectives and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows: Throughout the 2024-25 academic year, Canvas continued to work towards its mission in both Birmingham and Nottingham. The principal aim of the charity is to advance the Christian faith by bringing New Testament concepts of the church into the 21st century in a university student environment. The charity provides space for students to experience real community, figure out life & faith together, and bring a bit more love to their local area. Both locations have a building, which is a home-away-from-home where students can drop by for free tea and coffee, play games, or complete university work throughout the week. We are a diverse community where anyone is welcome and can belong, regardless of religion, ethnicity, background, sexuality, and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

**Birmingham**

The Canvas Birmingham community was around sixty students fostered by six staff members.

In Birmingham, our theme for the year was serve. We had 5 students volunteer as 'Student Leaders' where they had the opportunity to help shape the culture of Canvas, serve the community and explore faith with their own autonomy whilst also being challenged to grow. The student leaders were mentored by Canvas staff members by meeting with them weekly, having intentional conversation and checking in with them about life and faith, family, uni, relationships, mental health and more.

We had our regular events at Canvas which were:

- Free hotdogs - for students to come into the Canvas house and get to know others in the community
- Free tea and coffee - out on the street to meet students, provide them with a hot beverage and advertise before big events
- Thursday dinner - sit down dinner and a talk on life and faith from the Canvas staff, followed by dessert and board games until late

The house was also open Monday - Thursday for students to come by and study, chat, play a boardgame; whatever they needed the most.

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We also did monthly service projects to serve the community which included litter picking, Operation Christmas Child boxes, Baby bank, food bank.

We also had small groups on the go which included:

- Discovery Bible studies - reading the Bible and discovering Jesus together
- Baking - join others in baking as a way to bond and have fun together and provide a tasty treat for the community
- West Midlands Wanderers - exploring the great outdoors around Birmingham
- Service projects - serving others in the community through litter picks, Operation Christmas Child, food drives, baby banks

Our big events of the year were a Weekend Away in February and Banquet of Year's End in the summer. At the Weekend away, we took 35 students to Bromsgrove for the opportunity to bond as a community, get out of Birmingham and have some fun and share discussions on life and faith. The Banquet of Year's End was a great way to finish the year and for students to make memories and reflect on their time at Canvas and University.

### **Nottingham**

The Canvas Nottingham community was around sixty members fostered by four staff members.

In Nottingham, one of the primary goals of the year was to provide spaces for students to go deeper. We wanted to provide intentional spaces for people to explore faith in Jesus and share from their own thoughts and experiences. To facilitate this desire, we brought a post-talk discussion group. Every week, after the talk, two staff members would head downstairs, and anywhere from four to twelve students would come and share their thoughts.

We had regular events at Nottingham, including:

- Free Dinner: On Tuesday nights, we would host 30-40 students for free dinner. After serving dinner to everyone, a staff member would give a talk on faith, and afterwards, there would be an optional discussion downstairs. Canvas would stay open until 10 for people to hang out and play games.
- Treat Thursday: Every Thursday, a staff member would bake something for the community. The baked goods were a tremendous draw for students. We would average twenty students on Thursday afternoons.
- In addition to our weekly events, Canvas Nottingham would be open Monday-Thursday afternoon for free tea, coffee, and internet. Some students would use Canvas as a study space while other students would spend the afternoons playing board games.

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We would also spend time with students in other ways:

- We had an Alpha course in the summer term for students exploring faith.
- Host students at our home in order to practice hospitality and provide a homecooked meal.
- Have bi-weekly one-on-one meetings where students could be checked in personally, and given the opportunity to explore faith in a deeper way.
- On off-events like a murder mystery for people to connect at Canvas

The Big Events of the Canvas year included:

- Saturday at Canvas → In early November, we open Canvas for an entire Saturday. This provides space for deeper relationships to form as there is an expanded space. We had thirty people attend it.
- Thanksgiving Dinner → We cook an American-style Thanksgiving dinner (instead of having our weekly Tuesday night event). 64 students went to this.
- Weekend Away → We went off to the Yorkshire countryside for a weekend away, where we had an extended talk on forgiveness and a panel where a couple of members of our community talked about their relationship with their family. We had fifteen students attend the weekend away.
- End of the Year Celebration → We have a night where we are able to celebrate all the students for their hard work through the year. Again, one of the most popular weeks of the year.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £29,434, to £169,842, and expenditure increased by £18,816, to £158,778. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £11,064, to £43,305 of which £43,023 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

**Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at a sufficient level to maintain the charity's operations which does not need to be substantial due to the level of commitment from its supporter network. At year end the charity has approximately three months equivalent expenditure in free cash reserves £43,023 (2024: £31,959)

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy, for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by the team leaders/managers of both the Birmingham and Nottingham locations. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

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**Risk statement**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*TGallant*

[TGallant \(Mar 31, 2026 10:13:51 GMT+1\)](#)

Thomas Gallant

Date: Mar 31, 2026

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### CANVAS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Canvas ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025 on pages 7 to 9 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin  
Sarah Crispin (Apr 1, 2026 14:27:43 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Apr 1, 2026

**CANVAS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>					
Donations		169,231	-	169,231	138,270
Income from courses and events		450	-	450	2,070
Interest income		161	-	161	68
		<u>169,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,842</u>	<u>140,408</u>
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<u>169,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,842</u>	<u>140,408</u>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	158,781	-	158,781	139,962
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<u>158,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,781</u>	<u>139,962</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		11,061	-	11,061	446
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>11,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,061</u>	<u>446</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		31,959	282	32,241	31,795
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>43,020</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>43,302</u>	<u>32,241</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access		42,695	282	42,977	31,233
Petty cash		325	-	325	1,008
		<u>43,020</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>43,302</u>	<u>32,241</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity		-	-	-	73
Rent Deposits		3,725	-	3,725	3,725
Council tax refunded		9,175	-	9,175	-
		<u>12,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,900</u>	<u>3,798</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination		1,386	-	1,386	1,320
Salary due		-	-	-	1,884
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>3,204</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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

*TGallant*

TGallant (Mar 31, 2026 10:13:51 GMT+1)

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Thomas Gallant

Mar 31, 2026

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANVAS**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Outreach Activities	14,247	-	14,247	17,958
Staff costs	91,372	-	91,372	69,742
Team retreat, meetings and expenses	5,857	-	5,857	7,055
Rent	23,450	-	23,450	21,883
Equipment and refurbishment	675	-	675	864
Travel	1,758	-	1,758	1,263
Exchange Student costs	606	-	606	928
Independent examiner's fees	1,320	-	1,320	1,260
Office running costs & professional fees	19,322	-	19,322	18,821
Governance costs incl legal fees	174	-	174	188
	<u>158,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,781</u>	<u>139,962</u>

**3 Transactions with related parties**

T Gallant served as Birmingham Team Leader and was paid £24,258 (2024: £22,225) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document. J Gallant is the spouse of T Gallant and was paid £24,258 (2024: £22,225) during the year.

**4 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	31,959	169,842	(158,781)	-	43,020
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>32,241</u>	<u>169,842</u>	<u>(158,781)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,302</u>

The restricted fund balance is to be used towards scholarships for students to be able to go on our bi-annual weekend retreat in March.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

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**In Birmingham**, our themes for the year were team surrender and student connection. We had 6 students volunteer as 'Student Leaders' where they had the opportunity to help shape the culture of Canvas, serve the community and explore faith on their own terms. The student leaders were mentored by Canvas staff members by meeting with them weekly, having intentional conversation and checking in with them about life and faith, family, uni, relationships, mental health and more.

We had our regular events at Canvas which were:

- Tuesday lunch - free hotdog for students to come into the Canvas house and get to know others in the community
- Thursday dinner - sit down dinner and a talk on life and faith from the Canvas staff, followed by dessert and board games until late

The house was also open Monday - Thursday for students to come by and study, chat, play a boardgame; whatever they needed the most.

We also did monthly service projects to serve the community which included litter picking, Operation Christmas Child boxes, Baby bank, food bank.

We also had 2 small groups:

- The Chosen - watched the TV show and discussed afterwards
- Universal ChristBook club - read and discuss over lunch

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Our big events of the year were a Weekend Away in February and Week of Fun in the summer. At Weekend away, we took 40 students to Wales for the opportunity to bond as a community, get out of Birmingham and have some fun and share discussions on life and faith. Week of Fun was a great way to finish the year with fun events for students to make memories and reflect on their time at Canvas and University. Banquet of Year's end was an amazing way to end the year and show students how loved and valued they are as part of the Canvas community.

**In Nottingham**, our year was divided into two sections. The first part of the year, the autumn, revolved around meeting the students of Canvas. Canvas Nottingham had unprecedented growth, and in a few weeks, over seventy students attended our Tuesday night event (free dinner and faith talk). Many of these students were international students from India. In the second part of the year, our team's focus changed to going deeper with the students who came to Canvas. This meant more intentional meetups with open-ended questions that could lead to deeper faith conversations.

To help facilitate these goals the Canvas Nottingham rhythm included:

- Monday through Thursday, 1-5 p.m., was open hours. Students could come to Canvas for free tea, coffee, and internet. Some students came to play board games, and others came to study.
- Tuesday, free dinner and faith talk. This was the opportunity for students to hear about Jesus and what Jesus matters for our world today.
- Thursdays we had Treat Thursday. We would provide a baked good and students would hang around Canvas all Thursday playing games.

In the autumn, we had a Saturday at Canvas, and in the spring we had a Weekend Away. Both of these weekends were opportunities for relationships with God and each other to develop.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial review**

During the year income increased by £17,433, to £140,408, and expenditure increased by £6,162, to £139,962. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £446, to £32,241 of which £31,959 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at a sufficient level to maintain the charity's operations which does not need to be substantial due to the level of commitment from its supporter network. At year end the charity has approximately three months equivalent expenditure in free cash reserves £31,959 (2023: £31,513)

### **Governance**

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**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*TGallant*

TGallant (Apr 25, 2025 19:54 GMT+1)

Thomas Gallant

Date: Apr 25, 2025

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### CANVAS

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#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

*Sarah Crispin*

Sarah Crispin (Apr 26, 2025 14:56 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship  
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LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Apr 28, 2025

**CANVAS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations		138,270	-	138,270	122,670
Income from courses and events		2,070	-	2,070	305
Interest income		68	-	68	-
		<u>140,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,408</u>	<u>122,975</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>140,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,408</u>	<u>122,975</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	139,962	-	139,962	133,799
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>139,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,962</u>	<u>133,799</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		446	-	446	(10,824)
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>(10,824)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		31,513	282	31,795	42,619
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>31,959</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>32,241</u>	<u>31,795</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access		30,951	282	31,233	30,874
Petty cash		1,008	-	1,008	921
		<u>31,959</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>32,241</u>	<u>31,795</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity		73	-	73	326
Rent Deposits		3,725	-	3,725	3,725
		<u>3,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>4,051</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination		1,320	-	1,320	1,260
Salary due		1,884	-	1,884	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>3,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,204</u>	<u>1,260</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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

*TGallant*  
TGallant (Apr 25, 2025 19:54 GMT+1)

Thomas Gallant

Date: Apr 25, 2025

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Outreach Activities	17,958	-	17,958	16,712
Staff costs	69,742	-	69,742	62,943
Team retreat, meetings and expenses	7,055	-	7,055	7,660
Rent	21,883	-	21,883	20,840
Equipment and refurbishment	864	-	864	656
Travel	1,263	-	1,263	2,481
Exchange Student costs	928	-	928	1,129
Independent examiner's fees	1,260	-	1,260	585
Office running costs & professional fees	18,821	-	18,821	20,633
Governance costs incl legal fees	188	-	188	161
	<u>139,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,962</u>	<u>133,799</u>

**3 Transactions with related parties**

T Gallant served as Birmingham Team Leader and was paid £22,225 (2023: £20,846) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document. J Gallant is the spouse of T Gallant and was paid £22,225 (2023: £20,846) during the year. One month salary cost was paid directly by Christian Missionary Foundation in the US which supports the work of Canvas in the UK and is therefore not included in the staff costs in note 2.

**4 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	31,513	140,408	(139,962)	-	31,959
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>31,795</u>	<u>140,408</u>	<u>(139,962)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,241</u>

The restricted fund balance is to be used towards scholarships for students to be able to go on our bi-annual weekend retreat in March.

**Canvas**

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**CANVAS**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	3A Teignmouth Road Birmingham B29 7BA
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation Conversion Dated 18 Jun 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1138522
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Christine Barber (resigned April 2023) Ashley Dukart Thomas Gallant Peter Horrox (resigned January 2023) Vanessa Vogt Emma Woods (appointed April 2023) Miles Costello (appointed April 2023) Aimee Gating (appointed April 2023)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**CANVAS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 June 2023.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document are: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Birmingham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

To further the above objectives and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows: Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, Canvas continued to work towards its mission in both Birmingham and Nottingham. The principal aim of the charity is to advance the Christian faith by bringing New Testament concepts of the church into the 21st century in a university student environment. The charity provides space for students to experience real community, figure out life & faith together, and bring a bit more love to their local area. Both locations have a building, which is a home-away-from-home where students can drop by for free tea and coffee, play games, or complete university work throughout the week. We are a diverse community where anyone is welcome and can belong, regardless of religion, ethnicity, background, sexuality, and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Around 160 students were a part of the overall Canvas community, fostered by nine staff members.

In Nottingham, we were able to bring back forty students from the previous academic year. Our main goal for the 22-23 school year was to keep Jesus the number one priority. It is so easy to get distracted in the mission and chase other things that are not Jesus (control, numbers, practice). However, as we see in the Bible, when we keep our eyes on Jesus everything else falls into place. For our team, this meant devoting more of our time as a team to prayer. We began each week in contemplative prayer and see where God would lead us. In the autumn this looked like having two events. The first event was a free dinner event for new students to find welcome and belonging in the Canvas community. The second was a faith-based event where one team member would give a talk on the Christian faith. In January we merged both events into one on Tuesday evenings, and it was a major success. More people engaged in the faith components of Canvas while attendance was still large.

Our second goal was for our team to participate in the larger Christian community. We did this by intentionally discipling the Christian students who were a part of our community. Some of these students encouraged and invited their friends to Canvas. A second way was by partnering with local churches in the area. We were able to host our end-of-the-year celebration at a local church for free. It was a major blessing that saved us some money.

The last goal for the year was for our local community to know more about Jesus. We, as Christians, believe that Jesus is the best news and has the power to transform lives. We desired to see the entire community transformed (students, businesses, families). We did this by sharing Jesus-centred conversations we had. A second way we did this was to pray before each hangout.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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In Birmingham, our themes for the year were team balance and student growth. We had 12 students volunteer as 'Student Leaders' where they had the opportunity to help shape the culture of Canvas, serve the community and explore faith on their own terms. The student leaders were mentored by Canvas staff members by meeting with them weekly, having intentional conversation and checking in with them about life and faith, family, uni, relationships, mental health and more. Around Easter time, 2 of our staff members took 6 students to Eastern Poland to work with ministry partners to serve refugees coming in from Ukraine. It was an incredible experience for everyone that helped students grow in serving other people in need, and also meant that they got to witness what faith in action looked like as we were working in tandem with churches.

We had our regular events at Canvas which were:

- Tuesday lunch - free hotdog for students to come into the Canvas house and get to know others in the community
- Thursday dinner - sit down dinner and a talk on life and faith from the Canvas staff, followed by desse and board games until late

The house was also open Monday - Thursday for students to come by and study, chat, play a boardgame; whatever they needed the most.

We also had two small groups on the go which included:

- Alpha - faith based video and discussion group to discover more about Jesus
- Rock climbing - join others in bouldering at 'the depot' as a way to bond and have fun together as community

Our big events of the year were a weekend away in February and Week of Fun in the summer. At the weekend away, we took 25 students to Wales for the opportunity to bond as a community, get out of Birmingham and have some fun and share discussions on life and faith. Week of Fun was a great way to finish the year with fun events for students to make memories and reflect on their time at Canvas and university.

### **Financial review**

During the year income decreased by £6,502, to £122,975, and expenditure increased by £7,041, to £133,799. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £10,824, to £31,795 of which £31,513 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at a sufficient level to maintain the charity's operations which does not need to be substantial due to the level of commitment from its supporter network. At year end the charity has approximately three months equivalent expenditure in free cash reserves £31,513 (2022: £42,337)

### **Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy, for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by the team leaders/managers of both the Birmingham and Nottingham locations. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

**CANVAS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**Risk statement**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*TGallant*  
TGallant (Apr 15, 2024 16:16 GMT+1)

Thomas Gallant

Date: Apr 15, 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**CANVAS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Canvas ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023 on pages 6 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

*Sarah Crispin*  
Sarah Crispin (Apr 23, 2024 11:40 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Apr 23, 2024

**CANVAS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations		122,670	-	122,670	128,536
Income from courses and events		305	-	305	941
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>122,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,975</b>	<b>129,477</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	133,799	-	133,799	126,758
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>133,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,799</b>	<b>126,758</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		(10,824)	-	(10,824)	2,719
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(10,824)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,824)</b>	<b>2,719</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		42,337	282	42,619	39,900
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>31,513</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>31,795</b>	<b>42,619</b>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access		30,592	282	30,874	42,230
Petty cash		921	-	921	389
		<u>31,513</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>31,795</u>	<u>42,619</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity		326	-	326	302
Rent Deposits		3,725	-	3,725	3,725
		<u>4,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,051</u>	<u>4,027</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination		1,260	-	1,260	1,170
Accrued expenses		-	-	-	1,210
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>2,380</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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

*TGallant*  
TGallant (Apr 15, 2024 16:16 GMT+1)

Thomas Gallant

Date: Apr 15, 2024

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Outreach Activities	16,712	-	16,712	17,990
Staff costs	62,943	-	62,943	55,872
Team retreat, meetings and expenses	7,660	-	7,660	9,933
Rent	20,840	-	20,840	21,269
Equipment and refurbishment	656	-	656	2,251
Travel	2,481	-	2,481	1,603
Exchange Student costs	1,129	-	1,129	579
Independent examiner's fees	585	-	585	2,689
Office running costs & professional fees	20,633	-	20,633	14,404
Governance costs incl legal fees	161	-	161	169
	<u>133,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,799</u>	<u>126,758</u>

**3 Transactions with related parties**

T Gallant served as Birmingham Team Leader and was paid £20,846 (2022: £13,042) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document. J Gallant is the spouse of T Gallant and was paid £20,846 (2022: £13,042) during the year.

**4 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	42,337	122,975	(133,799)	-	31,513
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>42,619</u>	<u>122,975</u>	<u>(133,799)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,795</u>

The restricted fund balance is to be used towards scholarships for students to be able to go on our bi-annual weekend retreat in March.

**Canvas**

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**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	3A Teignmouth Road Birmingham B29 7BA
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation Conversion Dated 18 Jun 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1138522
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Christine Barber Ashley Dukart (appointed July 2021) Thomas Gallant (appointed November 2021) Peter Horrox (resigned January 2023) Elizabeth Walker (resigned August 2021) Peter Walker (resigned August 2021) Vanessa Vogt (appointed May 2022)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**CANVAS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 June 2022.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document are: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Birmingham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

To further the above objectives and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows: Throughout the 2021-22 academic year, Canvas continued to work towards its mission in both Birmingham and Nottingham. The principal aim of the charity is to advance the Christian faith by bringing New Testament concepts of the church into the 21st century in a university student environment. The charity provides space for students to experience real community, figure out life & faith together, and bring a bit more love to their local area. Both locations have a building, which is a home-away-from-home where students can drop by for free tea and coffee, play games, or complete university work throughout the week. We are a diverse community where anyone is welcome and can belong, regardless of religion, ethnicity, background, sexuality, and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Around 150 students were part of the overall Canvas community, fostered by 12 staff members.□

In Birmingham, we had our first 'normal' year after Covid lockdowns. We started with a team retreat so that new teammates had an opportunity to bond and get to know each other and pray for the year ahead. When term started, we met new students with free tea, coffee and waffles. We had the house open four days a week for students to come by and study, hang out, play games, get emotional support and to be in a safe environment. We had free hotdogs every Tuesday at lunchtime which was also great for meeting new students. Our Thursday Night event consisted of free dinner for students, a talk on life and faith, discussion about the talk, and chatting and playing games late into the night. Talks series throughout the year included: "Fruits of the Spirit", "Ruthless Elimination of Hurry", "Why I recommend...", and "Before you go". We launched various small groups including a Bible Project group where students watched YouTube videos about the Bible and discussed thoughts and opinions on it. We had a baking group where students got together and made baked goods every week. We had a litter pick group where students served the community by cleaning the streets of Selly Oak and got lunch afterwards at the pub. Our six student leaders met once a week to help develop leadership and teamwork skills, as well as discussing and exploring faith together. They also took the time to plan the Canvas Christmas party. In February, we took 20 students to Wales for a weekend retreat for the community to come together. It was filled with games, walks, bonfires, deep conversations and talks on life and Christian faith. In the summer, we ended the year with 2 baptisms and a week of events focused around creating fun memories for students, bringing closure to the year and celebrating those who graduated. About 20 people came to each event. The Canvas Birmingham team met regularly throughout the year to discuss how to meet the needs of students, as well as praying and reading the Bible together. Looking back on the year, it was an amazing time of renewal and growth for the team, the ministry and the students.

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In Nottingham, with the removal of all Covid restrictions we enjoyed a year full of in-person ministry. We were unable to meet new students the previous year and half, so we started the year knowing two undergrad students in the city. Our main goal for the 21-22 school year was to meet new students and regrow the Canvas community. As we see in the Bible, Jesus gathers around a table to eat with people as part of his ministry. On Tuesday evenings, we hosted an event called Free Dinner where we invited students to gather together and develop friendships with one another. It was hugely successful from the start and confirmed a need for students to gather together in community post-Covid.

Our second goal was for students to take steps towards engaging with exploring faith. Starting in January, we invited students to attend an event called Explore where we shared stories about our personal experiences of God and stories from the Bible. To make it more accessible for non-Christian students, teammates rotated in pairs giving the talks interview style. Following the talk, students were encouraged to discuss their thoughts about the talk and share about their life experiences.

The last goal for the year was to model the character of Jesus by serving alongside our students. During the summer term, we had Love Lenton which was an opportunity each week for students to gather together and serve people in Nottingham. We picked up rubbish on the streets of Lenton, made care packages for people in need, and wrote cards to intentionally encourage people. We shared how the acts of service were modelled after the person of Jesus and the life he lived.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £41,403, to £129,477, and expenditure increased by £40,709, to £126,758. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,719, to £42,619 of which £42,337 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

**Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at a sufficient level to maintain the charity's operations which does not need to be substantial due to the level of commitment from its supporter network. At year end the charity has approximately four months equivalent expenditure in free cash reserves £42,337 (2021: £39,618)

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy, for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by the team leaders/managers of both the Birmingham and Nottingham locations. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

**Risk statement**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**CANVAS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Thomas Gallant*

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Thomas Gallant

Date: 29 March 2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### CANVAS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Canvas ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2022 on pages 6 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

*Sarah Crispin*

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 12 April 2023

**CANVAS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income receipts</b>				
Donations	128,536	-	128,536	83,760
Gift aid receipts	-	-	-	4,314
Income from courses and events	941	-	941	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>129,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,477</b>	<b>88,074</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	-	126,758	86,049
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>126,758</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,758</b>	<b>86,049</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before	2,719	-	2,719	2,025
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,025</b>
Cash funds as at last year end	39,618	282	39,900	37,876
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<b>42,337</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>42,619</b>	<b>39,900</b>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access		41,948	282	42,230	39,599
Petty cash		389	-	389	302
		<u>42,337</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>42,619</u>	<u>39,900</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity		302	-	302	589
Rent Deposits		3,725	-	3,725	3,725
Rent Prepayments		-	-	-	3,125
Funding for tax liability from US partner		-	-	-	100,014
		<u>4,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,027</u>	<u>107,453</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination		1,170	-	1,170	2,640
Liability for tax on US Residents		-	-	-	100,014
Accrued expenses		1,210	-	1,210	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,380</u>	<u>102,654</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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

*Thomas Gallant*

Thomas Gallant

Date: 29 March 2023

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

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**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Outreach Activities	17,990	-	17,990	6,631
Staff costs	55,872	-	55,872	39,075
Team retreat, meetings and expenses	9,933	-	9,933	3,072
Rent	21,269	-	21,269	20,360
Equipment and refurbishment	2,251	-	2,251	694
Travel	1,603	-	1,603	-
Exchange Student costs	579	-	579	204
Independent examiner's fees	2,689	-	2,689	-
Office running costs & professional fees	14,404	-	14,404	14,712
Governance costs incl legal fees	169	-	169	1,301
	<u>126,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,758</u>	<u>86,049</u>

**3 Transactions with related parties**

T Gallant served as Birmingham Team Leader and, during the period since his appointment as a trustee, was paid £13,042 (2021: £nil) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

**4 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	39,618	129,477	-	126,758	-
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>39,900</u>	<u>129,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,758</u>	<u>42,619</u>

The restricted fund balance is to be used towards scholarships for students to be able to go on our bi-annual weekend retreat in March.

**Canvas**

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# Accounts

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# Canvas (Birmingham)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 June 2021

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**CANVAS BIRMINGHAM**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	3A Teignmouth Road Birmingham B29 7BA
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation Conversion Dated 18 Jun 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1138522
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Christine Barber Peter Horrox Elizabeth Walker (resigned August 2021) Peter Walker (resigned August 2021) Thomas Gallant (appointed November 2021) Ashley Dukart (appointed July 2021)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jacob Farley ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**CANVAS BIRMINGHAM**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 June 2021.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document are: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Birmingham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows: Throughout the 2020-21 academic year, Canvas continued to work towards its mission in both Birmingham and Nottingham. The principal aim of the charity is to advance the Christian faith by bringing New Testament concepts of the church into the 21st century in a university student environment. The charity provides space for students to experience real community, figure out life & faith together, and bring a bit more love to their local area. Both locations have a building, which is a home away from home where students can drop by for free tea and coffee, play games, or complete university work throughout the week. We are a diverse community where anyone is welcome and can belong, regardless of religion, ethnicity, background, sexuality, and be a part of something bigger than themselves. Around 80 students were part of the overall Canvas community, fostered by 10 staff members.

In Birmingham, we were able to re-open the Canvas house for the start of term. We completed Covid-19 specific risk assessments so this could happen safely. Activities were moved online again when lockdown measures were reintroduced in November. About 20 students continued to engage with these online events, where we would have time for community, faith talks, games and deep chats about life and faith. We also made dinner once a week for students to drop into the house and takeaway to eat at home. We also engaged smaller groups of students throughout the week with online calls with activities like board game groups, Netflix watch parties, book club and chats about the Bible. Student leaders met once a week to help develop leadership and teamwork skills, as well as exploring faith together. They also took the time to plan and execute the online Christmas party. Instead of the weekend retreats we normally have, we planned a 'Weekend A-Stay' - creative, fun online events that 19 students were a part of on and off for a whole weekend. In the summer, when restrictions were eased, we had a week of in person events focused around creating fun memories for students, bringing closure to the year, and celebrating those who graduated. Between 10 and 20 people came to each event and we were able to do all of it outside because the weather was so good. The Canvas Birmingham team met online regularly throughout the year to discuss how to meet the needs of students, as well as praying and reading the Bible together. Looking back at the year, we came up with creative ways to achieve our goals, given the limitations, and direct Canvas through this unprecedented time, still enabling students to feel known and loved and hear something about who Jesus is.

In Nottingham, due to Covid restrictions, we were forced to host almost all Canvas events virtually. Rather than having two lengthy events each week like we've done in years past, we decided to diversify the types of gatherings which allowed us to cut down on the amount of time each event took place because of Zoom fatigue. We hosted a variety of interest groups as a place where students could continue to develop community and feel connected to their peers. The groups met to eat lunch, bake, discuss various fiction books, and play games like Among Us and Dungeons and Dragons.

**CANVAS BIRMINGHAM**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

One of the most creative ideas we came up with last year was to start a Canvas podcast called Uni Life with Canvas Nottingham. Each week, we released a new episode that focused on different area of life and faith. We interviewed teammates and various professionals. The podcast provided a way for the Canvas community to continue to grow together while navigating a season of being separated physically. Along with the podcast, we hosted a weekly Zoom call where students gathered to discuss the most recent episode. We also hosted two faith-based small groups; one met to discuss Christian books and the other met to discuss a book of the Bible and the topic of prayer. Although we were unable to meet many new students throughout the year, we took advantage of the opportunity we had to develop deeper relationships with the students we knew going into the school year. Looking back on the year, we embraced the limitations faced by Covid and discovered creative ways to achieve our goals despite them.

**Financial review**

During the year income decreased by £42,383, to £88,074, and expenditure decreased by £26,524, to £86,049. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,025, to £39,900, of which £39,618 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

**Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at a sufficient level to maintain the charity's operations which does not need to be substantial due to the level of commitment from its supporter network. At year end the charity has approximately four months equivalent expenditure in free cash reserves £39,618 (2020: £37,594)

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy, for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by the team leaders/managers of both the Birmingham and Nottingham locations. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

**Risk statement**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Horrox

Date: 27 April 2022

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CANVAS BIRMINGHAM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Canvas (Birmingham) ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2021 on pages 5 to 7 following.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jacob Farley ACA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 27 April 2022

**CANVAS BIRMINGHAM**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations		83,760	-	83,760	121,670
Gift aid receipts		4,314	-	4,314	6,385
Income from courses and events		-	-	-	2,403
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>88,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,074</u>	<u>130,457</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	86,049	-	86,049	112,573
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>86,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,049</u>	<u>112,573</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		2,025	-	2,025	17,885
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>2,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,025</u>	<u>17,885</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		37,594	282	37,876	19,991
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>39,618</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>37,876</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

**CANVAS BIRMINGHAM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank with immediate access	39,317	282	39,599	37,303
Petty cash	302	-	302	573
	<u>39,618</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>37,876</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid due to charity	589	-	589	542
Rent Deposits	3,725	-	3,725	3,725
Rent Prepayments	3,125	-	3,125	3,125
Funding for tax liability from US partner	100,014	-	100,014	-
	<u>107,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,453</u>	<u>7,392</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
<b>Falling due within one year</b>				
Fee for Independent Examination	2,640	-	2,640	1,320
Liability for tax on US Residents	2,640	-	2,640	1,320
Accrued expenses	100,014	-	100,014	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>105,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,294</u>	<u>2,640</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Current value £
Land and buildings			-	-
Equipment			-	-
Motor vehicles			-	-
			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>E Guarantees and secured debts</b>				

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<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Outreach Activities	6,631	-	6,631	14,186
Payroll	39,075	-	39,075	49,192
Team retreat, meetings and expenses	3,072	-	3,072	4,008
Rent	20,360	-	20,360	20,348
Equipment and refurbishment	694	-	694	2,856
Travel	-	-	-	422
Exchange Student costs	204	-	204	396
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,800
Legal fees	1,301	-	1,301	-
Office running costs	14,712	-	14,712	16,856
Visa	-	-	-	2,509
	<u>86,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,049</u>	<u>112,573</u>

**3 Transactions with related parties**

There were no transactions with related parties during the year (2020: £nil)

**4 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	37,594	88,074	-	86,049	-
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>37,876</u>	<u>88,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,049</u>	<u>39,900</u>

The restricted fund balance is to be used towards scholarships for students to be able to go on our bi-annual weekend retreat in March.