

# Canvas

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 June 2022

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**CANVAS**  
**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.

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**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

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Date: 12 April 2023

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

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

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 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*  
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 Thomas Gallant

Date: 29 March 2023

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 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 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	-	42,337
Restricted funds					
Weekend scholarships	282	-	-	-	282
Total funds	<u>39,900</u>	<u>129,477</u>	<u>- 126,758</u>	<u>-</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.