

**VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
(VISION)**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (VISION)

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VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (VISION)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Registered Charity Name	VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
Charity Number	1139903
Registered Office	1st Floor OBA Millenium Cultural Centre Featherstall Road North Oldham OL9 6QB
Trustees	Mr Mohammed Ali Mr Syed Emdad Ali Mr Shahedul Alam Mr Ahad Miah
Secretary	Mr Shahedul Alam
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Annual Report 2024-2025



"Vision gave me the opportunity to volunteer and build my skills"

Chairs Report...

A key factor in this year's success has been the exceptional impact of volunteering alongside strong, consistent leadership. In a year of low funding and increasing demand, it was the commitment, creativity, and collective responsibility shown by staff, volunteers, and community leaders that ensured Vision not only continued to operate, but continued to thrive. Clear strategic direction, careful planning, and a shared belief in Vision's purpose enabled the organisation to respond positively to challenges while remaining focused on quality and community need.

Among our key achievements this year were the delivery of holiday activities and food programmes, which provided vital support to children and families during school holiday periods. These initiatives offered more than just practical assistance; they created safe, welcoming spaces where young people could engage, learn, and feel supported at times when pressures on families are often greatest.

Another significant highlight was the annual *My Voice, My Community* event. This continues to be a cornerstone of Vision's commitment to genuine community engagement. The event provided an open and inclusive forum for residents, young people, and families to share feedback, ideas, and their thoughts on what projects and activities Vision should be delivering. Listening directly to the community ensures our work remains relevant, responsive, and shaped by those it is designed to serve, strengthening both trust and collective ownership.

In addition, substantial progress has been made in planning for Vision's 50th anniversary celebrations. This milestone represents not only an opportunity to reflect on five decades of impact, but also a chance to bring the community together to celebrate shared achievements and look ahead to the future. The enthusiasm and involvement shown by staff, volunteers, and community members in shaping these plans reflects the strong sense of pride and connection that Vision continues to inspire.

Chair
Vision Youth & Community

Financial Analysis

Vision's financial year ran from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. During this period the total funding amounted to £42,770 of which £42,128 was the total projects expenditure. Cash funds at the end of the financial year was £2099.

Our financial priorities are to look at ways to reduce running costs, to raise our profile and continue to be recognised as a contributor to the regeneration of the town.

5 Key Achievements of 2024 – 2025

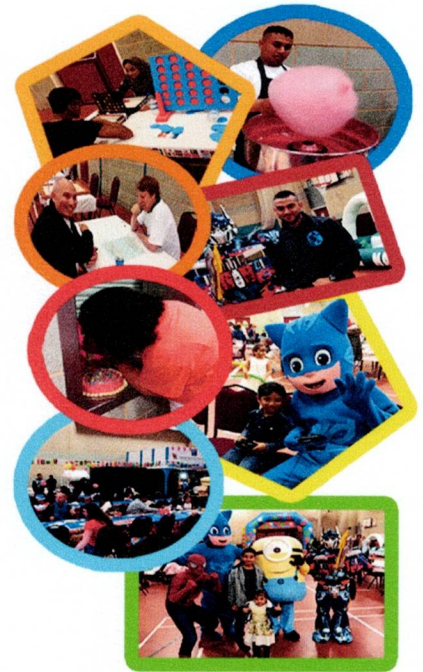
Holiday Activities Success

This year's holiday activities programme was a standout success, delivering vibrant, fun-filled, and meaningful experiences for children, young people, and families across the community. Over **240 children and young people** participated in a diverse programme of activities, including sports, creative workshops, team challenges, wellbeing sessions, and confidence-building experiences. Each activity day also included a **nutritious hot meal**, ensuring that both enjoyment and wellbeing were placed at the heart of delivery.

One of the most significant highlights was the **summer trips programme**, which enabled **over 300 children, young people, and families** to take part in exciting and memorable outings. For many participants, these trips provided rare opportunities to explore new places, build friendships, and create positive shared memories. Feedback consistently highlighted the impact of these experiences in boosting confidence, happiness, and a sense of belonging.

The programme also created strong outcomes for volunteers. A total of **26 volunteers** were actively involved in planning and delivery, gaining practical experience while developing leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Their contribution was central to the programme's success and reflects Vision's commitment to developing local talent and strengthening community capacity.

Together, these outcomes demonstrate the powerful role holiday provision plays in supporting wellbeing, reducing isolation, and creating positive opportunities. The scale, quality, and impact of this programme stand as a clear example of what can be achieved through strong planning, committed volunteers, and a shared commitment to supporting our community.



The Volunteers Team Commitment

At Vision, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. They help create a space where young people can engage, grow, and thrive developing the skills, confidence, and experiences that give them a real springboard into education, work, and life. Each activity we deliver is not just fun it's a stepping stone for the next generation of leaders and changemakers.

Our volunteers know that Vision is more than a program it's a supportive community. A place where they can always return, find encouragement, and see the tangible impact of their contributions.

We are incredibly fortunate to have volunteers who return year after year, committed to mentoring, inspiring, and helping develop the next batch of young people. In 2025 alone, our volunteer team contributed over 1,000 hours, delivering 30 activities and positively impacting 400 young people in our community. Their dedication creates a virtuous cycle: empowered youth today become the inspiring volunteers of tomorrow.

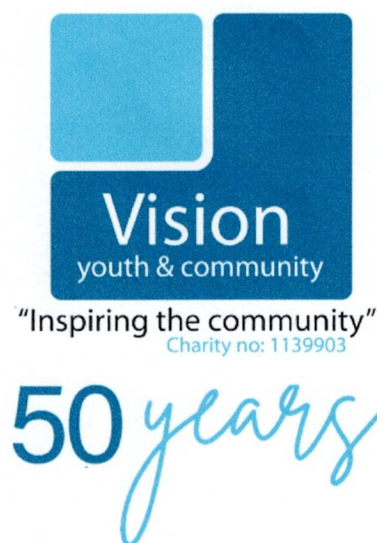


50th Celebration Planning Team

Vision will mark a major milestone: our 50th community event! The planning process is already underway, with young people, families, elders, local businesses, and volunteers actively contributing ideas and shaping the celebration. Their input is helping to ensure the event reflects the creativity, energy, and diversity of our town.

Participants are putting their skills into practice, shaping activities such as world cuisine cooking sessions, interactive games, arts and crafts, performances, and engaging stalls. This hands on planning not only developing teamwork, leadership,

and project management skills but also gives everyone a sense of ownership over the event. By involving multiple generations and sectors from the start, this 50th event is already strengthening community connections, celebrating cultural diversity, and showcasing the old photos of our young people activities from decades ago. Vision is committed to making this milestone event a truly memorable reflection



of collaboration, pride, and community spirit.

My Voice My Community Event

At Vision, all activities are led by local people and supported wherever possible by local businesses and the council. With our community and society constantly evolving, we recognise the importance of staying connected and listening to everyone's voice.

This year, we embarked on a journey to hear directly from the people. Through our Walk & Talk and Door2Door outreach, we successfully engaged not only the most vocal and popular participants but also those who are often isolated or overlooked.

The results speak for themselves: over 600 people took part in Vision's weekly activities, annual events, and family programs this year demonstrating the power of community led initiatives to bring people together, strengthen connections, and ensure everyone feels included



Real Skills Real Money

Vision's enterprise activities continue to develop and empower young people, with strong support from our partners. Our flagship activity, Real Skills, Real Money, gives participants hands on experience in enterprise and business, helping them build sharpen their skills and build practical skills, confidence, and a real understanding of how enterprise works. They are able to apply this to the everyday life.

Building on this success, we are preparing to launch Start-up Oldham, a new Vision enterprise project designed to empower local people, create genuine opportunities, and provide real-life business experience turning ideas into action and ambition into achievement.

By showcasing the creativity, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit of our young people through Real Skills, Real Money, Vision demonstrates how community led enterprise projects can transform skills into opportunities and inspire the next generation of local innovators.



Future Roadmap 2025 - 2026

Looking ahead, Vision's priority for the year ahead is continued investment in people. Developing the next generation of young leaders through training, mentoring, and volunteering pathways will ensure continuity as long-standing volunteers move into employment, education, and further opportunities. By supporting leadership from within the community, Vision will maintain the passion, quality, and values that underpin its work. Supporting staff and volunteers to build skills, confidence, and resilience will remain central to delivering high-quality services.

Vision will continue to strengthen inclusive evening, weekend, and holiday provision, with a particular focus on children and young people. These activities provide safe, supportive spaces that promote wellbeing, positive engagement, and social development. Holiday provision will remain a priority, offering consistent and enriching experiences during times when families may face additional pressures.

Community voice will remain at the heart of Vision's work. Feedback gathered through the *My Voice, My Community* programme will continue to shape service design and future projects, ensuring activities are relevant and responsive to local needs. By listening to residents, young people, and families, Vision strengthens trust, increases participation, and delivers programmes that reflect community priorities.

Building strong partnerships will be essential to sustaining and growing Vision's impact. We will continue to work with local businesses, learning providers, and funders to diversify income, support enterprise initiatives, and create sustainable opportunities. These collaborations strengthen resilience and enable shared learning.

A key development for the year ahead is the creation of a dedicated learning centre. This space will provide academic support, mentoring, and future skills development for young people. With guidance from trained mentors, young people will build confidence, raise aspirations, and develop the skills needed to succeed and give back to their communities.

As Vision celebrates its 50th year, we look forward with confidence and ambition, reaffirming our commitment to building a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you



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Our Story from 1974...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVi9rJIEXY>

This video was shown at the main event held on the 17th November 2015 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham, as part of the 40th Celebrations.

Our Shuhel applying his learning...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvJuNUVyX1Y>



VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (VISION)
REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (VISION)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ~ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

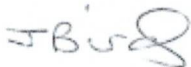
Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 March 2025.

I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



27th January 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	<i>Notes</i>				
RECEIPTS					
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council		32,280	-	32,280	63,089
Donations & Grants	2	10,490	-	10,490	10,490
Refunds		-	-	-	-
Other Income	3	-	-	-	1,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS		42,770	-	42,770	75,079
PAYMENTS					
Salaries & Sessional Workers		12,280	-	12,280	12,000
Rent & Venue Hire		5,000	-	5,000	-
Holiday Activities		15,295	-	15,295	49,780
Young People Activities		6,165	-	6,165	6,679
Community Activities		-	-	-	-
Governance & Administration Expenses		545	-	545	545
General Office Costs		-	-	-	396
Post & Stationery		-	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet		600	-	600	479
IT & Hardware		-	-	-	-
Vehicle Costs		-	-	-	-
Insurance		843	-	843	792
Sports & Kitchen Equipment		-	-	-	-
Training & Mentoring		-	-	-	-
Adult Learning		-	-	-	1,000
Volunteer Costs		1,400	-	1,400	2,523
Bank Charges		-	-	-	-
Sundries		-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		42,128	-	42,128	74,194
Net of receipts/(payments)		642	-	642	885
Cash funds at 31 March 2024		1,457	-	1,457	572
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2025	4	<u>2,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>1,457</u>

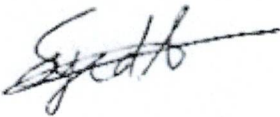
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
CASH FUNDS			
Cash at Bank	<u><u>2,099</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,099</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on the 26th of January 2026 and signed on their behalf:



Syed Ali
Treasurer

VISION YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (VISION)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Donations and Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Action Together	10,490	-	10,490	10,490
General Donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>10,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,490</u>	<u>10,490</u>

3. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Secondment (English Classes Teacher)	-	-	-	1,500
Room Hire	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>

4. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1 April 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds	1,457	42,770	(42,128)	-	2,099
Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,457</u>	<u>42,770</u>	<u>(42,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,099</u>