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Registered Charity Number: 1142935

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 MARCH 2023
FOR
YOUTH ACTION LTD
(Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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Company Information
For the year ended 30 March 2023

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Company Number:	05601737
Registered Charity Number:	1142935
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Trustees Report
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The trustees who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2015.

Corporate Status

Youth Action Ltd was incorporated under the Companies Act on 24th October 2005. The company is a private company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

The company also became a registered charity (Number 1142935) on 19th July 2011.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

A Asghar
S Ainarkar
F Sidat

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The Trustees of the Charity have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in drawing up its objectives.

The principal activity of Youth Action Ltd is that of an independent youth charity organisation working with young people aged 8 to 24 years old across the North West of England, providing a range of education and training programmes.

The aims are:

- To offer young people activities, which motivate, educate, makes productive use of time and improves the quality of life for young people in the Community;
- To offer activities which promote self-help, empowerment and team work, which strengthens the quality of life for young people and the community as a whole;
- To encourage and assist young people in the area to actively participate in the group activities;
- To enhance multi-cultural understanding and mutual respect;
- To promote the views and interests of young people to official agencies and bodies with a view to enabling positive change; and
- To work with young people to equip them with the skills to be effective leaders in their communities and bring about positive community action.

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Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit (continued)

At Youth Action, we believe that a young person's background mustn't determine their future. Young people from less advantaged backgrounds too often miss out on enrichment opportunities to build the confidence and essential skills they need to succeed in later life. There are too few opportunities for them to engage in a meaningful way with role models and mentors in the world of work. Even when opportunities arise, some lack the confidence to take them up. This means young people from less advantaged backgrounds are underrepresented in the world of work. This is unacceptable.

Youth Action's strategic mission is **"Inclusive, Engaged & Empowering"**. We are committed to delivering this mission by ensuring: -

- The young people who access and sign up to Youth Action's services are **included** in the shaping, designing and decision-making concerning Youth Action's provision of tailored opportunities in personal development and skills development.
- Young people **engage** with the projects they take part in and gain recognition and accreditation for their achievements and efforts.
- That with Youth Action's support and guidance, young people are **empowered** to forge a positive future for themselves, make a constructive impact on their communities as active citizens and advocate the difference that positive changes can make on the lives of other young people in society today.

As an organisation seeking to instil character and values in young people, we take our own culture and values very seriously and we seek staff, volunteers and partners who share them.

- **Drive Change**
We are focused and passionate about changing the lives of young people. We are ambitious, determined and use evidence and our expertise to make this happen.
- **Reflect and Learn**
We value learning and look closely at what's working, what isn't, and how to do better. We proactively seek ways to improve our impact and share our learnings.
- **Bring People Together**
We put young people at the heart of everything we do and unite young people, schools, business, and local partners to make a meaningful change to their lives.
- **Value Everyone**
We are an inclusive organisation that respects, values, and learns from the experiences and backgrounds of each and every person we work with.
- **Keep it Fun!**
We come with the positive attitudes, energy and ideas needed to achieve our goals for ourselves and our young people. We believe fun is a key part of everything we do.

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RESPONDING TO EXTERNAL EVENTS

In the face of an escalating cost of living crisis, the communities we tirelessly serve within find themselves immersed in an unparalleled struggle. Soaring prices of essential goods and services have cast a profound shadow over the lives of vulnerable populations, creating a dire situation where access to fundamental necessities such as nutritious food, stable housing, and adequate healthcare has become increasingly elusive. Our charity has been an eyewitness to the harsh realities faced by families striving to make ends meet, with a notable surge in demand for our support programmes. The intricate web of challenges woven by the cost of living crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic disparities, pushing individuals on the fringes of society into even deeper realms of financial instability. As we reflect on the past year's endeavors, it becomes palpably clear that the necessity for our services has reached an unprecedented zenith, underscoring the indispensable role our charity plays in providing a lifeline for those navigating the multifaceted challenges exacerbated by the cost of living crisis.

Concurrently, our organisation has confronted its own set of formidable challenges, deftly navigating a financial landscape marked by the relentless surge of organisational costs, particularly. The fiscal year that transpired witnessed a noteworthy escalation in expenditures essential for sustaining and expanding our pivotal programmes. Operational overheads, including utilities, salaries, and maintenance, have experienced a notable uptick, mirroring the broader economic challenges faced by the very communities we ardently support. Moreover, personnel costs, reflective of the dedication and hard work of our team, have seen a proportional rise, as we strive to retain and attract talent necessary for the efficient implementation of our mission.

COVID-19

The multifaceted challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is imperative to recognise the persistent and deeply entrenched health inequalities that continue to afflict communities, exacerbating the impact of the ongoing crisis. Health disparities, often rooted in socio-economic factors, access to education, and systemic inequities, have created a landscape where certain populations face greater health risks and diminished access to essential healthcare resources. This landscape, pre-existing the pandemic, has further widened the gap in health outcomes, disproportionately affecting marginalized groups.

Within our communities in Blackburn with Darwen and nationally, we remain acutely aware of the intricate web of factors that contribute to health inequalities, and we are steadfast in our commitment to address these systemic issues. As an organisation dedicated to youth and community work, we recognize the interconnectedness of health and well-being with broader societal determinants, and we strive to implement initiatives that foster not only immediate relief but also long-term solutions to mitigate health disparities and promote an equitable and resilient community for all.

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STRATEGY

Our mission revolves around empowering young people to enhance their employability by equipping them with the tools to address real-life social issues. Our focus lies in harnessing the potential of youth-led social action as a catalyst for personal development. This approach is especially potent in engaging young individuals from disadvantaged or marginalised backgrounds, as their lived experiences often grant them a unique perspective and heightened motivation to instigate positive change.

Consequently, our efforts not only prepare these young people for the workforce but also cultivate a generation of changemakers poised to contribute to the creation of a more equitable society. Despite the youth-led nature of our projects, we provide structured activities and adult support, ensuring that participants can not only grow personally but also make meaningful contributions to the well-being of others.

Our strategic vision extends beyond individual empowerment to position us as a influential voice on matters where our expertise can have a broader impact on outcomes for young people. This encompasses championing the importance of self-efficacy and essential skills, exploring strategic partnerships and policy avenues to advocate for skills education—clarifying what constitutes quality, how to effectively deliver it, and why it warrants funding. Additionally, we are committed to forging alliances and navigating policy channels to elevate the significance of high-quality youth work, social action, and volunteering. In doing so, we aim to define the benchmarks of excellence, provide insights into effective delivery methods, and underscore the reasons behind the crucial need for financial support in these vital areas.

Our strategy also challenges us to become an authoritative voice on issues where our expertise means we can make a wider impact on outcomes for young people.

This includes:

- ~ Pushing the agenda for self-efficacy and essential skills
- ~ Exploring partnerships and policy routes to elevate the case for skills education, highlighting what quality looks like, how to deliver it and why to fund it
- ~ Exploring partnerships and policy routes to elevate the case for high quality youth work, social action and volunteering – again highlighting what quality looks like, how to deliver it and why to fund it

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WHO WE WORKED WITH

In last year's annual report, we reported an increase in participants. During our last report we supported over 14,650 children, young people and their parents/carers. However, this year the demand for our services has increased even more; with 15,680 clients supported.

89.7% of participants were from BAME backgrounds. We increased the percentage of participants eligible for Pupil Premium or free school meals to over 64.1% and have set a goal to increase this to 68% this year. We do not want to stipulate this as the sole criteria as we want to trust referrers to identify young people who most need our support. We are confident that we are working with young people with a range of needs and this is supported by our investment in a CRM system for the last few years where we are collating, in a secure GDPR compliant environment, key demographical data on all our participants. This CRM system has provided great insight and is aiding our planning cycle to create more effective services to support our service users. We are able to cascade this information to key stakeholders in order to influence policy and practice.

THE ACTIVITIES WE DELIVERED

In the past year, we've fueled the passion of young individuals by empowering them to confront the societal issues that resonate with their hearts. By instilling a sense of purpose tailored to their aspirations, we've guided them to cultivate the confidence and skills essential for success in their personal journeys. This transformative process was achieved through a carefully crafted blend of challenges and support.

Throughout a twelve-month period, these young change-makers delved into social and environmental challenges, identifying causes close to their hearts and rallying others to join them in taking meaningful action. An impressive 99.3% of participants in Youth Action reported a heightened understanding of social and environmental issues through their involvement.

This year, we adapted our engagement strategies to reach those young people most in need, recognizing the constraints imposed by limited resources amid the ongoing pandemic. Our commitment to making a difference remains steadfast, even in the face of challenges.

Our diverse range of programmes covered skills development, youth empowerment, digital inclusion, amplification of youth voices, post-pandemic support, combatting hate crime, organising holiday camps, promoting empowerment, fostering volunteering, addressing food and period poverty, and combating anti-bullying. Reflecting the dynamic landscape of the past year, topics such as climate change, the global pandemic, poverty, Black Lives Matter, and social injustice were prominent on our agenda.

The impact of our efforts extended beyond discussions and into tangible actions. Young participants took charge, organizing 154 events that drew over 10,458 community members, in addition to hosting 63 workshops. Together, they demonstrated the power of collective action in addressing the pressing issues of our time.

Awards and Recognition

Youth Action is an award-winning youth charity, awarded by the former Prime Minister for the Big Society Award, this is testament to the hard work of our volunteers, staff and of course most importantly the positive work that our young people do in their communities.

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Former Prime Minister David Cameron MP said "The team at Youth Action is doing fantastic work to give young people across the North West the skills and support they need to find work. The project is going from strength to strength and I'm delighted to recognise everyone involved with this Big Society award."

In addition, we supported young people's recognition of their achievements by nominating them for numerous awards, both locally and nationally.

Youth Action is the proud winner of Her Late Majesty's 'Queen Gold Award' for excellence.

Promoting the positive contribution of young people to society

Fostering the positive impact of young individuals on society, we initiate a ripple effect by highlighting their accomplishments. This not only serves to inspire other youth to take action but also encourages adults to actively seek their input and ideas.

Social Action Programmes

We provide a range of support mechanisms for young individuals, including peer mentoring, one-on-one mentoring, online mentoring, and face-to-face mentoring, along with guidance and assistance to help them launch their own projects. These initiatives are primarily conducted as extracurricular sessions within educational institutions or in the community, and are inclusive and accessible to all youth. Our focus is particularly on disadvantaged areas, aiming to engage young people who may not have previously participated in formal volunteering. There are no participation fees for young individuals.

In the past year, our emphasis was on indigenous communities, and we continue to develop programs targeting specific groups of young people facing challenges in community engagement. The majority of participants in these activities fall within the 14-25 age group, residing in Lancashire. While many projects directly benefit local communities, some young individuals choose to address broader national and international issues. In response to the pandemic, youth have organized a series of online support sessions, providing peer support to those experiencing the lingering adverse effects of the pandemic.

Employability Programme

The programme drew participation from 725 young individuals, specifically targeting those not engaged in Employment, Education, or Training (NEETs) across diverse areas of Lancashire.

The project yielded positive outcomes, equipping young participants with valuable skills and competencies such as confidence, problem-solving, pre-employment support, self-direction, and teamwork. These qualities are highly prized by employers and are increasingly recognized as essential in SMEs, considered pivotal for economic recovery. Out of the total attendees, an impressive 98% proceeded to initiate or secure placements in work, engage in social enterprise development, take up volunteering positions, or return to further studies.

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Interfaith Programme

This enduring and well-received initiative, driven by the desires of Youth Action's membership, focuses on enabling young people to explore various faiths, challenging stereotypes, and fostering an understanding of how individuals live, shaped by their faith.

Engaging over 45 young participants from diverse faith backgrounds, this programme involved collaborative planning of visits to places of worship, discussions with key contacts, and active leadership roles in subsequent workshops. These activities facilitated open dialogue, encouraging discussions and ultimately establishing a secure space for meaningful conversations.

Through this programme, participants discovered commonalities and learned that embracing different religions did not necessitate compromising their own principles and beliefs. Instead, it involved dispelling misconceptions and prejudices, seeking common ground in shared values, and finding constructive ways to discuss areas of genuine disagreement. Furthermore, the young people recognized a growing trend of individuals choosing not to subscribe to a specific faith group.

Supporting our young people to connect with others from around the world

We establish avenues for young individuals facing limited opportunities to acquire skills and participate in international events, conferences, and social action programmes. Our partnerships with the British Council and European Council facilitate these opportunities. In the past year, we expanded our collaborations and opportunities to include countries such as Turkey, Pakistan, Saudia Arabia and Egypt. Looking ahead, we are in the process of developing additional opportunities in the Far East. These initiatives involve collaboration with like-minded youth partner organizations, focusing on themes such as youth leadership, empowerment, and social enterprise.

Volunteering Programme

Throughout the year, our newly established youth groups welcomed 1,455 young individuals, many of whom faced limited opportunities due to social, economic obstacles, and cultural differences.

The impact of these new youth groups has been significant, with participants gaining a deeper understanding of themselves, others, and their community. They have become more open to embracing diverse communities, while also acquiring confidence, self-belief, and knowledge to make informed decisions, take control of their lives, and foster lifelong friendships, thereby reducing feelings of isolation. Additionally, there has been a noticeable improvement in their health and emotional well-being, marked by enhanced concentration levels that are expected to contribute to improved educational attainment.

In addition, we initiated a pilot schools-based volunteering programme. Collaborating with four high schools, we provided volunteering training, facilitated high-quality volunteering placements, and granted access to a variety of local organisations.

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Youth in the Community

Our newly established youth groups welcomed 3,105 young individuals, many of whom faced limited opportunities due to social, economic obstacles, and cultural differences. These sessions were primarily conducted on weekday evenings, but in response to the cost of living crisis, we significantly expanded our capacity to offer holiday-based youth camps for the first time. This adjustment proved particularly beneficial in addressing the impact of the pandemic on young people and children.

The positive impact of these youth groups has been noteworthy. Participants have gained a deeper understanding of themselves, others, and the community they live in. They have become more open to embracing new communities, while also developing confidence, self-belief, and knowledge to make informed decisions, take control of their lives, and cultivate lifelong friendships, thereby reducing feelings of isolation. Additionally, there has been a discernible improvement in their health and emotional well-being, characterized by enhanced levels of concentration that are expected to contribute to improved educational attainment.

Significant advantages have been realised for the broader community, particularly through the active participation of young people in event planning alongside community members. This collaborative effort has successfully dismantled cultural barriers, fostering mutual respect between young individuals and members of the community. The initiative has successfully united young people from various and diverse backgrounds, promoting tolerance and understanding that extends to their families. This, in turn, has stimulated dialogue and collaborative efforts throughout the neighborhoods, facilitating a sense of unity and cooperation.

Period Poverty

For more than two years, our Young Ambassadors dedicated themselves to campaigning against the taxation of period products. Through Social Action projects, these young advocates aimed to raise awareness of the detrimental impact this taxation had on local young people. In the face of poverty, these individuals were compelled to allocate significant portions of their family budgets to cover the costs of these taxed products.

In the previous year, in collaboration with our corporate partners Always and national youth partner UK Youth, we successfully distributed 1,000 free hygiene packs. These packs not only included sanitary products but also included pleasant treats for young individuals. This year, we elevated our efforts by advocating for schools and other youth settings to enhance their provision of free period products within their environments.

Youth Detached

In collaboration with the Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Youth Alliance, and commissioned by the Blackburn with Darwen Public Health Team, our Detached Youth Workers have undertaken detached youth work. This marks the second year of our involvement with local young people through detached initiatives. Operating seven days a week, we have reached out to vulnerable young individuals in the spaces where they are found: in parks, behind commercial buildings, and in dark and unsafe areas. Our primary focus has been to engage with them and, critically, to offer mental health support. Through this initiative, we have successfully connected with several hundred young people and facilitated referrals to key agencies for additional support.

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Partnerships

At Youth Action, we recognise the transformative power of partnerships in amplifying our impact. Our collaborative ethos is exemplified through our newly formed alliance with the BwD Youth Foundation, a partnership that extends the reach and scope of our initiatives with other local youth organisations.

Embracing a welcome approach to partnership working, we believe in the strength derived from diverse perspectives and shared goals. Together with the BwD Youth Foundation and our existing partners, we forge connections that transcend boundaries, fostering a collective commitment to empowering young individuals and addressing societal challenges. Through these partnerships, we leverage resources, expertise, and innovation to create meaningful and lasting change in the communities we serve.

Plans for 2022/23

- **Sustaining Support for Vulnerable Communities:**
 - Continue supporting communities during the prolonged cost of living crisis.
 - Address the long-term challenges associated with this crisis.
- **Post-Pandemic Recovery:**
 - Collaborate with partners to address post-pandemic challenges, focusing on long COVID, unemployment, housing, mental health, and physical well-being.
- **Staff Training and Development:**
 - Continue the training and development programme for all staff, with an emphasis on programme management.
 - Expand the volunteering programme.
- **Youth Entrepreneurship Programmes:**
 - Support young people through entrepreneurship programmes to enhance employability and life options.
- **Engagement Programmes:**
 - Continue engagement programmes with a focus on youth group activities, social enterprise development, and training opportunities.
 - Emphasize employment and informal education opportunities in youth programmes.
- **Volunteer Expansion and Impact:**
 - Triple the number of volunteers engaged in supporting young people.
 - Introduce new activities to enable volunteers to make a bigger impact.
- **Social Action for Employability:**
 - Harness the potential of social action to enhance young people's employability and enterprise.
 - Enable participants to evidence developed skills and build social capital.
- **Corporate Employee Engagement:**
 - Seek to build a reputation as the best provider of meaningful corporate employee engagement.
 - Focus on volunteers' personal development, including facilitation and coaching training.

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Plans for 2022/23 (continued)

- International Cooperation and Development:

- Further develop international cooperation and development opportunities for young people.

- Diversification of Offerings:

- Continue developing accredited training programmes.
- Provide strategic advice to partners on youth issues and access to employment.
- Seek more funding to expand enterprise programmes and activities.

- Mental Wellbeing Initiatives:

- Plan initiatives specifically designed to support young people in mental wellbeing, employment, and skills post-pandemic.

- Community-Centric Focus:

- Navigate the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead with a rewarding focus on meeting the evolving needs of young people and families at the heart of our communities.

The road ahead presents a blend of challenges, excitement, and rewarding opportunities. We are strategically shaping our support programmes for the long term, with a specific focus on initiatives crafted to bolster the mental wellbeing, employment prospects, and skills of young people. Youth Action stands well-positioned to fulfill the evolving needs of young individuals and families at the core of our communities.

Public benefit

The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Method of Appointment/Election

The existing trustees have the power to appoint/elect new trustees.

Financial Statements

The accounts for the period ended 30th March 2022 are appended herewith. There was a net surplus in the year of £61,764 and £506,729 in 2022.

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Reserves Policy and Risk Management

The trustees carried out a review of the organisations structure in 2015 and revised its mission statement, setting out the major opportunities available and the risks to which the organisation is exposed. Our policy, informed by this review, is to achieve our aims by seeking funding from a wide range of stakeholders for specialist services from which to generate sustainable income for our core purposes.

The trustees have considered the effects of this course of action and believe that, to maintain a level of services, reserves of six months' expenditure need to be retained. This will provide a cushion to enable alternative funding to be obtained or, if considered necessary, a radical restructuring of the charity's commitments and level of services to be undertaken. Six months' expenditure in the coming year has been estimated at £241,927, based on costs, and thus the policy is met with the Charities net current assets at the year-end being £1,201,368.

The Charity recognises the need to grow reserves for its future stability and to mitigate against future risk. Accordingly, we continue to adopt the going-concern basis in preparing the financial statements, and as such will strive to build and maintain this level of reserves by fundraising unrestricted income.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board:

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Ayaz Asghar (Trustee, Treasurer)

Date: 20/12/2023

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ACTION LTD
For the year ended 30 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 March 2021, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

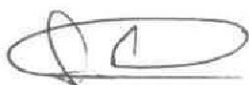
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



20.12.2023

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations		30,981	-	30,981	21,799
Charitable activities:					
Grants		382,355	55,062	437,417	921,990
Activities from generating funds		-	-	-	600
Investments:					
Interest received		1,738	-	1,738	76
Other:		23,864	-	23,864	46,118
TOTAL		438,938	55,062	494,000	990,583
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	(216,118)	(216,118)	(432,235)	(493,854)
TOTAL		222,820	(161,056)	61,764	506,729
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		222,820	(161,056)	61,764	506,729
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		199,420	1,993,494	2,192,914	1,686,186
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		422,240	1,832,438	2,254,678	2,192,914

There are no other recognised gains or losses for the year other than in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Balance Sheet
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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	1,014,942	991,546
		<u>1,014,942</u>	<u>991,546</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	260,965	19,139
Cash at bank and in hand		978,772	1,187,728
		<u>1,239,737</u>	<u>1,206,867</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	(5,500)
		<u>1,239,737</u>	<u>1,201,367</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,239,737</u>	<u>1,201,367</u>
		<u>2,254,679</u>	<u>2,192,914</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,254,679</u>	<u>2,192,914</u>
FUNDS			
Designated	9	1,454,095	1,454,095
Restricted	9	378,344	539,399
Unrestricted	9	422,240	199,420
		<u>2,254,679</u>	<u>2,192,914</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The trustees have prepared the accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1st January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ayaz Asghar
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1st January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair view' and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

As a small company, the Trust has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

b) Incoming resources

All income is accounted for on a receivable basis, and stated after VAT.

Specific grants received are accounted for as restricted funds. All grants received are included within the incoming resource of 'activities in the furtherance of the charity's objectives'.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the accounts when a liability arises.

Expenditure is classified under the principal categories of charitable and other expenditure rather than the type of expense, in order to provide more useful information to users of the financial statements.

Charitable expenditure comprises direct expenditure on the aims of the charity.

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c) *Expenditure (continued)*

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the company's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) *Fund accounting*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restriction imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal in which the funds are raised.

e) *Bank interest*

The financial statements reflect bank interest received during the year. Credit is not taken for interest accrued but not received at the balance sheet date.

f) *Taxation*

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from Income Tax and Corporation Tax under the provisions of Section 505(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

g) *Depreciation*

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life: -

Freehold property	2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost
Computer Equipment	33% on cost
Plant & Machinery	25% on cost

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost.

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2. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Staff costs	76,457	76,457	152,914	175,998
Rent and rates	1,130	1,130	2,259	2,357
Advertising	-	-	-	2,172
Grant payments	48,175	48,175	96,351	136,675
Insurance	1,783	1,783	3,567	7,867
Light and heat	4,696	4,696	9,391	12,819
Repairs and maintenance	10,119	10,119	20,237	5,172
Printing, postage & stationery	1,100	1,100	2,200	1,901
Telephone and internet	693	693	1,386	1,222
Travel and subsistence	14,214	14,214	28,427	22,452
Training events	11,034	11,034	22,068	19,733
Computer running	2,047	2,047	4,095	8,558
Professional fees	342	342	683	14,465
Depreciation	33,977	33,977	67,953	51,824
Cleaning	-	-	-	1,961
General expenses	6,795	6,795	13,589	15,268
Bank charges	258	258	515	417
Governance costs (note 3)	3,300	3,300	6,600	3,000
	216,118	216,118	432,235	483,854

3. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accountancy	3,300	3,300	6,600	3,000
	3,300	3,300	6,600	3,000

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4. Net Incoming Resources for the Year

The net income for the year is stated after charging:	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	67,953	51,824

5. Staff Costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	124,081	142,591
Social security costs	28,833	31,553
	152,914	174,144

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Programme Co-ordination	45	6
Fundraising	1	1
	46	7

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in this or the preceding year.

Trustees' Remuneration

There was no remuneration paid to any of the trustees for this year or the preceding year.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid during the period ended 30th March 2022 or the year ended 30th March 2021.

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6. <i>Tangible Fixed Assets</i>	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicle £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	1,116,753	184,298	44,700	1,345,751
Additions	-	100,816	-	100,816
Disposals	-	9,467	-	9,467
At 30 March 2023	1,116,753	275,647	44,700	1,437,100
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	191,683	151,347	11,175	354,205
Charge in year	22,335	40,361	8,381	71,077
Eliminated on disposal	-	3,124	-	3,124
At 30 March 2023	214,018	188,583	19,556	422,158
Net book value				
At 30 March 2023	902,735	87,064	25,144	1,014,942
At 31 March 2022	925,070	32,952	33,525	991,546

7. <i>Debtors</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages	-	281
VAT	25,718	3,991
Trade Debtors	223,600	-
Pension	6,306	6,387
Social security	5,342	8,480
	260,965	19,139

All amounts are due within one year

8. <i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	-	5,500
	-	5,500

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9. Movements in funds

	At 01.04.22	Designated funds	Net movement in funds	At 30.03.2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	539,399	-	-161,056	378,344
Designated Property Project funds	1,454,095	-	-	1,454,095
	1,993,494	-	-161,056	1,832,438
Unrestricted funds	199,420	-	222,820	422,240
Total funds	2,192,914	-	61,764	2,254,678

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	55,062	-216,118	-161,056
Unrestricted funds	438,938	-216,118	222,820
	494,000	-432,235	61,764

Designated funds relate to Development of Social Enterprise and Building refurbishment project, which is a key priority for the Trustees.

10. Statutory information

Youth Action Ltd is a private charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The charitable company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

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Grants and Donations Schedule
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We offer our sincere and grateful thanks for all those who have supported Youth Action Ltd throughout the year either through grant funding or providing essential equipment for the benefit of children and young people.

- British Council
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
- Council of Europe
- Cabinet Office
- Department for Work and Pensions
- European Commission
- Energy Saving Trust
- Lancashire County Council
- Lancashire Community Foundation
- National Lottery Community Fund
- UK Community Foundation
- UK Youth
- Raspberry Pi Foundation
- BT Plc

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