

**Registered Company Number: 05601737 (England and Wales)**  
**Registered Charity Number: 1142935**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
YOUTH ACTION LTD  
(Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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**Company Information**  
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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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Ayaz Asghar  
Suhail Ainarkar  
Shagufta Nawaz (appointed 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024)  
Farzana Sidat (resigned 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024)

**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.

## **RESPONDING TO EXTERNAL EVENTS**

The past year has continued to test the resilience of young people, families and communities. The long-term effects of the pandemic, widening inequality, racial injustice and sustained cost of living pressures continue to shape the lived experiences of the young people Youth Action exists to serve. Against this challenging backdrop, Youth Action has not only maintained services but strengthened its reach, deepened its impact and reinforced its role as a trusted leader in youth empowerment and social action.

This year represents a clear shift from emergency response to long-term transformation. Youth Action has continued to place young people at the centre of solutions, recognising that those most affected by inequality are best placed to articulate the issues they face and to shape meaningful responses. Young people have not been passive recipients of support but active leaders, designers and changemakers within their communities. Youth Action's work remains grounded in the belief that authentic youth voice, when combined with high-quality youth work and structured opportunity, can transform individual lives and strengthen communities. The Trustees are proud of the organisation's achievements over the year and confident in its strategic direction moving forward.

### **From Crisis to Capability in a Post-Pandemic Landscape**

Youth Action delivers flexible, strengths-based youth work designed in response to what young people tell us they need. Our blended delivery model, incorporating face-to-face, digital and hybrid provision, reflects direct feedback from young people about access, safety, wellbeing and engagement.

During the year, Youth Action supported over 16,408 children, young people and parents or carers, responding to continued demand linked to health, wellbeing, education and economic uncertainty. This scale of delivery reflects both the depth of need within communities and the organisation's capacity to adapt quickly while maintaining quality.

Our reach continues to reflect our commitment to working with those most affected by inequality. Approximately 96.9 percent of participants were from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, and over 62 percent were eligible for Pupil Premium or free school meals. These figures underline the importance of Youth Action's role in supporting young people who face systemic barriers to opportunity.

Ongoing investment in robust systems has strengthened the organisation's ability to collect secure, GDPR-compliant demographic and outcome data. This has improved service planning, strengthened accountability and ensured that young people's voices and experiences inform strategic decision-making, partnership development and policy influence.

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**Championing Equity, Voice and Belonging**

Equity, inclusion and belonging remain central to Youth Action's mission and delivery. For over two decades, the organisation has worked alongside young people to challenge inequality and discrimination, particularly racial injustice, using youth-led social action as a vehicle for change.

Throughout the year, young people identified the issues that mattered most to them, including stop and search, racial profiling, hate crime, discrimination and community cohesion. These priorities shaped a range of youth-led campaigns, workshops and dialogue sessions delivered in schools, community settings and local forums. Youth workers acted as enablers, providing structure, safeguarding and skills development while ensuring ownership and messaging remained with young people themselves.

This work created safe spaces for honest conversation, challenged stereotypes and amplified youth voice in places where it is often unheard. Young people developed confidence, advocacy skills and a strong sense of agency, while adults and institutions gained deeper insight into lived experience and the realities facing young people today.

Alongside external delivery, Youth Action strengthened its internal commitment to equity and inclusion. The Diversity and Inclusion Group undertook a comprehensive review of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, embedding inclusive recruitment practices and strengthening accountability across the organisation. Learning drawn directly from young people's experiences informed these changes. With full Board support, this work is sustained through annual action plans, ensuring inclusion remains embedded within organisational culture rather than treated as a one-off initiative.

**Cost of Living Crisis**

The cost of living crisis continues to have a profound impact on young people and families, affecting wellbeing, education, participation and future aspirations. Youth Action's response has been shaped directly by feedback from young people and families, who highlighted the stress, anxiety and practical barriers created by rising costs.

In response, Youth Action delivered holistic, youth-informed support for families. This included financial literacy sessions, access to energy vouchers, energy efficiency advice, skills development, employment pathways and referrals into specialist support. Outreach approaches and referral pathways were designed to be accessible, trusted and non-stigmatising, reflecting the priorities identified by communities themselves. By supporting families alongside young people, Youth Action recognised the interconnected nature of household stability and youth outcomes. This approach helped prevent crisis escalation, strengthened resilience and enabled young people to remain engaged in education, youth provision and community life.

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**Strategy: Developing Changemakers for Today and Tomorrow**

Youth Action's strategy is built on the principle that young people are experts in their own lives. The organisation specialises in youth-led social action, supporting young people to identify issues that matter to them, design responses and lead delivery with professional guidance.

Young people are supported through a structured journey that includes exploration of social and environmental issues, skills development, project planning, delivery and reflection. Youth workers act as facilitators, ensuring safeguarding, quality and progression while protecting young people's ownership of ideas and decisions.

Over the year, more than 99 percent of participants reported an increased understanding of social and environmental issues. Young people led 206 community events, attended by approximately 10,963 community members, and delivered 91 workshops across schools and community settings.

These experiences developed transferable skills including communication, leadership, teamwork and problem-solving, directly contributing to improved employability, confidence and civic engagement. The ripple effect of this work extended beyond participants, challenging negative narratives about young people and highlighting their positive contribution to society.

**Youth Social Action and Authentic Youth Voice**

Youth social action is the primary mechanism through which Youth Action delivers impact. Authentic youth voice is embedded across all programmes, ensuring young people are not consulted at the margins but are central to decision-making, delivery and evaluation.

Young people are involved in identifying priorities, co-designing programmes, leading projects and reflecting on outcomes. This includes youth-led forums, peer mentoring, co-design workshops and opportunities to influence organisational practice and external systems.

During the year, young people led initiatives addressing inequality, mental health, digital exclusion, poverty, hate crime, climate change and community cohesion. These projects created tangible benefits for local communities while enabling young people to develop confidence, leadership skills and social capital. By embedding youth voice consistently, Youth Action ensures that services remain relevant, trusted and impactful. This approach also strengthens systems by encouraging schools, partners and decision-makers to value and respond meaningfully to youth perspectives.

**Employability and Progression**

Youth Action's Employability Programme supports young people who are furthest from the labour market, particularly those not in education, employment or training. The programme is shaped by young people's aspirations, barriers and experiences, ensuring support is relevant and responsive.



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Provision includes confidence-building, employability skills workshops, mentoring, pre-employment training, volunteering placements and social enterprise opportunities. Young people are supported to recognise and articulate the skills they develop through social action, enabling them to evidence these effectively to employers and education providers.

During the year, 1,058 young people participated in employability-focused provision. Over 98 percent progressed into work placements, volunteering, enterprise activity or further education. Young people reported increased confidence, clearer aspirations and improved ability to navigate employment and education pathways.

**Volunteering, Youth Groups and Community Engagement**

Youth Action delivers inclusive youth groups and volunteering opportunities designed to reduce isolation, build confidence and strengthen community connections. Provision includes evening youth sessions, structured group activities, leadership opportunities and expanded holiday programmes.

During the year, 1,462 young people engaged in volunteering and structured youth group activity, while 4,617 young people participated in community-based youth provision. Young people influenced session content and activities, helping to create safe, welcoming and engaging spaces.

Participants reported improved wellbeing, increased self-belief and stronger relationships across diverse communities. Wider community benefits included improved cohesion, increased mutual respect and strengthened intergenerational relationships.

**Innovation and Future Skills**

Youth Action is committed to ensuring that young people are equipped not only for today's challenges but for the opportunities of the future. As the world of work continues to evolve rapidly, driven by technology and innovation, future skills, digital confidence and creativity are central to our offer.

Our approach to innovation is shaped by youth voice. Young people consistently tell us they want hands-on opportunities that connect learning to real-world outcomes and future careers. In response, Youth Action has developed programmes that combine digital inclusion, technical skills and employability.

**Digital Inclusion as a foundation**

During the year, over 1,344 brand new computers were distributed to priority children and young people, representing an investment of approximately £784,000, alongside connectivity support. This work ensured young people could fully engage in education, youth provision and online learning, and created pathways into more advanced digital skills development.

**Coding Clubs and STEM Pathways**

Building on this foundation, Youth Action's Coding Clubs programme provides young people with hands-on experience in coding, computing and digital problem-solving. Delivered in strategic partnership with Raspberry Pi Foundation, the programme offers inclusive, high-quality STEM learning for young people who may not otherwise see these pathways as accessible.

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Through project-based learning, young people explore coding languages, electronics and creative digital design. Sessions are shaped by young people's interests and supported by skilled facilitators who encourage curiosity, resilience and collaboration.

**A Landmark Achievement**

This year marked a milestone achievement for Youth Action and for Lancashire. Youth Action's young coders successfully designed and sent their own unique code to the International Space Station, making Youth Action the first organisation in Lancashire to achieve this distinction.

This achievement provided young people with direct insight into careers in software development, engineering, robotics and the wider digital economy. It challenged perceptions of what is possible and demonstrated the power of opportunity, trust and ambition.

By combining digital inclusion, STEM education and youth leadership, Youth Action is not only addressing the digital divide but actively shaping tomorrow's workforce.

**Awards and Recognition**

Youth Action's work continues to be recognised locally and nationally. The organisation remains a recipient of the Big Society Award and the Queen's Gold Award for excellence. Leadership has also been recognised through the High Sheriff of Lancashire Award of Excellence.

These accolades reflect strong governance, high-quality delivery and the power of youth-adult partnerships at the heart of the organisation.

**Looking ahead with confidence**

While challenges remain, Youth Action enters the coming year with confidence, credibility and a clear strategic focus. Priorities include sustained support through the cost of living crisis, expansion of employability and enterprise pathways, strengthening youth voice within policy and systems change, growth of innovation and future skills provision, and significant expansion of volunteer engagement.

Youth Action remains committed to its mission of encouraging young people to empower themselves, placing authentic youth voice at the heart of everything it does and continuing to deliver meaningful, lasting impact for young people, families and communities.

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.

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**Promoting the positive contribution of young people to society**

We create a ripple effect by promoting young people's achievements, inspiring other young people to act and adults to seek their input and ideas.

**Social Action Programmes**

We offer young people, peer mentoring, 1:1 mentoring, online mentoring, face-to-face mentoring, mentors and support to set up their own projects. These projects are primarily delivered as extracurricular sessions in educational institutions, or in the community, and are open to all young people. We particularly target disadvantaged areas and seek to appeal to young people who have not previously engaged in formal volunteering. There are no fees for young people to take part.

Last year our focus was on indigenous communities, and we have continued to develop programmes to target specific groups of young people who find it particularly difficult to engage in their communities. The majority of young people we engage in these activities are young people aged 14-25 living in Lancashire. Many of their projects benefit these communities, although some young people choose to address wider national and international issues. During the pandemic young people have organised a series of online support sessions, peer support for other young people who were suffering the adverse impact of the pandemic.

**Interfaith Programme**

This is an ongoing and popular programme, in response to Youth Action's membership the young people wished to undertake programmes of work which examined the faiths and to challenge the stereotypes, promote an understanding of how people live, how their faith moulds the young people's lives and characteristics.

This programme brought together over 50 young people of various faiths – they were all involved in the planning of visits to places of worship talking to key contacts of the organisation and taking a lead role in the workshops which followed. This promoted discussions and open dialogue and ultimately created a safe space for dialogue. The young people acknowledged the similarities and also learnt that people of different religions was not about compromising their own principles and beliefs – but getting rid of misconceptions and prejudices, looking for common ground in shared values and finding constructive ways to discuss genuine areas of disagreement. The young people also recognised that there was a growing trend of not subscribing to a faith group.

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

We create opportunities for young people with fewer opportunities to gain skills and opportunities to attend international events, conferences, and social action programmes. This is done through our partners the British Council and European Council. During the last year partnerships and opportunities to countries such as Turkey and Croatia were developed. Moving further, there are plans to develop more Middle East opportunities with like-minded youth partner organisations on the themes of youth leadership, empowerment and social enterprise.

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**Youth in the Community**

4,987 young people attended our new youth groups many of whom were faced with fewer opportunities due to social, economic obstacles and cultural differences. We delivered these mainly on weekday evenings but also for the first time, due to the pandemic, significantly increased our capacity to provide holiday based youth camps. This proved particularly helpful to the impact of the pandemic on young people and children.

The impact of the new youth groups has seen the children and young people learn more about themselves, others and the community in which they live; be open to new communities; gain confidence, self-belief and knowledge to be able to make informed decisions, take control of their lives and build up life-long friendships reducing isolation; improvement of their health and emotional well-being with improved levels of concentration which should assist with educational attainment.

**Plans for 2025/26**

• **Deepen long-term community resilience during the ongoing cost of living crisis**

Move from short-term crisis response to sustained, preventative support for young people and families. This will include strengthening financial resilience, access to skills and employment pathways, and ensuring trusted referral routes remain in place for those most at risk of exclusion.

• **Strengthen whole-person wellbeing support for young people post-pandemic**

Work with strategic partners to address the long-term impacts of the pandemic, including mental health, emotional wellbeing, physical health, long COVID, housing insecurity and social isolation. Youth voice will continue to shape how support is designed and delivered.

• **Embed employability, enterprise and future skills across all youth programmes**

Build on successful employability and entrepreneurship provision by embedding skills development, progression pathways and labour-market relevance across all programmes. This includes expanding access to social enterprise, volunteering, accredited learning and work-related experiences.

• **Expand innovation, digital and STEM pathways for young people**

Develop Youth Action's Innovation and Future Skills offer, including Coding Clubs and STEM-focused provision, to support progression into engineering, technology and digital careers. Strengthen partnerships with employers, educators and industry to create clear pathways into apprenticeships, further education and employment.

• **Strengthen authentic youth voice and system influence**

Further embed youth voice and co-production across organisational strategy, service design and evaluation. Increase opportunities for young people to influence policy, commissioning and system-level decision-making locally and regionally.

• **Grow volunteering and leadership capacity to extend reach and impact**

Expand and diversify the volunteering programme, developing young people and adults as facilitators, mentors and leaders. This will increase capacity, enhance quality and create additional progression routes for volunteers.

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• **Invest in staff development, leadership and organisational sustainability**

Continue a comprehensive programme of training and development for staff, with a focus on programme management, impact measurement, safeguarding and leadership. Strengthen organisational systems to ensure Youth Action remains resilient, innovative and financially sustainable.

• **Broaden engagement through inclusive youth spaces and informal education**

Continue and evolve youth group provision, informal education and community-based programmes, ensuring they remain inclusive, accessible and responsive to changing needs. Holiday provision and evening sessions will remain a key part of this offer.

While the context in which we operate continues to evolve, Youth Action remains focused on what matters most. By building on proven approaches and responding directly to young people's priorities, we are delivering programmes that support wellbeing, skills development and progression. The organisation enters the next phase of its work with confidence, stability and a clear sense of purpose.

From all the Youth Action team we wish to offer many thanks to the Staff, Volunteers, Trustees, Corporate Partners, Funding Bodies, our Patrons and Members who have given their unstinting support and belief in us to achieve our mission of "Encouraging young people to empower themselves".

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 are appended herewith. There was a net deficit in the year of (£34,158) and net deficit of (£9,835) in 2024.

**Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The trustees carried out a review of the organisations structure in 2012 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.

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**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: 30 / 12 / 2025

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ACTION LTD**  
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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 March 2025, 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.

 30.12.2025  
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Date:



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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations		21,962	-	21,962	16,612
Charitable activities:					
Grants		478,716	-	478,716	282,571
Activities from generating funds		-	-	-	-
Investments:					
Interest received		7,340	-	7,340	7,551
Other:		23,772	-	23,772	23,684
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>531,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>531,250</b>	<b>330,417</b>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	(282,704)	(282,704)	(565,408)	(340,252)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>248,546</b>	<b>(282,704)</b>	<b>(34,158)</b>	<b>(9,835)</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>248,546</b>	<b>(282,704)</b>	<b>(34,158)</b>	<b>(9,835)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		582,531	1,662,312	2,244,844	2,254,678
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>831,077</b>	<b>1,379,608</b>	<b>2,210,686</b>	<b>2,244,844</b>

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	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	961,011	990,436
		<u>961,011</u>	<u>990,436</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	441,986	232,660
Cash at bank and in hand		808,593	1,031,748
		<u>1,250,580</u>	<u>1,264,408</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(905)	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,249,675</u>	<u>1,264,408</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,210,686</u>	<u>2,244,844</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Designated	9	1,454,095	1,454,095
Restricted	9	(74,486)	208,218
Unrestricted	9	831,077	582,531
		<u>2,210,686</u>	<u>2,244,844</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 30 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



**Ayaz Asghar**  
Trustee (Treasurer)

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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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***Accounting Policies (continued)***

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	-
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 £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Staff costs	123,231	123,231	246,462	181,919
Rent and rates	1,899	1,899	3,798	4,785
Advertising	535	535	1,070	-
Grant payments	-	-	-	588
Insurance	4,234	4,234	8,468	10,645
Light and heat	4,424	4,424	8,848	8,230
Repairs and maintenance	82,791	82,791	165,581	20,915
Printing, postage & stationery	62	62	125	998
Telephone and internet	504	504	1,007	1,376
Travel and subsistence	1,580	1,580	3,160	24,222
Training events	2,542	2,542	5,084	11,409
Computer running	1,919	1,919	3,838	4,131
Professional fees	18	18	35	143
Depreciation	9,713	9,713	19,425	37,225
Security cost	1,135	1,135	2,270	6,370
General expenses	45,543	45,543	91,086	20,429
Bank charges	100	100	200	267
Governance costs (note 3)	2,475	2,475	4,950	6,600
	<b>282,704</b>	<b>282,704</b>	<b>565,408</b>	<b>340,252</b>

**3. Governance Costs**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Accountancy	2,475	2,475	4,950	6,600
	<b>2,475</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>6,600</b>

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**4. Net Incoming Resources for the Year**

The net income for the year is stated after charging:	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	19,425	37,225

**5. Staff Costs**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	212,245	150,378
Social security costs	34,217	31,540
	246,462	181,919

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Programme Co-ordination	42	45
Fundraising	1	1
	43	46

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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 or the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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<b>6. Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Freehold Property</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	1,116,753	278,367	44,700	1,439,820
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 March 2025	1,116,753	278,367	44,700	1,439,820
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	214,018	219,523	25,842	459,383
Charge in year	-	14,711	4,714	19,425
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 30 March 2025	214,018	234,234	14,143	478,809
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 30 March 2025	902,735	44,133	14,143	961,011
At 30 March 2024	902,735	58,844	18,858	980,436
<b>7. Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Wages	-	-		
VAT	-	2,553		
Trade Debtors	439,514	223,600		
Pension	-	6,283		
Social security	2,469	224		
	<b>441,986</b>	<b>232,660</b>		
All amounts are due within one year				
<b>8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	905	-		
	<b>905</b>	<b>-</b>		

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**9. Movements in funds**

	At 01.04.24	Designated funds	Net movement in funds	At 30.03.2025
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	208,218	-	(282,704)	(74,486)
Designated Property Project funds	1,454,095	-	-	1,454,095
	1,662,313	-	(282,704)	1,379,608
Unrestricted funds	582,531	-	248,546	831,077
Total funds	2,244,843	-	(34,158)	2,210,686

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	(282,704)	(282,704)
Unrestricted funds	531,250	(282,704)	248,546
	531,250	(565,408)	(34,158)

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 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
- Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- European Commission
- Lancashire County Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- UK Community Foundation
- UK Youth
- Raspberry Pi Foundation
- BT Plc

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