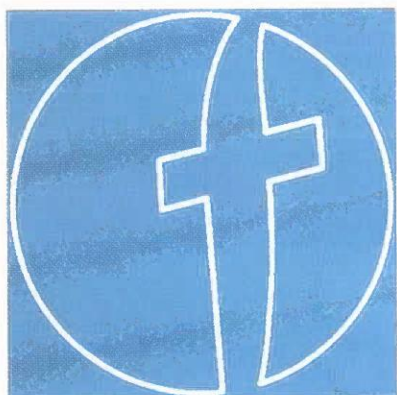


Faith in Schools Newham

**Statement of financial activities
For the year ending 31st July 2023**

**The Wakeling Partnership
24 Ethelburt Avenue,
Southampton
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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2022-2023

Registered Address for the charity:

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*Faith in Schools is a registered charity No. 1147664
and a partner trust with Scripture Union*

Trustees

Mark Waterfield (Chair)
Jill McWilliam (Safeguarding)
Susanne Daswani (Church Liaison)
Brian Smith (resigned 31st July 2023)

The trustees met five times during the year financial year. At these meetings they ensured the finances of the charity were in order, as well as made plans with the director to ensure the charities aims continue to be met. The trustees are in agreement that this is the case, and the accounts have been independently examined successfully.

The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from Sept 22 – July 23.

Achievements and Activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches.

Our vision is for every child and young person in schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

This year we expanded our Knife Crime project 'What's The Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham into 4 wards of the borough. We also moved forward with our longer term plans for sustainability by recruiting churches to be trained, mentored and released to take on our RE lessons themselves and regularly visit their local schools.

Despite cutting our staffing hours down further this year, we have continued to experience a growth in overall demand for our services which outstrips our capacity to fulfil. We have also seen new volunteers coming through. In the summer term, we focused on raising our local fundraising with various community events and engagement with our supporters.

We taught **843 lessons** in **48 different schools** teaching **26,210 pupils**. We saw **over 5000** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. **184 volunteers** from local churches have given over **2,455 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.5** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last nine years.



What's The Point? - Schools Knife Crime Project Expansion

This year, FIS continued to successfully deliver the primary and secondary knife crime projects on a larger scale partnering with Newham Youth For Christ, local youth worker Nigel Weekes, Rev Dave Chesney, Pastor Isaac, Goons for God, Street Doctors, and the Met Police.



We were successful in bidding for funding from both Newham borough (once again) where local residents in Stratford and West Ham voted for the project, and from an external grant provider which resourced us to continue our existing projects in Canning Town and Custom House. Delivered in **11 schools** across **4 wards** of the borough, the project worked with **1000+** children and young people and received praise from school leaders many of whom have signed on again for next year, funding permitting.



Whats The Point aims to support young people to change the culture around youth violence. Our offer to schools is highly relevant to the experience of their learners and take a multi-agency approach to educating pupils about the risks and the consequences of carrying a knife. WTP is an opportunity to work intensively with key influencers in Yr6 who are transitioning to secondary as well as Yr10s, to take

them on a learning journey, and give them a platform, skills and the confidence to present what they think to their peers using their own voice.

“Knife crime affects all ages, cultures and backgrounds. It is essential that we educate young people about the risks, help them to understand the consequences and equip them with tools to avoid situations. The WTP project does all of these things. Through carefully curated sessions with visitors (including Christian victims/relatives and ex-offenders), the reality of the impact of knife crime is really brought to life. Children are taught how to safeguard themselves and others, crucially learning how what might seem like a small, insignificant decision can change a life or lives forever.” Teacher in Canning Town, Newham

We are excited to be able to continue delivering this project with volunteers from the local community who have direct experience of being involved in a culture of youth violence and knife crime.

“Before I didn't think there was a way to prevent knife crime, but now I know how to protect myself from knife crime and to prevent it happening in the first place” Stratford Pupil Yr6

Our programme continued to include visitors from 'Street Doctors' who send medical students to come and demonstrate emergency first aid to treat a stab wound. An essential life skill for the participants – the WTP project has already saved 1 young person's life who learned what to do to keep themselves alive following a knife attack.

“WTP is a haven and a sanctuary for positive change and inspiration. They are able you teach you and give you advice; they let you know how to prevent crimes and be the next generation of change. I highly recommend WTP for other schools.” Stratford & West Ham Headteacher

Easter Experience & Christmas Journey – keeps growing!

Despite the heavy snow, our Christmas and Easter events continue to grow in popularity and break our records for attendance (despite a reduced Schools Work team).

A year on from the disruption and social distancing of the pandemic, our 'Christmas Journey' December 2022 saw us 65% of the Year 1 pupils in the borough – that's **2,810 five and six-year-olds!** Over 11 days we hosted 39 schools, with 104 volunteers from 40 churches.



All the children were fully enthused and engaged and liked coming together to meet baby Jesus"

"The Christmas Journey was amazing this year, the best so far!"

Plaistow Teachers

Beckton schools able to book for the first time, so now schools from every part of Newham can come along.

Our church partners have grown from just 12 in 2021 to 40 different churches directly involved, and with volunteers now gifting a massive 737 hours of time

This proves that FiS is great value for money with a budget of 7 pence per pupil, Christmas Journey shows effective cooperative schools' mission



In March, 40 churches hosted 29 local primary schools for the Easter Experience across 6 areas of the borough. These visits are free, fun, and full of hope.

2,310 pupils aged 8-9, along with their teachers and parent helpers, took part in 6 creative workshops which explore the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through performing and expressive arts. We recruited and trained **83** volunteers who gave **742** hours to share why they celebrate Easter with Newham children.



"It's a great privilege to share our faith with those wonderful young minds and a real pleasure to be doing this together with the amazing team of Christians of all backgrounds and traditions."

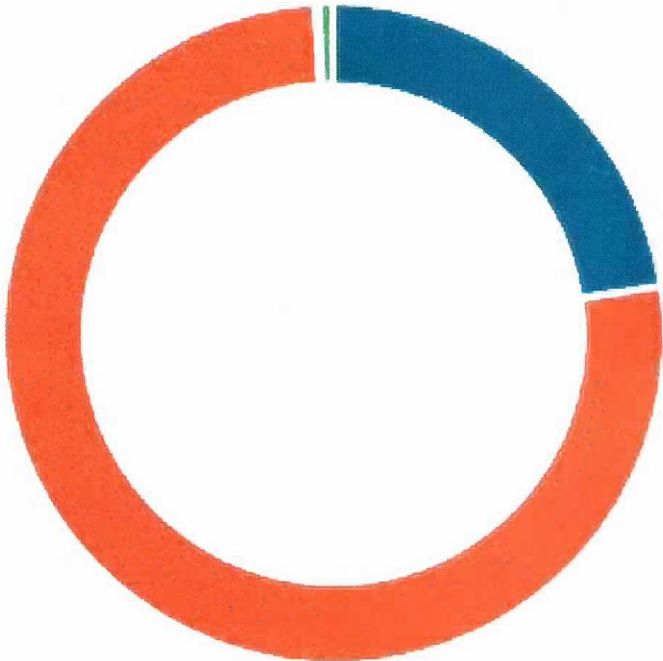
Church leader, Newham

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

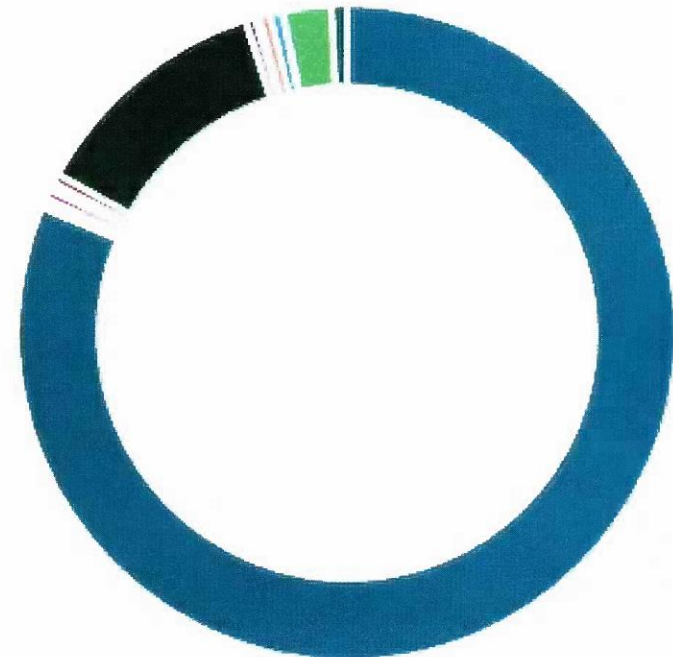
Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2022 to July 2023. In this time our **income** was **£120,495** (21% less than last year) our **expenditure** was **£121,975** (16% reduction from last year). With the closure of a key grant supporter, the Bill Hill Charitable Trust, our charity has had to work hard to remain sustainable. This includes diversifying our income by looking at local fundraising and growing support from local givers, growing our knife crime project, and making further decisions around reductions in staffing and capacity. (We have reduced our staffing by the equivalent of 1.3 FT Schools Workers plus reduced our management costs by 50% since 2020). With sufficient reserves, we continue to be in a responsible financial position. We continue to face significant challenges to funding faith-based work with cost-of-living priorities. Of the **£86,383** balance left in our account, **£51,302** is in restricted funds. The remaining **£30,081** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2023.



FiS Income 2022 – 2023

Receipts	
Donations and other similar receipts	
Donations and tax reclaimed	27,358
Grants	92,096
Other Income	
Sale of resources	20
Investment Income	204
Other Income	817
Total	120,495



FiS Expenditure 2022 – 2023

Charitable Payments & Activities	
Salaries and Pension	99,062
Travel	117
Resources	464
Training	0
IT & Equipment	578
Website	94
Christmas Journey	332
Easter Experience	615
WTP Expenses	14,635
Synergy	0
Sundries	563
Paypal Spending	187
Repayment	0
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	717
Management and Administration costs	
Accounts	750
Finance Fees	28
Admin & Fees	2,915
Insurance	918
Total	121,975

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Receipts and payments account for the year to 31st July 2023

	1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023			2022
	Restricted Funds	General Fund	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		27,358	27,358	43,840
Grants	92,096		92,096	108,633
Other Income				
Sale of resources		20	20	
Investment Income		204	204	12
Other Income	413	404	817	301
	<u>92,509</u>	<u>27,986</u>	<u>120,495</u>	<u>152,786</u>
 Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	53,957	45,105	99,062	122,336
Travel	117		117	55
Resources	464		464	322
Training				80
IT & Equipment	576	2	578	996
Website	94		94	108
Christmas Journey	332		332	274
Easter Experience	615		615	490
WTP Expenses	14,375	260	14,635	11,008
Synergy				2,305
Sundries	425	138	563	620
Paypal Spending	37	150	187	
Repayment				2,666
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	717		717	458
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts		750	750	630
Finance Fees		28	28	16
Admin & Fees	1,147	1,768	2,915	2,513
Insurance	918		918	899
	<u>73,774</u>	<u>48,201</u>	<u>121,975</u>	<u>145,776</u>
 Net receipts/Payments	18,735	(20,215)	(1,480)	7,010
Transfer between funds				
Balance Brought forward from previous year	32,567	55,296	87,863	80,853
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>51,302</u>	<u>35,081</u>	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2023

Assets	2023 £	2022 £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	14,409	32,014
Cooperative Bank Current Account (WTP)	35,459	19,733
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	36,175	35,971
Paypal Account	340	145
	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	35,081	55,296
Restricted Funds	<u>51,302</u>	<u>32,567</u>
	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value	<u>£3,600</u>
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Liabilities

There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:

Position:


Chair of Trustees

Date:

16/5/2024

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Notes to accounts for year ended 31st July 2023

1) Accounting period

These accounts have been prepared on a 12 month basis to 31st July 2023.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer between funds	From General Fund	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	3,784	15,000	19,654	3,177		2,307
Laing Grant	203		203			-
Synergy	1,588					1,588
Mr Willats Trust - Salary		2,917	2,917			-
Slavanka Grant - Salary	-	5,000	1,823	3,177		-
Bill Hill Grant - Salaries	-	36,491	17,722	18,769		-
Easter Experience	-	3,000	658			2,342
Office Grant	1,000		1,000			-
Hockerill	-					-
WTP Grants	25,992	30,101	29,798	18,769		45,064
	<u>£32,567</u>	<u>£92,509</u>	<u>£73,775</u>			<u>£51,301</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	2,678
St Christopher's Educational Trust	1,106
	<u>£ 3,784</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023

Respective responsibilities of 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 Commission 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 Commissioners. 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 seeking 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 20/5/24

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