

FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2023-2024

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Faith in Schools is a registered charity No. 1147664

Year ended 31st July 2024

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number 1147664

Legal framework Trust Deed

Chair of Trustees Mark Waterfield

Trustees Mark Waterfield
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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts.

Charitable Objectives

The main objectives are to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools and in partnership with the Church in areas of social disadvantage.

Organisation

The charity was established by a Trust Deed dated 25th May 2012 amended on 21st September 2021 and 11th May 2022.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and continue to provide public benefit through many and varied activities as described below. None of the activities are restricted in any way in terms of gender, race, faith, background, or disability.

Trustees

Mark Waterfield (Chair)
Jill McWilliam (Safeguarding)
Susanne Daswani (Church Liaison)

The trustees met three times during the 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 were continued to be met. The trustees are in agreement that this is the case, and the accounts have been independently examined successfully.

The day-to-day management of the charity is in the hands of Alice Probert.

The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from September 2023 – July 2024.

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 carried on with our Knife Crime project 'What's the Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham. We also continued with our long-term plans for sustainability by recruiting churches to be trained, mentored and then to take on our RE lessons for themselves and regularly visit their local schools.

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We again reduced our staffing hours due to the retirement of a member of the team this year, but still have continued to experience a demand for our services which outstrips our capacity to fulfil. We have also seen an increase of new volunteers coming through. The team again continued with their fundraising with various community events and engagement with our supporters.



Local supporters enjoying our Old Skool Disco to raise funds (October 2023)

We taught **756 lessons** in **57 different schools** teaching **23,360 pupils**. We saw **2752 pupils** for our Christmas Journey and **2640 pupils** for our Easter Experience as well as **378 pupils** at Life Expo. **243 volunteers** from local churches have given over **3292 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.6** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates a sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last ten years.

What's The Point? – Schools Knife Crime Project

We have continued in successfully delivering the primary and secondary knife crime projects with being in partnership with Newham Youth for Christ, local youth worker Nigel Weekes, Rev Dave Chesney, Pastor Isaac, Goons for God and the Met Police.

We were again successful in bidding for funding from Newham council and an external grant provider to continue the project in the Stratford, Canning Town and Custom House areas as well as into the Forest Gate and Manor Park areas. The project has been delivered in **8 schools** across 5 wards in the borough with **1000+** children and young people.

Christmas Journey, Easter Experience and Life Expo

Our **Christmas Journey** saw an amazing **2752 Year 1 pupils** (5- and 6-year-olds) plus parents and schools staff attend from **40 different schools**. The event was held at **7 host churches** over 8 days and involved **52 volunteers** from **28 different churches** who gave a total of **728 volunteering hours**.



Year 1 pupils are surprised by an Angel (CJ East Ham 2023)



Counting sheep to help the shepherds (CJ Forest Gate 2023)



Star Watchers' succeed thanks to Plaistow schools (CJ Plaistow 2023)

Easter Experience saw an increase in numbers of pupils and volunteers attending with **2640 Year 4 pupils** (8- and 9-year-olds) with parents and school staff from **35 different schools**

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going to **7 different host churches** over 8 days. One of the host churches being a new partnership. Overall, **122 volunteers** from **36 active churches** gave a total of **1592 volunteering hours** supporting this work by sharing how they celebrate Easter with Newham children.

One new church provided 14 new volunteers to support the event and many of these have carried on supporting us by becoming volunteers who come into school lessons with us.



*Adding a symbol of new life
(Easter Gardens 2024)*



*Stained glass window workshop
(EE Stratford, 2024)*



*Resourcing Easter Experience isn't 'cheep'
(Volunteers prep, 2024)*

Life Expo was held at one location and reached **378 Year 6 pupils** (10- & 11-year-olds) from **6 different schools**. Unfortunately, pupil numbers were down on the number we expected to attend due to the general election, and schools that should have been attending were closed as they were being used as voting stations. However, on that day we opened the Expo up to the general public with the volunteers still being present and acting as guides and answering questions.

We had over **30 volunteers** from **15 different churches** who donated **360 hours** of their time.



Life Expo Team at All Saints West Ham Church, July 2024

Calm Club

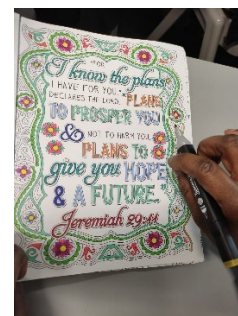
Through a Newham Mental Health and Wellbeing grant a Calm Club (wellbeing lunch club) was launched in at a secondary school in partnership with a youth worker from a local church. **360 young people** have taken advantage of this space and the school is requesting another club to be opened on their second site. This project is pastoral based with the young people enjoying playing games, crocheting and other crafts. They have a space where they can ask faith-based questions.

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Will Matt remain Uno champion?
(Associate church worker from
Highway Vineyard co-leads this weekly)



Pupils learned to crochet thanks to
Faith in Schools volunteer named
Comfort.



Bible verse colouring-in
now laminated as a
classroom decoration.

Church Partnership

The number of associate church workers who lead visits in at least 1 school has now increased to **9** independently which is up on 4 from last year. They have led **93 lessons** at **14 different schools**.

We are pleased by this increase in numbers as it fits with our aims to equip churches to be able to interact with their local schools successfully with support from us a charity. This has helped continue our work in the areas of the borough where we do not have a dedicated schools worker and so allowing children to meet local Christians as part of their RE lessons.

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 charity's 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 August 2023 to July 2024. In this time our income was **£93,975** (2023: £120,495 - 25% reduction) and our expenditure was **£108,429** (2023: 121,975 - 12% less than last year). The charity has worked hard to remain sustainable by again looking at staffing and capacity while raising monies through local fundraisers, support from local givers and the knife crime project. The decrease in income was again due to the loss of grant providers who have moved more to practical based grants such as food banks. We still continue to face significant challenges to funding faith-based work due to the cost-of-living priorities.

With our built-up reserves, we continue to be in a financial responsible position.

Of the **£71,865** balance left in our account, **£16,535** is in restricted funds and **£15,000** is designated to cover staff redundancies if required in the future totalling **£31,535** with the remaining **£40,330** in the unrestricted General funds being allocated towards wages from

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September 2024. We aim to retain reserves to allow us to meet our obligations for the following three months.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks. Policies are being prepared and updated to mitigate risk such as safeguarding, child protection, photography and filming, disciplinary. Grievance and equality.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been agreed by the Trustees of Faith in Schools.

Approved by the Trustees on 23/05/25 2025

and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Waterfield (May 23, 2025 22:46 GMT+1)

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Mark Waterfield
Trustee and chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Faith in School Newham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

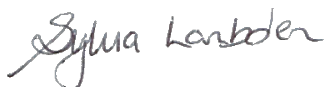
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sylvia Lambden FCCA

Calculus Accountants and Tax Advisers Limited
Accountants
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Date: 2025

23/05/25

Year ended 31st July 2024**Receipts and Payments Account**

		Restricted Funds	General Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts	Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations and gift aid receipts	2	-	50,223	50,223	27,358
Grants		42,444	-	42,444	92,096
Sundry income		-	235	235	837
Investment income		-	1,073	1,073	204
Total receipts (excluding assets receipts)		42,444	51,531	93,975	120,495
Total incoming resources		42,444	51,531	93,975	120,495
Payments					
Charitable Activities	3	77,173	25,442	102,615	117,364
Administrative Expenses	4	38	5,840	5,878	4,611
Total Payments (excluding assets receipts)		77,211	31,282	108,493	121,975
Total Payments		77,211	31,282	108,493	83,543
Net resources expended		(34,767)	20,249	(14,518)	(1,480)
Net movement in funds					
Cash Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2023		51,302	35,081	86,383	87,863
		-	-	-	
Cash Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2024	7	£16,535	55,330	£71,865	£86,383

The notes on page 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Year ended 31st July 2024**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Restricted £	Unrestrict £		2024 £	2023 £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	5,948	9,651	-	15,599	14,409
Cooperative Bank Current (WTP)	10,587	-	-	10,587	35,459
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	-	45,659		45,659	36,175
Paypal Account	-	20		20	340
Total cash funds	£16,535	£55,330	-	£71,865	£86,383
Fixtures and fittings at insurance value					
		-	-	£3,600	£3,600
Liabilities					
Grant overpaid				£1,188	-
Accruals				£890	£900
Funds					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General funds	-	£55,330	-	£55,330	£35,081
<i>Restricted</i>					
Restricted	7	£16,535	-	-	£51,302
Total funds	£16,535	£55,330	-	£71,865	£86,383

The financial statements on pages 11 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



[Mark Waterfield \(May 23, 2025 22:46 GMT+1\)](#)

23/05/25

Mark Waterfield
Chairman and Trustee

2025

Year ended 31st July 2024

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared on a 'Receipts & Payments' basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the statement of assets and liabilities included assets listed at insured values. The results of the Charity operations are described in the Trustees' Report and are continuing. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

1.2 Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those which were raised for particular purposes and can only be used for those particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

Donations and general gifts are recognised as incoming resources on receipt.

Gift aid income received are tax reclaims on the donations of tax paying donors and are included in donations on receipt.

Investment and sundry income is recognised when received.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis. Certain costs have been apportioned between direct charitable expenditure, management and administration on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Year ended 31st July 2024**Notes to the accounts****2. Donations and general gifts**

	Restricted £	General £	Total £ 2024	Total £ 2023
Donations	-	45,302	45,302	24,307
Gifts	-	1,370	1,370	1,730
Gift aid tax reclaimed	-	3,551	3,551	1,314
Total	£-	£50,223	£50,223	£27,358

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	Restricted £	General £	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities				
Salaries and pension	60,083	24,279	84,362	99,062
Travel	90	-	90	117
Resources	260	-	260	464
Computer costs	-	990	990	578
Website	-	173	173	94
Christmas journey	296	-	296	332
Easter experience	1,183	-	1,183	615
Life Expro	216	-	216	-
Calm Club	413	-	413	-
WTP expenses	13,828	-	13,828	14,635
Sundry items	276	-	276	563
Printing, post and stationery	468	-	468	187
Paypal spending	60	-	60	717

77,173	25,442	102,615	117,364
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			2024 £	2023 £
4. Administrative costs				
Finance fees	-	224	224	28
Insurance	-	921	921	918
Rent	-	3,345	3,345	2,768
Safeguarding	38	-	38	147
Donation – Scripture Union	-	600	600	-
Governance:				-
Independent examination	-	750	750	750
Total	£38	£5,840	£5,878	£4,611

Year ended 31st July 2024**Notes to the accounts****5. Employment costs**

The charity had 6 employees during the year. The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

6. Trustee and related parties

Amounts paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity are reimbursed if required but no other expenses are claimed or paid.

7. Reserves

	At 1 st Aug 23	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>35,081</u>	<u>51,531</u>	<u>31,282</u>	(15,000)	<u>40,330</u>
Designed Fund	-	-	-	15,000	<u>15,000</u>
Restricted Funds	2,308	-	295	-	
All Churches Trust	2,342	-	1,183	-	2,012
Seedfield Trust (Easter	1,588	-	-	-	1,159
Experience) Synergy	-	3,500	3,500	-	1,588
The Willats Trust	-	7,134	5,945	-	
London Brough of Newham -mental					1,189
health	-	5,000	5,000	-	
Good News Evangelical	-	10,000	10,000		-
Mission	-	7,414	7,414		-
Benefact Trust					-
Diocese of Chelmsford – over the	-	2,000	2,000		-
border					
Aston Mansfield Grant	9,604	-	9,604		-
Bill Hill Charitable Trust	<u>35,459</u>	<u>*7,396</u>	<u>32,268</u>		-
Whats the point project					<u>10,587</u>
	<u>£51,302</u>	<u>£42,444</u>	<u>£77,211</u>		<u>£16,535</u>
Total restricted					
	<u>£86,383</u>	<u>£93,975</u>	<u>£108,493</u>	-	<u>£71,865</u>

- £4,896 received from the London Borough of Newham and £2,500 from Tate & Lyle.









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Final Audit Report

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