

# **Living Out**

**Charity Number: 1165572**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

## Reference & Administration Details

**Charity name:** Living Out

Charity number: 1165572

Charity's operating address: The Emmanuel Meeting House  
Lewins Mead, Bristol,  
Postcode BS1 2NN

## Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office</i>
1: Paul Chamberlain (appointed 17/10/24)	
2: Gabrielle Doherty (resigned 14/10/24)	
3: Rosemary Dunn	
4: Stuart Keir (appointed 23/10/25)	
5: Helen Lamb	
6 Ed Shaw	Chair
7 Keith Sinclair	

## Description of the Charity's Trusts

**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution

**How the Charity is Constituted:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Trustee Selection Methods:** Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Living Out trustees must indicate their adherence to the Living Out statement of beliefs.

## Objectives

For the public benefit, the advancement of the evangelical Christian religion and Christian principles of love, acceptance, compassion and understanding, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- (1) Encouraging evangelical congregations to welcome and accept same sex attracted individuals and provide them with pastoral support.
- (2) Repudiating all attitudes and actions which victimize or diminish people whose affections are directed towards people of the same sex.

- (3) Providing pastoral support and advice in relation to biblical teachings on human sexuality assisting same sex attracted Christians reconcile their sexuality with the teachings of the Bible.

## **Activities, Achievements & Performance**

Living Out carries out a wide variety of activities and the trustees take seriously the requirement to provide public benefit and have appreciated the Charity Commission's guidance in this area.

In February 2022 Living Out set some new medium term goals of:

- Encouraging and equipping under 25s and those who care for them.
- Increasing the profile and accessibility of the website and its resources.
- Encouraging and equipping churches to be biblically inclusive safe spaces for sexual minority groups.
- Refreshing and expanding the staff team

A major focus for this year was the production, launch and promotion of Kaleidoscope, a free series for youth groups exploring big questions about sexuality, gender and faith. This was launched in November 2024 and had nearly 1,000 people registered to download it by the end of the financial year.

Engagement generally increased during the year with 1,244 new newsletter subscribers and increasing the number of individual donors. The website continued to attract large numbers of visitors with a weekly blog and new articles from an expanding number of authors. The 100<sup>th</sup> Podcast episode was broadcast during the year prompting many messages of appreciation and the podcast audience continues to grow.

A focus for the year has been particular days the team have set aside to consult with experts on various key areas related to faith and sexuality. This learning and discussion will inform decisions around a new medium term goals to be decided in early 2026.

## **Financial Review**

### **Financial Review Details**

Living Out made a deficit of £59,112 in the year to 31 March 2025. This was a planned reduction in reserves through expenditure on Kaleidoscope production and promotion. Donation and Grant funding was maintained at a similar high level to the previous year when there had been a substantial increase in donations. Excluding the Kaleidoscope expenditure costs remained broadly stable with some increases due to investment in the Engagement Lead role and in new software to improve our engagement with supporters.

Living Out has no borrowings nor provided any guarantees.

### **Charity's Policy on Reserves**

The trustees reviewed the reserve policy in November 2020 and in light of expanding employment commitments increased the reserves policy to three months operating expenditure relating to salary and other financial commitments as a general reserve.

For the year to 31 March 2025 this would equate to a reserve of £40,000. At the end of the year Living Out had an unrestricted cash balance of £60,413. This was a substantial reduction in excess reserves following the completion of investment in the Kaleidoscope resource.

### **Related party transactions**

In August 2019 Living Out obtained Charity Commission approval to pay Ed Shaw, a trustee, this was to act as a director and not in respect of trustee duties. The cost to Living Out of this was £14,720. Expenses were also paid for three trustees with respect to activity as trustee with a total cost of £1,398.

### **Declaration**

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.**

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

**Signature:**



**Full Name:** EDWARD JONATHAN JAMES SHAW

**Position:** Trustee

**Date:** 23 October 2025

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Living Out Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Living Out for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Living Out 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 Living Out's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did 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.

**Signature:**



**Full Name:**

Simon Begbey

**Relevant professional qualification**

ACA ICAEW

**Address:**

Bristol

**Date:**

8/12/2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last period
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grant Income	92,500	30,100	-	122,600	131,100
Donations	36,043	9,000	-	45,043	43,647
Course and event income	13,486	-	-	13,486	13,236
Investment income	2,021	-	-	2,021	2,806
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>144,050</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,150</b>	<b>190,790</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>144,050</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,150</b>	<b>190,790</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Provision of courses, events	9,776	-	-	9,776	11,580
Other charitable activity	152,204	33,621	-	185,824	148,253
Administrative costs and services	44,653	-	-	44,653	34,360
Governance	2,009	-	-	2,009	923
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>208,641</b>	<b>33,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>242,262</b>	<b>195,116</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Asset purchase	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>208,641</b>	<b>33,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>242,262</b>	<b>195,116</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 64,591</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 59,112</b>	<b>- 4,326</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>125,004</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,038</b>	<b>129,364</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>60,413</b>	<b>5,513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,926</b>	<b>125,038</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	60,413	5,513	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>60,413</b>	<b>5,513</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Computer and other equipment	Unrestricted	4,164	-
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		EDWARD THOMAS JAMES SHAW	23-Oct-25	