

SPACE YOUTH PROJECT

(Charity Registered Number 1167902)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

OBJECTS AND BACKGROUND Space started in 2001 when two groups of young people questioning their sexuality approached local support agencies asking for help in coming to terms with living in a heteronormative society. Since then, the organisation has increased its membership to include trans and other gender identities and sexualities and has become well known in the Dorset area for its youth-led work. We support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and those questioning their sexuality or gender identity – we use the term LGBT+ to include all young people within this spectrum. The key issues still revolve around how to face prejudice, and how to deal with emotions and poor mental health of varying severity up to and including suicidal tendencies.

Space Youth Project was formally registered as a charity in June 2007 and became a CIO in June 2016. The Constitution states that the objects of the charity are:

To advance in life and relieve needs of young people under the age of 25 who are lesbian, bisexual, gay, trans and questioning (LGBT+) through:

- The provision of educational, recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life;
- Providing advice, support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to advance education and enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals. And The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:
- The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.
 - Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity issues faced by people of all ages who are LGBT+ and
 - Cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity to create a safe environment where LGBT+ people can promote and explore their culture and work in the interests of the public benefit to remove any social exclusion.

Space has continued the services offered and operates with a full-time CEO, a substantial part time project manager and a dedicated team of part-time professionally trained and qualified staff and volunteers. In January 2021 we also secured funding for a social media and marketing person. Space has continued to provide drop-in groups (where permissible), phone and internet support and crucial one-to-one support, but sadly few trips and no physical conferences or events. We have been involved in online offerings where at all possible. We have still been able to offer young people opportunities to volunteer with Space to improve their skills and build their self-esteem. Space also provides training courses for other organisations and professionals to raise awareness of the issues facing LGBT+ young people and how to approach and work effectively with them. It has achieved a reputation for providing safe places for LGBT+ young people to meet, supporting them in raising their confidence and self-worth, enabling them to develop new skills and become less isolated.

ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

It has been a different year, but we have been delighted to be able to continue to support our wonderful young people. This would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of everyone involved who have put in extraordinary effort to enable this to happen.

Groups The focus during the year was the provision of meeting space for LGBT+ young people. The groups utilise a peer-led model facilitated by a qualified and experienced team and are held in Beaminster, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Poole, Sherborne and Weymouth. We also continue to run Space T Group (specifically for those who are exploring their gender identity) and Supernovas (An Active Steering Group of Senior Members whose mission is to Challenge, Listen and Overcome).

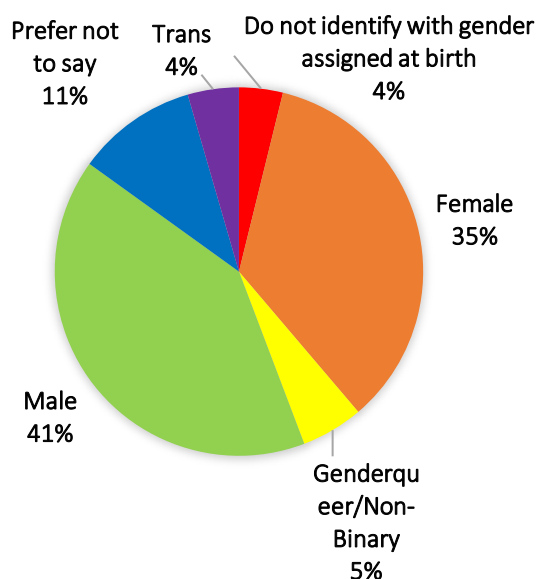
121 Support work - usually face-to face is a much needed and utilised service we provide for your young people – this is not time limited though it does focus on young people developing the skill to help themselves and build resilience. We have also delivered **counselling** sessions.

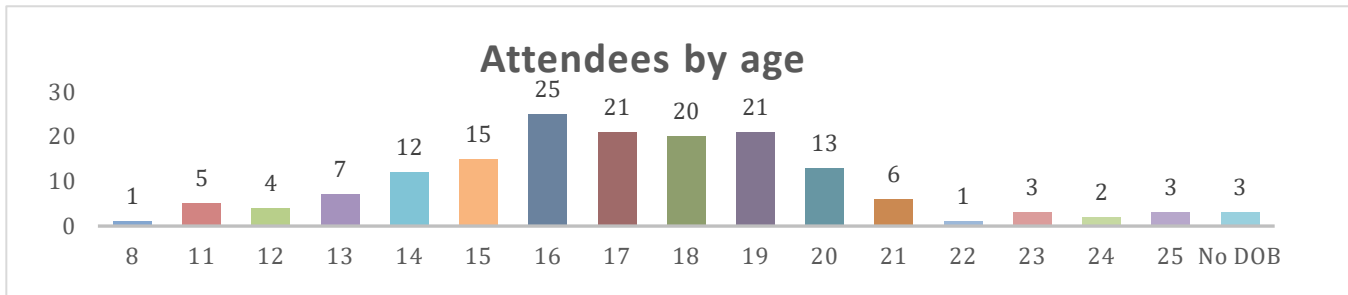
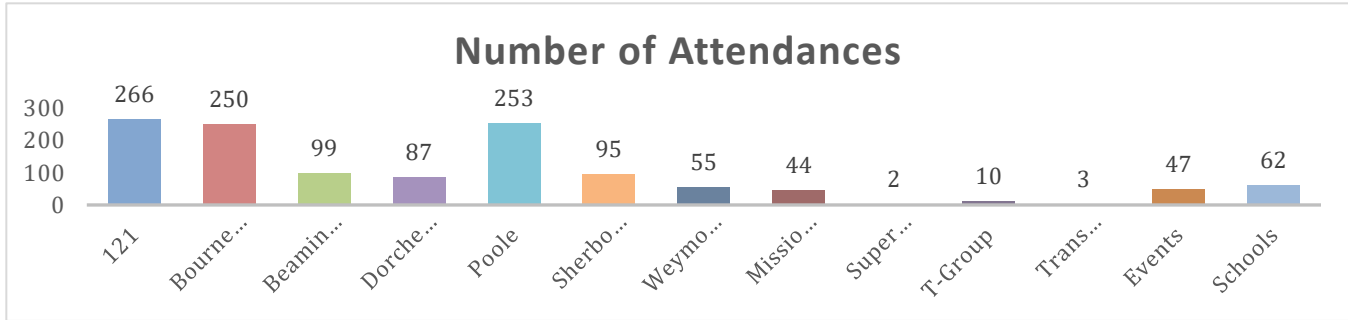
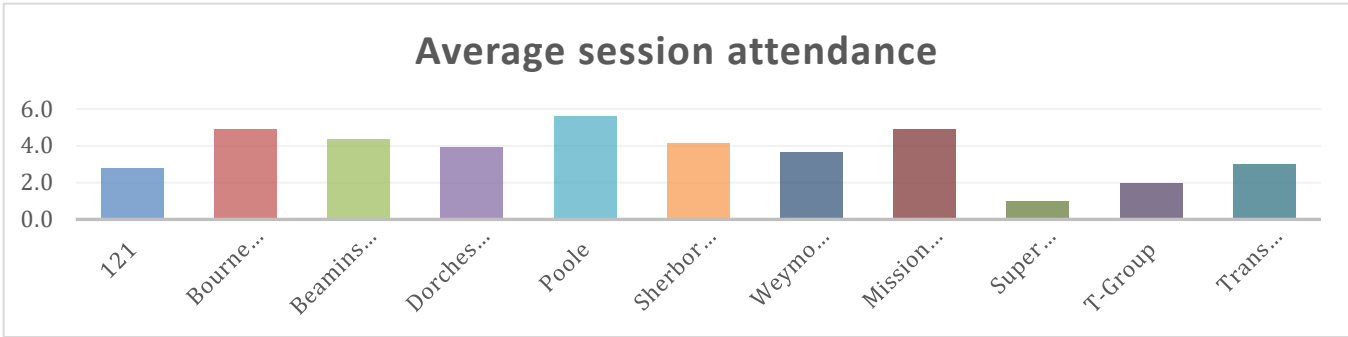
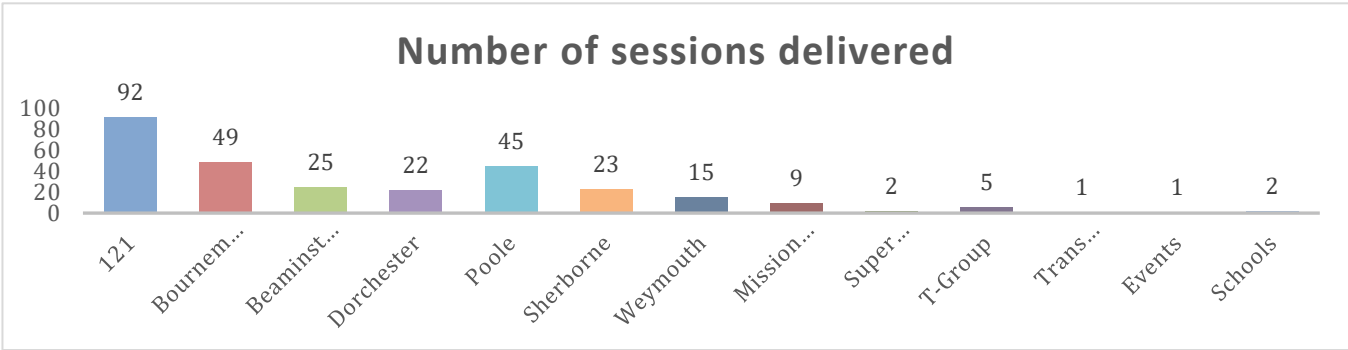
In addition to groups, **telephone** and face to face meetings there has been continued and increased use of support via the **internet** and **text**. We have also increased our **social media** support and reach tremendously utilising Facebook, messenger, Instagram and twitter.

The Numbers

- **162** vulnerable LGBT+ young people supported
- **190** physical and virtual sessions delivered
- **266** 121 support sessions to individuals
- **1273** contacts with LGBT+ young people
- **2.4** full time equivalent paid staff
- **8** sessional workers
- **36** volunteers
- **2,079** volunteer hours given

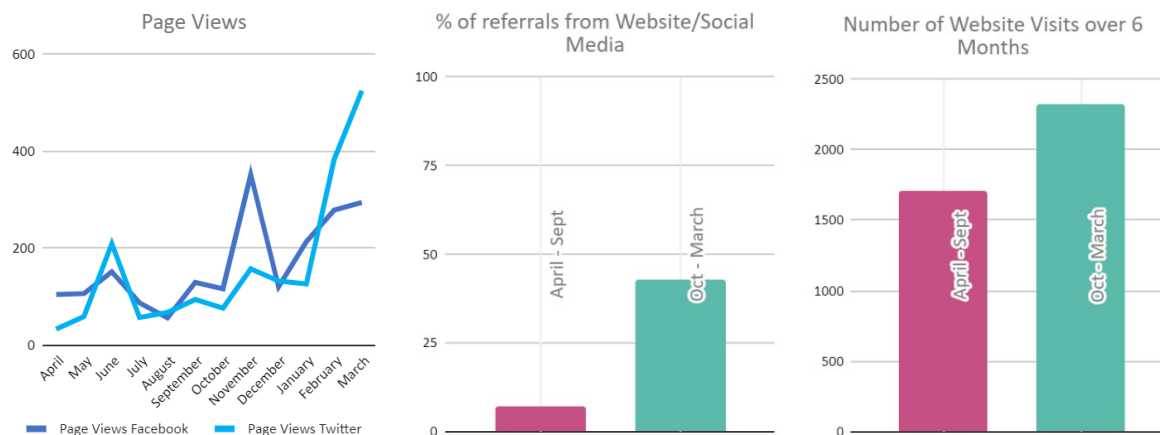
HOW MEMBERS IDENTIFY





Consultations - 35 consultations have been carried out with and on behalf of our LGBT+ young people on for other youth organisations, Universities and Colleges, LGBT+ bodies, health organisations, Local Authorities, Dorset Police, the Home Office and other government departments, voluntary bodies, national and local charities and funders.

Awareness Raising Unfortunately due to the cancelling of every physical event we have been unable to engage in awareness raising activities. We have however, increased our **social media** profiles on various platforms with some wonderful results – see below



Schools Work

With the help of our fabulous education volunteers, especially Mel, training and awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 10 Schools, reaching 1380 pupils and 75 teachers. All this with the restrictions in place – impressive.

Fundraising

The charity has also continued developing routes whereby specialist advice and guidance can be provided to other professionals, parents and carers to enable them to work with LGBT+ young people in a more informed and supportive manner. This has provided a further income stream which we will be developing further. The internet shop has proved a successful fundraising opportunity which continues to expand.

None of this work could happen without the input from our **WONDERFUL TEAM** - We are privileged to have a very dedicated team of volunteers (youth workers, administrators and trustees) who have given over **2,070 hours** of their time and passion to support Space Youth Project. Thanks must also go to the band of sessional workers and support staff who facilitate the smooth running of groups and the project as a whole in these very challenging times.

Trustees The Constitution provides for there to be at least three Trustees, all of whom are required to resign and seek re-election if they wish. New or re-elected Trustees are chosen by the members. The elected Trustees as a body may co-opt further Trustees if particular specialist expertise or support is felt to be needed.

Trustees at the date of this report and in office during the year were; Harry Susser, Charlotte Blanchard (from June 20), Neil Harris, Michael Wild, Sarah Ward, Sarah Grayer, Lynne Ruddick, Eli Moore (from July 20) and Nathalie Shilton (from March 21). Day-to day operation is delegated to a full-time salaried CEO, a part time project coordinator, part time team coordinator, part time office and creative manager, sessional youth support workers, with the Trustees meeting formally every 6 weeks.

This pandemic has been something none of us could have ever foreseen as a charity, or been able to prepare for. But our incredible Team stepped up and kept our groups and one to one support going. Our CEO secured funding for technology to enable staff to communicate with our young people virtually when that was the only choice. She was on hand day and night to troubleshoot and train everyone so they could stay in touch. Emergency food and toiletry parcels were put together and delivered to our young people. Every person involved in Space stepped up to keep your young people in touch and safe while we were all locked away in our homes. The slow process of coming back together in person has begun which has not been easy for some to adjust too, but we are making it happen in the kindest and gentlest way. Encouraging and supporting young people as they transition into the “new normal”. I could not be more proud of everyone and to be associated with this charity.

Harry Susser, MSc, MBACP, Co-Chair Space Youth Project

As a young person at Space Youth Project, I received an amazing amount of support from the whole organisation, every team member and the young people help create a safe and nurturing environment. It was so damaging being treated like a straight, cis person in every other aspect of my life, so to be provided with a safe space when I was my most vulnerable was crucial to my wellbeing. This organisation empowered me throughout my transition and really helped me accept my identity. I would not be where I am today without Space Youth Project. Becoming a Trustee was a great way for me to continue to be a part of an organisation that helped save my life and I wanted to do what I can to support this service for every other LGBT+ young person struggling. It brings a smile to my face knowing lives are being saved by Space Youth Project. Eli Moore

I've joined Space Youth Project as I think it is imperative that there are places for LGBT+ youth to safely learn about themselves and the community as a whole. I hope that my skills will ensure the continued success and growth of the charity." Nathalie Shilton

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Susser', written in a cursive style.

Harry Susser (Joint Chair)

8 December 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SPACE YOUTH PROJECT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



**D C SHORT FCCA
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT**

Date: 8 December 2021

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SPACE YOUTH PROJECT**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED**
31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income	1	14,560	156,535	171,095	166,603
Interest received		226	0	226	55
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>14,786</u>	<u>156,535</u>	<u>171,321</u>	<u>166,658</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Charitable Activities	2	12,371	101,794	114,165	116,222
Administration	3	1,926	2,989	4,915	8,277
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>14,297</u>	<u>104,783</u>	<u>119,080</u>	<u>124,499</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		489	51,752	52,241	42,159
Fund balances at 1st April 2020		54,532	31,055	85,587	43,428
Transfer of reserves					
FUND BALANCES AT 31ST MARCH 2021		<u>55,021</u>	<u>82,807</u>	<u>137,828</u>	<u>£ 85,587</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END **31ST MARCH 2021**

		2021	2021	2021	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS RETAINED	Notes				
Capitalised equipment	4	3,360	0	3,360	3,360
CASH FUNDS					
Bank : current		0		0	1,462
Bank : paypal		0		0	201
Bank : CAF		40,864		40,864	31,941
Bank : Charity		93,604		93,604	38,378
		<u>134,468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>134,468</u>	<u>71,982</u>

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Harry Susser : Chairman

Date: 8 December 2021

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1 Voluntary receipts

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income				
BCP Council		19,050	19,050	19,080
Children in Need		33,758	33,758	56,065
Dorset County Council		20,938	20,938	20,938
The National Lottery		63,122	63,122	30,162
Dorset Community Fund		3,000	3,000	0
The Talbot Trust		4,000	4,000	0
Time To Shine		12,668	12,668	0
LGB&T Consortium				8,767
Ansburys Guidance				120
Nhs Dorset Ccq				145
CAN				137
Bournemouth Labour				90
Bournemouth University				3,189
Dorset Mind				297
Dorset Studio School				366
Inovate Dorset				68
Foster Care Payments Team				94
	0	156,535	156,535	139,517
Donations	4,366		4,366	9,099
Sales	9,500		9,500	17,987
Training	694		694	0
	<u>14,560</u>	<u>156,535</u>	<u>171,095</u>	<u>166,603</u>

2 Cost of charitable activities

Direct costs of running youth centres and activities including planning and supervision

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Staff wages		69,366	69,366	74,941
Staff pensions		12,891	12,891	10,128
Staff reimbursed expenses		702	702	2,691
Young people activities		7,137	7,137	3,895
Volunteers' expenses		363	363	2,062
Premises		1,979	1,979	3,636
Insurance		1,253	1,253	1,206
Equipment & repairs		6,350	6,350	767
Motor expenses		622	622	1195
Telephone		522	522	520
Cost of sales (adj for stock)	9,787		9787	4,131
Postage	2,584		2584	10007
Promotion, postage and stationery		608	608	1,044
	<u>12,371</u>	<u>101,794</u>	<u>114,165</u>	<u>116,222</u>

3 Administration

Computer costs		1,152	1,152	1,597
Depreciation			-	957
Training		935	935	353
Affiliation fees		201	201	219
Accountancy and bookkeeping	(113)		(113)	1,201
Bank charges	69		69	5
Paypal charges	1,970		1,970	3,863
Sundry		701	701	82
	<u>1,926</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>4,915</u>	<u>8,277</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Car Unrestricted £	Capitalised equipment Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
At 01.04.20	1,406	1,954	0	3,360
Additions	0		0	0
Disposal				0
At 31.03.21	<u>1,406</u>	<u>1,954</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,360</u>