

YOUNG LIVES CONSORTIUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1170269

Details

Other names YLC

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT IN LIFE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN NEED, IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY PROMOTING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF CHARITIES AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SUPPORTING AND ASSISTING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE PURPOSES. ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS WILL INCLUDE: LIAISING BETWEEN CHARITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON RELEVANT ISSUES TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT IN LIFE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN NEED, CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES. PROVIDING TRAINING, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ON SUBJECTS RELEVANT TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR. IDENTIFYING NEEDS IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND ESTABLISHING PROJECTS TO ADDRESS THEM. ASSISTING IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDING PROGRAMMES TO CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, MONITORING FOR GRANTS, RECOMMENDING GRANTS, ASSISTING APPLICATIONS OF GRANTS. PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC ON THE OPERATION OF, OR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR. ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN RELATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES. EXTEND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO WHOM SERVICES ARE PROVIDED INTO NEW AREAS OF ACTIVITY WHICH BENEFIT THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. EXTEND THE PARTICIPATION IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR OF SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNDER REPRESENTED. IMPROVE THE SERVICES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS IN TERMS OF EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND QUALITY. CO-ORDINATE BOTH EXISTING CHARITABLE AND NON-CHARITABLE AGENCIES THAT HAVE A COMMON GOAL OF PROVIDING CHARITABLE SERVICES OR RELIEF TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN NEED. LIAISING WITH, AND ACTING AS A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN AGENCIES WORKING IN THE FIELD OF ADVANCING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN NEED. REPRESENTING A RANGE OF VIEWS FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR. REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIARIES CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN NEED TO POLICY MAKERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS. PROVIDING ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO AGENCIES IN THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FIELD TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT IN LIFE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN NEED

Activities: YLC facilitates networks, training and partnerships alongside our members VCSE and partners. This assists in identifying key issues for children, young people and families. We then work with our members and young people to grow their organisations and promote joint working and best practice to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£301,521	£265,351	-	-
2024-03-31	£332,409	£235,292	-	-
2023-03-31	£556,649	£450,512	£608,057	4
2022-03-31	£395,350	£396,549	-	-
2021-03-31	£299,610	£352,243	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MOHAMMED AYUB	Chair	2016-12-21
ANN ELIZABETH TOSTA		2016-12-21
BERNI O'BRIEN		2016-12-21
Eleanor Bradbury		2025-01-29
Martin Andrew		2026-03-17
Stanley Foster		2019-06-10

Accounts

Young Lives Consortium

Charity number 1170269

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Mohammed Ayub	Co-chair	
Bernadette O'Brien	Co-chair	
Ann Tosta	Treasurer	
Hazel Bell		
Stan Foster		
Eleanor Bradbury		Appointed 29 January 2025
Jacqueline Craven		Resigned December 2024

Charity number 1170269 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Lightwaves Leisure Centre	Unity Trust Bank plc
Lower York Street	Nine Brindley place
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Independent examiner

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 18 November 2016 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

The charity's main activities

Young Lives Consortium (YLC) facilitates networks, training and partnerships among Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations, also working alongside partners including NOVA, NHS, Education and Wakefield Council.

This year we have participated in the development of our network offer, promoting the Third Sector Framework assisting organisations to access investment to improve outcomes for children, young people families and the wider community. We also continue to promote the Risk and Resilience Framework, improving outcomes through evidence-based approach and practices, assisting organisations to delivery effective services.

This year has seen an increase in activity, alongside the Mental Health Alliance and the Community Builder role, the under 5's VCSE Sector.

The Young Lives networks are both online and face to face, they support the exchange of information and expertise between all agencies on relevant issues to assist organisations grow and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular advancement of the lives of children and young people. We review our activities against our purpose and objectives.

Young Lives Consortium uses the Risk and Resilience Framework to support our activities to demonstrate impact. Evidence-based skills and competencies promote skills to manage changes and life experiences and are evidence-based competencies that reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes as identified by Public Health.

Achievements and performance

YLC have two main strands to our offer of support for children, young people and family VCSE organisations. This includes an offer to assist organisations grow and develop and partnership programmes offer delivered alongside Children and Young People's VCSE Organisations around shared priorities.

Our Support offer

YLC provides networking and learning opportunities for VCSE and partners to develop joint learning and partnerships. Our learning, development and communications offer promotes both best practice in the district, and where we can promote the work of our members and local organisations, we undertake this regionally and nationally.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

Network meetings focused on sharing skills and opportunities increasingly to develop organisations in the post covid context, over 60 organisations engaged with YLC via networking and training opportunities. This year saw over 300 participants take up a range of learning opportunities which included increasing awareness of safeguarding children and adults living in vulnerable circumstances, suicide prevention, risk and resilience. Opportunities to network and co-produce Wakefield District's Children's Plan amplifying the voice of young people engaged in voluntary and community organisations.

The Ebulletin continues to connect 400 contacts (often cascaded) to activities and opportunities and best practice across the workforce including LA and NHS colleagues and opportunities. Promoting Safeguarding messages from the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

YLC continued to be part of the developments and changes via Wakefield Families Together a partnership of all agencies promoting positive outcomes for children, young people, and families, participating in the leadership course for children and young people.

Young Lives Consortium partnership with NOVA is key to developing and improving the services of children and young people's organisations in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and quality through the Third Sector Framework and the development of VCSE Voices.

Working in Partnerships

YLC achievements are strengthened by having greater capacity in the team to develop our partnerships with VCSE organisations and colleagues, young people and wider partners in responding to the strengths within communities and the significant demands which children, young people, and communities are experiencing. The consistency of the offer provided by our members ensure trust and consistency for young people.

We have continued to identify and build on strengths in the voluntary sector and established ideas for change that have been realised via www.wf-i-can.co.uk an emotional wellbeing resources for children and young people via a range of activities delivered through our VCSE Partners. The online offer compliments wider VCSE activities that support young people to develop key skills while having fun, the WF-I- Can Van provides an opportunity for young people to access trusted adults in the community.

Our programmes and activities continue to be responsive and flexible to the changing needs and aspirations of children, young people and communities while taking on board best practice such as the importance of being trauma informed and responsive.

Young Healthwatch and the Community Builder Programme amplify the voice of children and young people. Young People continue to share how the voluntary sector plays an important role in providing these places and people. Young Healthwatch and our Community Builder both engage young people to promote transformation of services, young people have shared their stories to support changes to services across Wakefield and to promote trauma informed and responsive services. This year, children and young people continue to share with us how important it is they have places and people that they can trust that listen to them where they feel safe. We have supported work with Young Carers, Care experience young people and the Build Our Futures Events. Working alongside the Princes Trust 11 young people led on developing running and evaluating an event to promote Mental Health and demonstrate the difference of young person led activities can make in supporting positive change for young people.

YLC worked strategically and operationally within the district as part of Wakefield Families Together, Young Lives and members continued to engage with 'Wakefield Families Together.' YLC alongside Public Health lead on www.wf-i-can.co.uk as the sister site to the Resilience Framework, it is promoted via our partners via a range of apps such as 'Wakey Wellness' 'Growing Healthy' 0-19 app this assists consistent messages to be shared with children, young people and families supported by the VCSE and partners.

We continue to listen to children and young people to improve and change the site. We have relaunched the site and expanded the post 16 section co-developing and creating the site with young people.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

Children and young people learn about the site and engage in emotional wellbeing activities through the WF-I-Can Van, in schools and communities through partnerships with organisations and they play a significant role in contributing to the development of the site and developing the van. Where possible young people continue to take over the site and develop challenges which the wider community engage with, as part of this young people have developed activities and ideas for 5 ways to wellbeing. Working in partnership facilitated by the YLC team, young people, VCSE partners and colleagues, continue to develop the WF-I-Can mobile youth van, engaging with young people in communities, delivering outreach taking services out to children, young people, and communities to respond to young people and community needs.

YLC have continued to facilitate the partnership that delivers the Postvention Offer, providing trauma informed responses to young people aged 16- 25 that have experienced a sudden death, the project provides a breadth of support providing support to communities and person-centred support to individuals.

YLC this year evaluated the Changing Our Direction Trauma Informed Mentoring programme and the recommendation to develop a toolkit for universal VCSE services was made to assist and promote protective factors to prevent self-harm.

Young Lives Consortium works to extend the participation in the voluntary sector of sections of underrepresented communities. This year we continue to engage with our diverse communities in Wakefield via training and exploring trauma informed practices. Our safeguarding training and engagement and Healthwatch support Young Lives to actively seek and represent the views of children, young people and families to policy makers and service providers. The work of Young Healthwatch has also supported young people to continue to take the lead in developing activities for their peers to reduce the stigma of mental health. We share learning and research with the wider voluntary and community sector and partners and embed this into our future actions.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £36,170, including net income of £40,516 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £4,346 on restricted funds, after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £286,431.

1.0 Young Lives is committed to developing its reserves to:

- 1.1 Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.
- 1.2 To meet unexpected costs like break down of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave, and legal costs defending the organisation's interests
- 1.3 To replace equipment as it wears out.
- 1.4 Ensure that the organisation can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need them. Within this context to minimize recruitment, staff training, staff induction and marketing costs by avoiding the need for redundancies caused by financial crisis.
- 1.5 To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and place the charity in a position where it could bid for funding which can be paid up to 12 months in arrears.
- 1.6 From time to time funding has certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserve until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reserves policy (continued)

- 2.0 Young Lives funding.
- 2.1 Young Lives is currently funded by different funding streams. Young Lives has commitment from five funders in the new financial year, there are two additional funding streams that are currently being negotiated.
- 2.2 Whilst this range of funding creates a high level of administration it does provide some security in so far as at any point in time some funders are likely to be in place.
- 2.3 Young Lives aims to plan its fund raising in advance having an eighteen month view of the cash flow. Typically, it takes 12 months to secure a new funder from initial research through the application process to receiving the first cheque.
- 2.4 Young Lives has established relationships of repeat funding with NOVA, Healthwatch and with the Mental Health Alliance. We make assessments of the risk that a funder will not renew on an annual basis.
- 3.0 A prudent level of reserves
- 3.1 Young Lives aims to develop reserves in the band 16% to 28% of current expenditure.
- 3.2 Were Young Lives to close the organisation would incur a number of winding up costs, which are budgeted for.
- 3.3 Costs of closure - Redundancy costs are understood and forecast each year and payable by Young Lives. Costs associated with closure e.g. auditing of accounts are also incorporated into the forecast.
- 4.0 Assuming an ongoing organisation - There are a number of events that could occur during a year that are generally not budgeted for and would be typically funded from reserves.
- 4.1 Other areas to develop the policy to include:
- 4.2 The probability of all staff being sick for their maximum entitlement in one year is very low £3,330
- 4.3 Other types of leave requiring cover: maternity leave; parental leave; adoption leave etc. £2,000
- 4.4 Unexpected replacement of machinery £1,000
- 4.5 Provision to cover unexpected loss of a regular funder. £10,000
- 4.6 Young Lives is ensuring reserves are built to this capacity to manage these risks in future
- 4.7 It is assumed that most capital purchases will be funded from specific grants for capital purchases.
- 5.0 Potential for short time working.
- 5.1 If reserves could be developed to ensure redundancy can be paid. In the event of a financial crisis the organisation does have a good relationship with its staff and the options of part-time working and short term lay-offs would also be considered. It should though be noted that increasingly funding is related to outputs and a move to part-time working could jeopardise some funding.
- 6.0 Restricted Funds
- 6.1 Cash is funded by trusts and grants. For this reason, most funding is restricted in some way. Liabilities such as redundancy payments are incurred whilst this funding is spent. An item is included for contingent liabilities like redundancy costs in all funding applications.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reserves policy (continued)

- 7.0 Establishing and maintaining a prudent level of reserves.
- 7.1 Young Lives is a relatively new organisation and is committed to developing reserves and aims to develop reserves to at least 16% of expenditure over the next four years. This could be achieved by increased fund raising, increasing earned income or reducing expenditure.
- 7.2 If reserves exceed 28% of expenditure Young Lives will consider the likely expenditure over the next two years and aim for reserves to be less than 28% of turnover by the end of two years. This could be achieved by reducing fund raising, allocating less time staff time to earned income activities, reducing prices, or increasing "free" activities and so increasing expenditure. Increasing "free" activities could be one off in areas like courses and fact sheets or expanding the organisation generally. In the latter case due attention will be paid to identifying funding that would sustain the expansion after the reserves had been brought below 28% of expenditure. If Young Lives turnover is growing year on year this might mean that there is no need to reduce reserves for the target to be met within two years.
- 8.0 Bringing actual reserves into line with the policy.
- 8.1 Reserves are developed for Young Lives with its current staff team.
- 9.0 Monitoring and reviewing of reserves policy.
- 9.1 The trustees will consider current costs of closure and examine the level of reserves each year when setting the following years budget.
- 9.2 This reserves policy will be reviewed every two years.

Approved by the board of trustees on 12/3/2026

Mohammed Ayub (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Young Lives Consortium

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

12/3/2026

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Young Lives Consortium
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(2)	-	151,341	151,341	165,131
Charitable activities	(3)	150,015	-	150,015	167,121
Bank interest		165	-	165	157
Total income		<u>150,180</u>	<u>151,341</u>	<u>301,521</u>	<u>332,409</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	(4)	<u>163,076</u>	<u>102,275</u>	<u>265,351</u>	<u>235,292</u>
Total expenditure		<u>163,076</u>	<u>102,275</u>	<u>265,351</u>	<u>235,292</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(12,896)	49,066	36,170	97,117
Transfers between funds		<u>53,412</u>	<u>(53,412)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>40,516</u>	<u>(4,346)</u>	<u>36,170</u>	<u>97,117</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>252,875</u>	<u>452,299</u>	<u>705,174</u>	<u>608,057</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(5)	<u>293,391</u>	<u>447,953</u>	<u>741,344</u>	<u>705,174</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025

		2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(6)	6,960	-	6,960	-
Total fixed assets		<u>6,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,960</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(7)	11,079	-	11,079	88,709
Cash at bank and in hand	(8)	283,631	449,829	733,460	670,246
Total current assets		<u>294,710</u>	<u>449,829</u>	<u>744,539</u>	<u>758,955</u>
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	(9)	8,279	1,876	10,155	53,781
Total current liabilities		<u>8,279</u>	<u>1,876</u>	<u>10,155</u>	<u>53,781</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>286,431</u>	<u>447,953</u>	<u>734,384</u>	<u>705,174</u>
Net assets		<u>293,391</u>	<u>447,953</u>	<u>741,344</u>	<u>705,174</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds		293,391	-	293,391	252,875
Restricted funds		-	447,953	447,953	452,299
Total funds		<u>293,391</u>	<u>447,953</u>	<u>741,344</u>	<u>705,174</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12/3/2026

Mohammed Ayub (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Computer equipment: over 3 years

Website: over 3 years

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies continued

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Donations and legacies

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Kids Yorkshire and Lincolnshire (Kids)	-	42,500	42,500	42,500
NOVA	-	29,928	29,928	29,696
Prosper	-	25,000	25,000	-
SWY Mental Health Trust (SWYMHT)	-	-	-	5,000
Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	40,062	40,062	39,823
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)	-	13,851	13,851	43,112
WY Health and Care Partnership	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>151,341</u>	<u>151,341</u>	<u>165,131</u>

3 Charitable activities income

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Service contracts	145,634	-	145,634	157,750
Training	630	-	630	8,280
Other service income	3,751	-	3,751	1,091
	<u>150,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,015</u>	<u>167,121</u>

4 Charitable activities expenditure

	Activities	Grant		2025	2024
	undertaken	funding of	Support	Total	Total
	directly	activities	costs	cost	cost
	£	£	£	£	£
Advancement in life of children and young people	139,754	96,821	28,776	265,351	235,292
	<u>139,754</u>	<u>96,821</u>	<u>28,776</u>	<u>265,351</u>	<u>235,292</u>

4a Support costs

				2025	2024
	Fundraising	Charitable	Governance	Total	Total
	activity	activity	activity	cost	cost
	£	£	£	£	£
Support cost type					
Management and admin salaries	-	18,081	-	18,081	26,829
Financial management support	-	2,527	-	2,527	2,859
Human resources	-	5,900	-	5,900	4,875
Payroll fees	-	74	-	74	661
Independent examination	-	-	2,160	2,160	2,160
Memberships and subscriptions	-	35	-	35	223
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,616</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>28,776</u>	<u>37,606</u>

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

4b Charitable activities expenditure detail	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total cost £	2024 Total cost £
Salaries, NICs and pensions (Note 4c)	56,862	41,404	98,266	79,372
Staffing: payroll expenses	74	-	74	661
Staffing: professional fees	9,619	150	9,769	25,133
Staffing: redundancy	3,234	-	3,234	-
Other staffing: recruitment, travel and training	5,165	857	6,022	1,942
Grants paid to others (Note 4d)	46,304	50,517	96,821	66,011
Premises	10,643	80	10,723	10,444
Insurance	2,222	-	2,222	1,857
Materials and resources	3,837	2,208	6,045	1,638
Stationery and postage	663	-	663	958
Computer and internet	2,571	6,330	8,901	6,265
Printing and reproduction	1,065	36	1,101	147
Telephone	2,549	-	2,549	2,588
Publicity	1,201	93	1,294	555
Bank charges	74	-	74	154
Independent examination	2,160	-	2,160	2,160
Miscellaneous expense	202	-	202	25
Subscriptions	35	-	35	223
HR support	-	-	-	4,875
Professional fees	11,116	600	11,716	30,284
Depreciation	3,480	-	3,480	-
	<u>163,076</u>	<u>102,275</u>	<u>265,351</u>	<u>235,292</u>

4c Staff costs and numbers	2025 £	2024 £
Gross salaries	91,850	74,667
Social security costs	7,564	6,404
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Pensions	3,852	3,301
	<u>98,266</u>	<u>79,372</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 3.9, being an average of 3.2 full time equivalent (2024: 3.4, 2.7 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2025 £	2024 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	3,852	3,301

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4d Grant making

Project or activity	2025 Grants to institutions £	2024 Grants to institutions £
Changing our Direction	17,345	12,885
Girls' Learning Opportunities	3,022	-
Mobile Youth Club	46,304	142
Nova	500	2,200
Suicide Postvention	29,650	26,213
CYP Emotional Well-being Domestic Abuse Project	-	23,750
The Art House	-	101
Coop Safe Spaces	-	720
	<u>96,821</u>	<u>66,011</u>

5 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Kids - Changing our Direction	83,390	42,500	21,691	(4,200)	99,999
Coop Safe Spaces	14,168	-	2,088	(2,300)	9,780
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing Fund	36,471	-	120	(3,900)	32,451
Girls' Learning Opportunities	4,522	-	3,022	-	1,500
NOVA - HPOC	23,543	-	3,754	(2,396)	17,393
WMDC - Learning Café	12,865	-	-	(1,300)	11,565
NOVA	40,604	29,928	22,620	(5,963)	41,949
CCG - Suicide Postvention	50,860	40,062	29,800	(10,000)	51,122
WYPCC - Violence Reduction	27,290	-	103	(1,000)	26,187
Prosper	20,000	25,000	13,091	(7,500)	24,409
Public Health WF I-CAN	21,885	13,851	5,386	(13,590)	16,760
CCG - Recovery College	15,265	-	-	(950)	14,315
SWYPFT	4,700	-	600	(313)	3,787
Big Lottery Safeguarding	1,313	-	-	-	1,313
CCG - Futures in Mind	85,511	-	-	-	85,511
The Art House	2,281	-	-	-	2,281
Learning Disability	3,771	-	-	-	3,771
WMDC - Agbrigg Community	3,860	-	-	-	3,860
	<u>452,299</u>	<u>151,341</u>	<u>102,275</u>	<u>(53,412)</u>	<u>447,953</u>

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5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Kids - Changing our Direction	To co-produce a trauma-informed mentoring model to cascade among VCSE organisations to promote positive wellbeing and promote positive coping strategies for young people to manage life experiences, changes, and difficulties.
Coop Safe Spaces	To work with groups and a drop in service for Young People to come and feel safe.
Covid Recovery Emotional	Series of interventions with young people during and post Covid to improve emotional wellbeing as part of Wakefield Families Together programme.
Girls' Learning Opportunities	To roll out 5 projects across the district to support young women build self esteem and confidence and reduce risks associated with child exploitation.
NOVA - HPOC	Harnessing the Power of Community - for community organisations to innovate on delivering health and care outcomes.
WMDC - Learning Café	For the development of a community learning space and creative learning activities at the Ridings Centre, Wakefield.
NOVA	Funding to provide infrastructure support to the children and young people's sector including using NOVA Assist and Safeguarding Audit Tools, provide workforce development opportunities and facilitate co-producing opportunities to share best practice, network and shape services.
CCG - Suicide Postvention	To employ a Postvention Support Worker to support YP aged 16 – 25 years old, who have been affected by suicide around the Wakefield District.
WYPCC - Violence Reduction	Funding to deliver detached at Upton, arts acts activities with school and develop. Education package and film to cascade the film and education resources across the District.
Prosper	To employ an Under 5's Development Lived Experience Worker to amplify the voice of the under 5's VCSE and engage with the community using the Risk and Resilience strengths based approach to develop an offer to meet the needs and aspirations of the children and families under 5's.
Public Health WF I-CAN	To develop the WF-I- Can website and provide face to face and social media content to promote engagement of children and young people.
CCG - Recovery College	To develop and promote activities that can be promoted through the 'Discovery College' for 16-25 year olds.
SWYPFT	To work with young people to develop an event to promote young people's engagement in the Trust
Big Lottery Safeguarding	To deliver safeguarding support to the sector.
CCG - Futures in Mind	Funding to co-produce a community integrated response to improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, developing resilience of children and young people.
The Art House	Towards utility costs at The Ridings
Learning Disability	To set up a self advocacy group for young adults with learning disabilities in
WMDC - Agbrigg Community	Engaging in the community building relationships with local young people.

All transfers are for a contribution to office and premises costs, governance and other staffing costs.

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6 Tangible assets

	Website	Office equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	-	4,520	4,520
Additions	10,440	-	10,440
At 31 March 2025	10,440	4,520	14,960
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 April 2024	-	4,520	4,520
Charge for year	3,480	-	3,480
At 31 March 2025	3,480	4,520	8,000
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 March 2025	6,960	-	6,960
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-

7 Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	9,631	86,949
Prepayments	1,448	1,746
Other debtors	-	14
	11,079	88,709

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank	733,436	670,222
Cash in hand	24	24
	733,460	670,246

9 Creditors and accruals

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	80	26,941
Accruals	5,960	11,669
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	-	15,000
Taxation and social security	3,678	171
Other creditors	437	-
	10,155	53,781

Deferred income

	Deferred to next year	Released from last year
	£	£
Safetalk training (training not yet delivered)	-	15,000
	-	15,000

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10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £38,000 (previous year: £37,989).

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income						
Donations and legacies	-	5,000	151,341	160,131	151,341	165,131
Charitable activities	150,015	167,121	-	-	150,015	167,121
Bank interest	165	157	-	-	165	157
Total income	150,180	172,278	151,341	160,131	301,521	332,409
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	163,076	128,998	102,275	106,294	265,351	235,292
Total expenditure	163,076	128,998	102,275	106,294	265,351	235,292
Net income / (expenditure)	(12,896)	43,280	49,066	53,837	36,170	97,117
Transfers between funds	53,412	51,773	(53,412)	(51,773)	-	-
Net movement in funds	40,516	95,053	(4,346)	2,064	36,170	97,117
Fund balances brought forward	252,875	157,822	452,299	450,235	705,174	608,057
Fund balances carried forward	293,391	252,875	447,953	452,299	741,344	705,174

Accounts

Young Lives Consortium

Charity number 1170269

Annual Report and Financial Statements **for the year ended 31 March 2024**



Young Lives Consortium

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Mohammed Ayub	Co-chair
Bernadette O'Brien	Co-chair
Jacqueline Craven	
Ann Tosta	
Hazel Bell	
Stan Foster	

Charity number 1170269 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 18 November 2016 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities - continued

The charity's main activities

Young Lives Consortium exists to assist the advancement in life of children and young people, and support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

YLC facilitates networks, training, and partnerships among Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations, also working alongside partners including NOVA, NHS, Education, and Wakefield Council.

This year we have participated in the development of our network offer, promoting the Third Sector Framework assisting organisations to access investment to improve outcomes for children, young people families and the wider community. We also continue to promote the Risk and Resilience Framework, improving outcomes through evidence-based approach and practices, assisting organisations to delivery effective services.

The Young Lives networks are both online and face to face, they support the exchange of information and expertise between all agencies on relevant issues to assist organisations grow and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular advancement of in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes. We review our activities against our purpose and objectives.

YLC use Risk and Resilience Framework to support our activities to demonstrate impact, the evidence-based skills and competencies promote skills to manage changes and life experiences and are evidence-based competencies that reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes as identified by Public Health.

Achievements and performance

YLC have two main strands to our offer support for children, young people and family VCSE organisations this includes an offer to assist organisations grow and develop and partnership programmes offer delivered alongside Children and Young People's VCSE Organisations around shared priorities.

Our Support offer

YLC provides networking and learning opportunities for VCSE and partners to develop joint learning and partnerships. Our learning, development and communications offer promotes both best practice in the district, and where we can promote the work of our members and local organisations, we this regionally and nationally.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

Network meetings focused on sharing skills and opportunities increasingly to develop organisations in the post covid context, over 60 organisations engaged with YLC via networking and training opportunities. This year saw 346 participants take up a range of learning opportunities this included increasing awareness of safeguarding children and adults living in vulnerable circumstances, suicide prevention, domestic abuse through the eyes of the child, equality and diversity and trauma and adversity. Opportunities to network promoted engagement in the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and Moving from Harm to Hope Strategy. The Ebulletin continues to connect 400 contacts (often cascaded) to activities and opportunities and best practice across the workforce including LA and NHS colleagues. YLC continued to be part of the developments and changes via Wakefield Families together a partnership of all agencies promoting positive outcomes for children, young people, and families.

Young Lives Consortium continues to work alongside NOVA to develop and improve the services of children and young people's organisations in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and quality through the New Framework developed alongside NHS, LA and VCSE partners.

Working in Partnerships

YLC achievements are strengthened by our partnerships with VCSE organisations and colleagues, young people and wider partners in responding to the strengthens within communities and the significant demands' children, young people, and communities are experiencing.

We have continued to identify and build on strengths in the voluntary sector and established ideas for change that have been realised via www.wf-i-can.co.uk an emotional wellbeing resources for children and young people via a range of activities delivered through our VCSE Partners. The online offer compliments wider VCSE activities that support young people to develop key skills while having fun.

Our programmes and activities continue to be responsive and flexible to the changing needs and aspirations of children, young people and communities while taking on board best practice such as the importance of being trauma informed and responsive.

Young Healthwatch and the Community Builder Programme amplify the voice of children and young people. This year, children and young people continue to share with us how important it is they have places and people that they can trust that listen to them where they feel safe. They also tell us that that the voluntary sector plays an important role in providing these places and people. Young Healthwatch and our Community Builder both engage young people to promote transformation of services, young people have shared their stories to support changes to services across Wakefield and to promote trauma informed and responsive services.

YLC worked strategically and operationally within the district as part of Wakefield Families Together, Young Lives and members continued to engage with 'Wakefield Families Together.' YLC alongside Public Health lead on www.wf-i-can.co.uk as the sister site to the Resilience Framework, it is promoted via our partners via a range of apps such as 'Wakey Wellness' 'Growing Healthy' 0-19 app this assists consistent messages to be shared with children, young people and families supported by the VCSE and partners. This year WF-I-Can saw people use the site on 5,443 sessions, on average people viewed 4.7 pages, and on average, each session lasted 1 minute and 29 seconds.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

We continue to listen to children and young people to improve and change the site. We have secured funding for a relaunch to ensure the site remains relevant to children and young people. Children and young people learn about the site and activities through the WF-I-Can Van, in schools and communities through partnerships with organisations and they play a significant role in contributing to the development of the site and developing the van. Most recently young people met with the Children's Commissioner's office. Here they shared their work on developing the mobile youth van and shared their lived experiences. Where possible young people take over the site and develop challenges which the wider community engage with. The site and activities continue to develop with the support of the YLC team, VCSE partners and colleagues, for example our VCSE partners have developed the WF-I-Can mobile youth van engaging with young people in communities, delivering outreach taking services out to children, young people, and communities to respond to young people and community needs

YLC have continued to facilitate the partnership that delivers the Postvention Offer, providing trauma informed responses to young people aged 14- 25 that have experienced a sudden death, the project provides a breadth of support providing support to communities and person centred support to individuals. YLC have also participate in facilitating Programmes responding to young people's requests for example Trauma Informed Mentoring – here we have participated in co-producing a programme Changing Our Direction building on young people's requests for one-to-one work this programme specifically aims to support young people that self-harm.

Young Lives Consortium works to extend the participation in the voluntary sector of sections of underrepresented communities. This year we have continued to work with our diverse communities in Wakefield via training and exploring trauma informed practices. Our work with Healthwatch supports Young Lives to actively seek and represent the views of children, young people and families to policy makers and service providers. The work of Young Healthwatch has also supported young people to continue to take the lead in developing activities for their peers to reduce the stigma of mental health. We share learning and research with the wider voluntary and community sector and partners and embed this into our future actions.

Strategic Review and Organisational Development Report - Plans for future periods

Overview

Over the past two years, Young Lives Consortium (YLC) has undertaken a comprehensive Strategic Review to enhance governance, refine its strategic direction, and restructure its operational model. This initiative, launched by the Trustees in October 2022, aimed to ensure long-term sustainability, improve capacity-building, and strengthen the organisation's ability to deliver its mission effectively.

Achievements

1. Completion of Strategic and Business Plan Development

- A clear, forward-looking Strategic and Business Plan has been finalised and implemented, guiding our organisational priorities and decision-making.
- This plan ensures alignment with the needs of our stakeholders and enhances the impact of our services.

2. Governance Review and Strengthening

- Governance structures have been assessed and improved, ensuring compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements.
- Policies and procedures have been revised to reflect a more transparent and accountable framework.
- Recruitment of new Trustees is underway to bring in diverse skills and perspectives, further strengthening governance and leadership.

3. Restructuring of Operational and HR Functions

- A new operational structure has been successfully implemented, designed to improve efficiency, collaboration, and service delivery.
- HR functions have been enhanced, including clearer role definitions, capacity-building initiatives, and support mechanisms for staff and volunteers.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Strategic Review and Organisational Development Report - Plans for future periods (continued)

Future Plans

While the major restructuring phase has been completed, YLC remains committed to continuous improvement. Our focus moving forward includes:

1 Strengthening Governance Practices

- Ongoing assessment and refinement of governance structures to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- Recruitment of new Trustees to enhance board capacity and diversity.
- Continued training and development opportunities for Trustees and staff to uphold high governance standards.

2 Implementing and Reflecting on Strategic Direction

- Regular reviews of the Strategic Plan to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities.
- Engagement with stakeholders, including young people, partners, and funders, to ensure our direction reflects their needs.

Embedding the New Operational Structure

- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the new structure to ensure it enhances our operational capabilities.
- Strengthening internal processes to promote sustainability, collaboration, and innovation.

Conclusion

The successful completion of this review and the recruitment of the new team marks a significant milestone for Young Lives Consortium. With stronger governance, a clearer strategic direction, and an enhanced operational model, we are well-positioned to continue delivering meaningful impact. The recruitment of new Trustees will further bolster our leadership, ensuring we remain a resilient and effective organisation serving VCSE groups that work alongside children, young people, families and communities.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £97,117, including net income of £95,053 on unrestricted funds and net income of £2,064 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £252,875.

1.0 Young Lives is committed to developing its reserves to:

- 1.1 Meet contractual liabilities should the organisations have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.
- 1.2 To meet unexpected costs like break down of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave, and legal costs defending the organisations interests
- 1.3 To replace equipment as it wears out.
- 1.4 Ensure that the organization can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need them. Within this context to minimize recruitment, staff training, staff induction and marketing costs by avoiding the need for redundancies caused by financial crisis.
- 1.5 To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and place the charity in a position where it could bid for ESF funding which can be paid up to 12 months in arrears.
- 1.6 From time to time funding has certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

2.0 Young Lives funding.

2.1 Young Lives is currently funded by different funding streams. Young Lives has commitment from two funders in the new financial year, there are a two additional funding stream that are currently being negotiated.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reserves policy (continued)

- 2.2 Whilst this range of funding creates a high level of administration it does provide some security in so far as at any point in time some funders are likely to be in place.
- 2.3 Young Lives aims to plan its fund raising in advance having an eighteen month view of the cash flow. Typically, it takes 12 months to secure a new funder from initial research through the application process to receiving the first cheque.
- 2.4 Young Lives has established relationships of repeat funding with the NOVA and with the Mental Health Alliance. We make assessments of the risk that a funder will not renew on an annual basis.
- 3.0 A prudent level of reserves
- 3.1 Young Lives aims to develop reserves in the band 16% to 28% of current expenditure.
- 3.2 Were Young Lives to close the organisation would incur a number of winding up costs. Which are budgeted for.
- 3.3 Costs of closure Redundancy costs are understood and forecast each year and payable by Young Lives Costs associated with closure e.g. auditing of accounts are also incorporated into the forecast.
- 4.0 Assuming an ongoing organisation There are a number of events that could occur during a year that are generally not budgeted for and would be typically funded from reserves.
- 4.1 Other areas to develop the policy to include :
- 4.2 The probability of all staff being sick for their maximum entitlement in one year is very low £3,330
- 4.3 Other types of leave requiring cover: maternity leave; parental leave; adoption leave etc. £2,000
- 4.4 Unexpected replacement of machinery £1,000
- 4.5 Provision to cover unexpected loss of a regular funder. £10,000
- 4.6 Young Lives is ensuring reserves are built to this capacity to manage these risks in future
- 4.7 It is assumed that most capital purchases will be funded from specific grants for capital purchases.
- 5.0 Potential for short time working.
- 5.1 If reserves could be developed to ensure redundancy can be paid. In the event of a financial crisis the organisation does have a good relationship with its staff and the options of part-time working and short term lay-offs would also be considered. It should though be noted that increasingly funding is related to out puts and a move to part-time working could jeopardise some funding.
- 6.0 Restricted Funds
- 6.1 Cash is funded by trusts and grants. For this reason, most funding is restricted in some way. Liabilities such as redundancy payments are incurred whilst this funding is spent. An item is included for contingent liabilities like redundancy costs in all funding applications.
- 7.0 Establishing and maintaining a prudent level of reserves.
- 7.1 Young Lives is a relatively new organisation and is committed to developing reserves and aims to develop reserves to at least 16% of expenditure over the next four years. This could be achieved by increased fund raising, increasing earned income or reducing expenditure.
- 7.2 If reserves exceed 28% of expenditure Young Lives will consider the likely expenditure over the next two years and aim for reserves to be less than 28% of turnover by the end of two years. This could be achieved by reducing fund raising, allocating less time staff time to earned income activities, reducing prices, or increasing "free" activities and so increasing expenditure. Increasing "free" activities could be one off in areas like courses and fact sheets or expanding the organisation generally. In the latter case due attention will be paid to identifying funding that would sustain the expansion after the reserves had been brought below 28% of expenditure. If Young Lives turnover is growing year on year this might mean that there is no need to reduce reserves for the target to be met within two years.
- 8.0 Bringing actual reserves into line with the policy.
- 8.1 Reserves are developed for Young Lives with its current staff team.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reserves policy (continued)

- 9.0 Monitoring and reviewing of reserves policy.
- 9.1 The trustees will consider current costs of closure and examine the level of reserves each year when setting the following years budget.
- 9.2 This reserves policy will be reviewed every two years.

Approved by the board of trustees on 31/1/2025

Mohammed Ayub (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Young Lives Consortium

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities 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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

31/1/2025

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Young Lives Consortium
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(2)	5,000	160,131	165,131	246,697
Charitable activities	(3)	167,121	-	167,121	309,891
Bank Interest		157	-	157	61
Total income		<u>172,278</u>	<u>160,131</u>	<u>332,409</u>	<u>556,649</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	(4)	<u>128,998</u>	<u>106,294</u>	<u>235,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>
Total expenditure		<u>128,998</u>	<u>106,294</u>	<u>235,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		43,280	53,837	97,117	106,137
Transfers between funds		<u>51,773</u>	<u>(51,773)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		95,053	2,064	97,117	106,137
Fund balances brought forward		<u>157,822</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,920</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(5)	<u>252,875</u>	<u>452,299</u>	<u>705,174</u>	<u>608,057</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(6)	-	-	-	738
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	738
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(7)	43,886	44,823	88,709	127,965
Cash at bank and in hand	(8)	232,201	438,045	670,246	587,821
Total current assets		276,087	482,868	758,955	715,786
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	(9)	23,212	30,569	53,781	107,729
Total current liabilities		23,212	30,569	53,781	107,729
Net current assets / (liabilities)		252,875	452,299	705,174	608,057
Net assets		252,875	452,299	705,174	608,795
Funds					
Unrestricted funds		252,875	-	252,875	157,822
Restricted funds	(5)	-	452,299	452,299	450,235
Total funds		252,875	452,299	705,174	608,057

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 31/1/2025

Mohammed Ayub (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>82,268</u>	<u>366,023</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Bank interest	157	61
Purchase of tangible fixed assets (excluding donated assets)	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>157</u>	<u>61</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments on borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	82,425	366,084
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>587,821</u>	<u>221,737</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>670,246</u>	<u>587,821</u>

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	97,117	106,137
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	-	738
Bank interest	(157)	(61)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	39,256	202,883
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<u>(53,948)</u>	<u>56,326</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>82,268</u>	<u>366,023</u>

Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	24	24
Notice deposits (less than 30 days)	<u>670,222</u>	<u>587,797</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>670,246</u>	<u>587,821</u>

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Notes to the accounts

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Computer equipment: over 3 years

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1 Accounting policies continued

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Leases

Rents under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term or to an earlier date if the lease can be determined without financial penalty.

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2 Donations and legacies

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
NOVA	-	29,696	29,696	28,000
WY Police and Crime Commissioner (WYPCC)	-	-	-	6,543
Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	39,823	39,823	98,154
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)	-	43,112	43,112	4,000
Wakefield and District Health and Community Support (WDHCS)	-	-	-	25,000
Kids Yorkshire and Lincolnshire (Kids)	-	42,500	42,500	85,000
SWY Mental Health Tust (SWYMHT)	-	5,000	5,000	-
WY Health and Care Partnership	5,000	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>160,131</u>	<u>165,131</u>	<u>246,697</u>

3 Charitable activities income

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Service contracts	157,750	-	157,750	275,572
Training	8,280	-	8,280	1,380
Other service income	1,091	-	1,091	32,939
	<u>167,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,121</u>	<u>309,891</u>

4 Charitable activities expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	2024 Total cost £	2023 Total cost £
Advancement in life of children and young people	131,675	66,011	37,606	235,292	450,512
	<u>131,675</u>	<u>66,011</u>	<u>37,606</u>	<u>235,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>

4a Support costs

	Fundraising activity £	Charitable activity £	Governance activity £	2024 Total cost £	2023 Total cost £
Support cost type					
Management and admin salaries	-	26,829	-	26,829	10,683
Development worker salaries	-	-	-	-	-
Financial management support	-	2,859	-	2,859	2,727
Human resources	-	4,875	-	4,875	7,710
Payroll fees	-	661	-	661	835
Independent examination	-	-	2,160	2,160	2,160
Memberships and subscriptions	-	223	-	223	198
	<u>-</u>	<u>35,446</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>37,606</u>	<u>24,313</u>

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4b Charitable activities expenditure detail	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total cost £	2023 Total cost £
Salaries, NICs and pensions (Note 4c)	56,669	22,703	79,372	143,020
Staffing: payroll expenses	661	-	661	835
Staffing: professional fees	11,860	13,273	25,133	17,928
Staffing: administrative support	-	-	-	500
Other staffing: travel and training	1,337	605	1,942	719
Grants paid to others (Note 4d)	142	65,869	66,011	217,561
Premises	9,246	1,198	10,444	7,571
Insurance	1,857	-	1,857	1,466
Materials and resources	1,223	415	1,638	4,211
Stationery and postage	707	251	958	1,566
Computer and internet	4,332	1,933	6,265	2,052
Printing and reproduction	147	-	147	-
Telephone	2,588	-	2,588	2,725
Publicity	555	-	555	-
Bank charges	154	-	154	72
Independent examination	2,160	-	2,160	2,160
Miscellaneous expense	18	7	25	250
Subscriptions	223	-	223	198
HR support	4,875	-	4,875	7,710
Professional fees	30,244	40	30,284	4,417
Depreciation	-	-	-	738
Grant repayment	-	-	-	34,813
	<u>128,998</u>	<u>106,294</u>	<u>235,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>

4c Staff costs and numbers	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salaries	74,667	131,437
Social security costs	6,404	11,532
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Pensions	<u>3,301</u>	<u>5,051</u>
	<u>79,372</u>	<u>143,020</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 3.4, being an average of 2.7 full time equivalent (2023: 6.1, 4.7 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2024 £	2023 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	3,301	5,051
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	-	92

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4d Grant making

Project or activity	2024 Grants to institutions £	2023 Grants to institutions £
Community Navigator: Futures in Mind	-	116,380
CYP Emotional Well-being Domestic Abuse Project	23,750	31,667
Nova	2,200	200
Covid Recovery Emotional wellbeing	-	7,605
Suicide Post Vention	26,213	24,245
The Art House	101	-
Violence Reduction	-	5,789
Coop Safe Spaces	720	834
Changing our direction	12,885	2,050
Mobile Youth club	142	28,791
Total	<u>66,011</u>	<u>217,561</u>

5 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Big Lottery Safeguarding	1,813	-	500	-	1,313
Kids - Changing Our Direction	73,933	42,500	20,295	(12,748)	83,390
CCG - Futures in Mind	85,511	-	-	-	85,511
CCG - Domestic Abuse Project	28,749	-	23,750	(4,999)	-
Coop Safe Spaces	20,118	-	3,650	(2,300)	14,168
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing	40,371	-	-	(3,900)	36,471
Framework	4,886	-	-	(4,886)	-
NOVA - HPOC	26,143	-	-	(2,600)	23,543
WMDC - Learning Café	15,125	-	960	(1,300)	12,865
NOVA	38,124	29,696	23,091	(4,125)	40,604
CCG - Suicide Postvention worke	49,915	39,823	30,913	(7,965)	50,860
WYPCC - Violence Reduction	9,797	21,227	2,734	(1,000)	27,290
Prosper	25,000	-	-	(5,000)	20,000
Public Health WF I-CAN	-	21,885	-	-	21,885
CCG- Recovery Collage	16,215	-	-	(950)	15,265
SWYPFT	-	5,000	300	-	4,700
The Art House	2,382	-	101	-	2,281
WMDC - GLO	4,522	-	-	-	4,522
Learning Disability	3,771	-	-	-	3,771
WMDC - Agbrigg community project	3,860	-	-	-	3,860
	<u>450,235</u>	<u>160,131</u>	<u>106,294</u>	<u>(51,773)</u>	<u>452,299</u>

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5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Big Lottery Safeguarding	To deliver safeguarding support to the sector.
Kids - Changing Our Direction	To co-produce a trauma-informed mentoring model to cascade among VCSE organisations to promote positive wellbeing and promote positive coping strategies for young people to manage life experiences, changes, and difficulties.
CCG - Futures in Mind	Funding to co-produce a community integrated response to improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, developing resilience of children and young people.
CCG - Domestic Abuse Project	To deliver specialist domestic abuse support to victims and their children who are residing in safe accommodation as set out in the domestic Abuse Act 2021.
Coop Safe Spaces	To work with groups and a drop in service for Young People to come and feel safe.
Covid Recovery Emotional Framework	Series of interventions with young people during and post Covid to improve emotional wellbeing as part of Wakefield Families Together programme. Funding for developing the framework for Wakefield District held grant for NOVA and paid for Consultant.
NOVA - HPOC	Harnessing the Power of Community - for community organisations to innovate on delivering health and care outcomes.
WMDC - Learning Café	For the development of a community learning space and creative learning activities at the Ridings Centre, Wakefield.
NOVA	Funding to provide infrastructure support to the children and young people's sector including using NOVA Assist and Safeguarding Audit Tools, provide workforce development opportunities and facilitate co-producing opportunities to share best practice, network and shape services.
CCG - Suicide Postvention work	To employ a Postvention Support Worker to support YP aged 16 – 25 years old, who have been affected by suicide around the Wakefield District.
WYPCC - Violence Reduction	Funding to deliver detached at Upton, arts acts activities with school and develop. Education package and film to cascade the film and education resources across the District.
Prosper	To employ a Under 5's Development Lived Experience Worker work to amplify the voice of the under 5's VCSE and engage with the community using the Risk and Resilience strengths based approach to develop a an offer to meet the needs and aspirations of the children and families under 5's.
Public Health WF I-CAN	To develop the WF-I- Can website and provide face to face and social media content to promote engagement of children and young people.
CCG- Recovery Collage	To develop and promote activities that can be promoted through the 'Discovery College' for 16-25 year olds.
SWYPFT	To work with young people to develop an event to promote young people's engagement in the Trust
The Art House	Towards utility costs at The Ridings

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5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
WMDC - GLO	To roll out 5 projects across the district to support young women build self esteem and confidence and reduce risks associated with child exploitation.
Learning Disability	To set up a self advocacy group for young adults with learning disabilities in Wakefield.
WMDC - Agbrigg community project	Engaging in the community building relationships with local young Meeting and engaging with young people in the streets and park.

All transfers are for a contribution to office and premises costs, governance and other staffing costs.

6 Tangible assets

	Office equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£
At 1 April 2023	4,520	4,520
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2024	4,520	4,520
<u>Depreciation</u>		
At 1 April 2023	4,520	4,520
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 March 2024	4,520	4,520
<u>Net book value</u>		
At 31 March 2024	-	-
At 31 March 2023	-	-

7 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	86,949	90,501
Prepayments	1,746	1,263
Accrued income	-	36,201
Other debtors	14	-
	88,709	127,965

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	670,222	587,797
Cash in hand	24	24
	670,246	587,821

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

9 Creditors and accruals	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	26,941	7,296
Accruals	11,669	24,060
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	15,000	76,281
Taxation and social security	171	-
Other creditors	-	92
	<u>53,781</u>	<u>107,729</u>

Deferred income	Deferred to next year	Released from last year
	£	£
Safetalk training (training not yet delivered)	171	20,014
Community builder	-	20,304
Mobile youth club	-	21,463
Nova grant	-	14,500
	<u>171</u>	<u>76,281</u>

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £37,989 (previous year: £38,285).

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income						
Donations and legacies	5,000	-	160,131	246,697	165,131	246,697
Charitable activities	167,121	304,327	-	5,564	167,121	309,891
Bank Interest	157	61	-	-	157	61
Total income	172,278	304,388	160,131	252,261	332,409	556,649
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	128,998	274,220	106,294	176,292	235,292	450,512
Total expenditure	128,998	274,220	106,294	176,292	235,292	450,512
Net income / (expenditure)	43,280	30,168	53,837	75,969	97,117	106,137
Transfers between funds	51,773	(23,905)	(51,773)	23,905	-	-
Net movement in funds	95,053	6,263	2,064	99,874	97,117	106,137
Fund balances brought forward	157,822	151,559	450,235	350,361	608,057	501,920
Fund balances carried forward	252,875	157,822	452,299	450,235	705,174	608,057

Accounts

Young Lives Consortium

Charity number 1170269

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Mohammed Ayub	Co-chair
Bernadette O'Brien	Co-chair
Jacqueline Craven	
Ann Tosta	
Hazel Bell	
Stan Foster	

Charity number 1170269 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Lightwaves Leisure Centre	Unity Trust Bank plc
Lower York Street	Nine Brindley place
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Wakefield WF1 3LJ	B1 2HB

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 18 November 2016 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities - continued

The charity's main activities

Young Lives Consortium exists to assist the advancement in life of children and young people, and support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

YLC facilitates networks, training, and partnerships among Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations, also working alongside partners including NOVA, NHS, Education, and Wakefield Council.

This year we have participated in the development of the Third Sector Framework assisting organisation's to access investment to improve outcomes for children, young people families and the wider community. We also continue to promote the Risk and Resilience Framework, improving outcomes through evidence-based approach and practices, assisting organisations to delivery effective services.

The Young Lives networks are both online and face to face, they support the exchange of information and expertise between all agencies on relevant issues to assist organisations grow and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes. All activities are considered against our purpose and objectives.

YLC use Risk and Resilience Framework to support our activities demonstrate impact, the evidence-based skills and competencies promote skills to manage changes and life experiences and also aim to reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes as identified by Public Health.

Achievements and performance

YLC have two main strands infrastructure support for children and young people's VCSE organisations and partnership programmes delivered alongside children and Young People's VCSE Organisations around shared priorities'.

Our Infrastructure offer

Networking assisted our members to develop partnerships and promoting formal and informal networks. Our learning, development and communications offer promotes both best practice in the district, regionally and nationally.

Network meetings focused on sharing skills and opportunities increasingly to develop organisations in the post Covid context, 41 organisations with engaged with YLC networking and training opportunities. Taking up a range of learning opportunities including safeguarding training, suicide prevention training. Opportunities to network promoted learning around the emotional wellbeing offer, emotional school avoidance, domestic abuse through the eyes of the child

YLC delivered a training programme to 226 voluntary community sector participants. The Ebulletin connects over 500 contacts (often passed on to teams) to activities and opportunities and best practice across the workforce including LA and NHS colleagues

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Achievements and performance - continued

YLC continued to be part of the developments and changes via Wakefield Families together a partnership of all agencies promoting positive outcomes for children, young people, and families. YLC participated developing and promoting the new networking arrangements.

Young Lives Consortium continues to work alongside NOVA to develop and improve the services of children and young people's organisations in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and quality through the New Framework developed alongside NHS, LA and VCSE partners.

Impactful Partnerships

YLC achievements are strengthened by our partnerships with VCSE organisations and colleagues, young people and wider partners in responding to the significant demands children, young people, and communities are experiencing.

We have continued to identify and build on strengths in the voluntary sector and established ideas for change.

Our programmes and activities continue to be responsive and flexible to the changing needs and aspirations of children, young people and communities while taking on board best practice such as the importance of trauma informed and responsive projects, people and organisations.

Young Healthwatch and the Community Builder Programme amplify the voice of children and young people. Children and young people have continued to share with us how important it is they have safe places and people that they can trust. They also tell us that the voluntary sector plays an important role in providing these places and people, and with the welcoming and consistent support that young people make successful transitions to adulthood and manage life events. Young Healthwatch and our Community Builder both projects are engaging young people to transform services and tell their stories.

YLC worked strategically and operationally within the district as part of Wakefield Families Together, Young Lives and members continued to engage with 'Wakefield Families Together.'

www.wf-i-can.co.uk is now well established, children and young people have access to resources co-created with voluntary and community organisations, young people and health and local authority partners. They learn about the site in schools and communities through partnerships with organisations and they play a significant role in contributing to the development of the site.

Young People take over the site and develop challenges which the wider community engage with. The site continues to develop with the support of the YLC team and partners. The online offer compliments the WF-I-Can activities that support young people to develop key skills while having fun.

Programmes responded to young people's requests for example Trauma Informed Mentoring – here we have co-produced a programme building on young people's requests for one-to-one work to assist them to move forwards this has included walk and talks, mentoring and creative activities to assist them move into activities within their community.

Further activities include group and social action activities for example young adults have developed the WF-I-Can space in the Ridings in Wakefield, decorating and developing the Unit for the wider community of young people, activities include the development of a self-advocacy group, development of a game (online) to support young people to manage long covid, developing the Safe Place awards celebrating the contribution of VCSE organisations and young people. Young People participated in developing, delivering including hosting the event and evaluating the event.

Further VCSE partners have developed the WF-I-Can mobile youth van engaging with young people in communities, delivering outreach taking services out to children, young people, and communities to respond to young people and community needs.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Achievements and performance - continued

This year WF-I-Can had 4404 users, using the site on 6055 sessions, on average people viewed 5.5 pages, and on average, each session lasted 2 minutes and fifty-three seconds.

The Postvention offer continued to develop timely trauma informed responses to young people aged 14- 25 providing a breadth of support providing support to communities and person-centred support to individuals.

The Community Navigator Programme delivered alongside 7 VCSE organisations was completed at the end of March 23. In this final year the programme engaged with 1598 children and young people delivering resilience programmes such as Luggague for Life. Our legacy for projects ending this year included embedding the resilience framework into new programmes for 16–25-year-olds in the district and a range of age appropriate co-produced resources are now freely available for children and young people and organisations via www.wf-i-can.co.uk .

Work continued to promote awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and a further 'Art is power' exhibition promoted children and young people's positive contributions to their communities, with contributions from children, young people from across the district. As part of the Safe places Awards, 7 organisations received awards celebrating their contributions to provide spaces where young people feel safe and valued.

All programmes including the Future in Mind Partnership, Community Navigator Programme, Safe Place Project, post-sixteen provision and Young Healthwatch continued to support children and young people and their families to share what matters to them and to shape how we move forward.

Amplifying the voice of VCSE organisations in the district

YLC have acted as a representative of the voluntary sector in relation to local government policies and practices sharing a range of views from the children and young people's voluntary sector. In relation to Safeguarding and emotional and mental wellbeing we have worked with young people to develop events and engage in development for changes to improve outcomes for young people.

We have acted as a representative and advocate of the voluntary sector in relation to local government policies and practices sharing a range of views from the children and young people's voluntary sector within the Children and Young People's Partnership. In relation to Safeguarding Children and Young People, we continue to engage with young people and VCSE organisations advocating for changes to improve outcomes for young people in particular at times of transition and change. We have delivered Safeguarding Children training to staff, volunteers and young people in communities.

Young Lives Consortium works to extend the participation in the voluntary sector of sections of the underrepresented communities. This year we have continued to work with the growing BAME community in Wakefield to develop proposals for safe places in the Wakefield District. Our work with Healthwatch supports Young Lives to actively seek and represent the views of the ultimate beneficiaries' children, young people and families in need to policy makers and service providers. The work of Young Healthwatch has also supported young people to continue to take the lead in developing activities for their peers to reduce the stigma of mental health and emotional wellbeing; this includes many young people's groups across the district. Learning and research is shared with the wider voluntary and community sector and partners and embedded into our future actions.

Plans for future periods

Starting in October 2022, the Trustees initiated plans for the future by convening an away day. This gathering informed the decision to undertake a comprehensive Strategic Review of the organisation. The review encompasses several key areas:

- 1 Strategic and Business Plan Development: A new Strategic and Business Plan is being formulated to guide the organisation's direction.

Young Lives Consortium

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Plans for future periods (continued)

- 2 Governance Review: An evaluation of governance practices is underway to ensure they are effective and aligned with the organisation's objectives.
- 3 Operational Structure and HR Functions Review: The operational structure and HR functions are being reviewed to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Throughout 2023 and 2024, a consultation process will be undertaken, and restructuring efforts will be implemented. The aim is to establish systems that promote capacity-building, ensuring that the Young Lives Consortium (YLC) enhances its governance practices, refines its strategic direction, and establishes an operational structure conducive to sustainability.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £106,137, including net income of £6,263 on unrestricted funds and net income of £99,874 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The total reserves of the charity at the year end were £608,057 of that amount £450,235 is restricted leaving £157,822 unrestricted.

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £157,822.

Young Lives is committed to developing its reserves to:

Meet contractual liabilities should the organisations have to close.
This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

To meet unexpected costs like break down of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave, and legal costs defending the organisations interests.

To replace equipment as it wears out.

Ensure that the organization can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need them. Within this context to minimize recruitment, staff training, staff induction and marketing costs by avoiding the need for redundancies caused by financial crisis.

To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and place the charity in a position where it could bid for ESF funding which can be paid up to 12 months in arrears.

From time to time funding has certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserve until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Young Lives policy is to hold reserves in the band 16% to 28% of current expenditure. This equates to approximately £72,000 to £126,000 based on current levels of expenditure.

Were Young Lives to close the organisation would incur a number of winding up costs which are budgeted for.

Current reserves are above the policy, this surplus will be used to respond to the investment required to move forward in developing the sustainability of the organization. These measures are intended to further YLC's mission and expand its impact in fulfilling its charitable purpose.

Approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Young Lives Consortium

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Young Lives Consortium

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Signed: Name: E J Beverley FCCA

Date:

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Young Lives Consortium
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(2)	-	246,697	246,697	160,219
Charitable activities	(3)	304,327	5,564	309,891	235,127
Bank interest		61	-	61	4
Total income		<u>304,388</u>	<u>252,261</u>	<u>556,649</u>	<u>395,350</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	(4)	<u>274,220</u>	<u>176,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>	<u>396,549</u>
Total expenditure		<u>274,220</u>	<u>176,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>	<u>396,549</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		30,168	75,969	106,137	(1,199)
Transfers between funds		<u>(23,905)</u>	<u>23,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		6,263	99,874	106,137	(1,199)
Fund balances brought forward		<u>151,559</u>	<u>350,361</u>	<u>501,920</u>	<u>503,119</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(5)	<u>157,822</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,920</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Young Lives Consortium
Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	(6) -	-	-	738
Total fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>738</u>
Current assets				
Debtors and prepayments	(7) 127,965	-	127,965	330,848
Cash at bank and in hand	(8) 134,895	452,926	587,821	221,737
Total current assets	<u>262,860</u>	<u>452,926</u>	<u>715,786</u>	<u>552,585</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	(9) 105,038	2,691	107,729	51,403
Total current liabilities	<u>105,038</u>	<u>2,691</u>	<u>107,729</u>	<u>51,403</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>157,822</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,182</u>
Net assets	<u>157,822</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,920</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	157,822	-	157,822	151,559
Restricted funds	-	450,235	450,235	350,361
Total funds	<u>157,822</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,920</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Young Lives Consortium
Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>366,023</u>	<u>(267,581)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Bank interest	<u>61</u>	<u>4</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>61</u>	<u>4</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	366,084	(267,577)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>221,737</u>	<u>489,314</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>587,821</u>	<u>221,737</u>

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	106,137	(1,199)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	738	716
Bank interest	(61)	(4)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	202,883	(266,165)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<u>56,326</u>	<u>(929)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>366,023</u>	<u>(267,581)</u>

Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash in hand	24	24
Notice deposits (less than 30 days)	<u>587,797</u>	<u>221,713</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>587,821</u>	<u>221,737</u>

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Computer equipment: over 3 years

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies continued

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Leases

Rents under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term or to an earlier date if the lease can be determined without financial penalty.

Young Lives Consortium
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
NOVA	-	28,000	28,000	25,000
WY Police and Crime Commissioner (WYPCC)	-	6,543	6,543	11,000
Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	98,154	98,154	101,493
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)	-	4,000	4,000	20,059
The Art House	-	-	-	2,667
Wakefield and District Health and Community	-	25,000	25,000	-
Kids Yorkshire and Lincolnshire (Kids)	-	85,000	85,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>246,697</u>	<u>246,697</u>	<u>160,219</u>

3 Charitable activities income

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Service contracts	275,572	-	275,572	228,980
Training	1,380	-	1,380	3,541
Other service income	27,375	5,564	32,939	2,606
	<u>304,327</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>309,891</u>	<u>235,127</u>

4 Charitable activities expenditure

	Activities	Grant		2023	2022
	undertaken	funding of	Support	Total	Total
	directly	activities	costs	cost	cost
	£	£	£	£	£
Advancement in life of children and young people	208,638	217,561	24,313	450,512	396,549
	<u>208,638</u>	<u>217,561</u>	<u>24,313</u>	<u>450,512</u>	<u>396,549</u>

4a Support costs

				2022	2021
	Fundraising	Charitable	Governance	Total	Total
	activity	activity	activity	cost	cost
	£	£	£	£	£
Support cost type					
Management and admin salaries	-	10683	-	10683	8644
Financial management support	-	2727	-	2727	2556
Human resources	-	7710	-	7710	2400
Payroll fees	-	835	-	835	670
Independent examination	-	-	2160	2160	1800
Memberships and subscriptions	-	198	-	198	316
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,153</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>24,313</u>	<u>16,386</u>

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

4b Charitable activities expenditure detail	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NICs and pensions (Note 4c)	93,640	49,380	143,020	121,756
Staffing: payroll expenses	835	-	835	670
Staffing: professional fees	9,837	8,091	17,928	4,096
Staffing: administrative support	500	-	500	-
Other staffing: travel and training	650	69	719	2,192
Grants paid to others (Note 4d)	145,171	72,390	217,561	220,963
Premises	7,303	268	7,571	5,866
Insurance	1,466	-	1,466	1,352
Materials and resources	1,502	2,709	4,211	547
Stationery and postage	954	612	1,566	2,391
Computer and internet	2,052	-	2,052	2,046
Printing and reproduction	-	-	-	201
Telephone	2,725	-	2,725	1,588
Publicity	-	-	-	1,080
Project costs and activities	-	-	-	21,434
Bank charges	72	-	72	72
Independent examination	2,160	-	2,160	1,800
Volunteers expenses	-	-	-	2,522
Miscellaneous expense	-	250	250	72
Bad debts written off	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	198	-	198	316
HR support	-	7,710	7,710	2,400
Professional fees	4,417	-	4,417	2,469
Depreciation	738	-	738	716
Grant repayment	-	34,813	34,813	-
	<u>274,220</u>	<u>176,292</u>	<u>450,512</u>	<u>396,549</u>

4c Staff costs and numbers	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross salaries	131,437	113,256
Social security costs	11,532	8,697
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(4,000)
Pensions	5,051	3,803
	<u>143,020</u>	<u>121,756</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 6.1, being an average of 4.4 full time equivalent (2022: 6, 4.4 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2023	2022
	£	£
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	5,051	3,803
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	92	27

Young Lives Consortium
Notes to the accounts continued
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4d Grant making	2023	2022
	Grants to	Grants to
Project or activity	institutions	institutions
	£	£
Community Navigator: Futures in Mind	116,380	137,104
CYP Emotional Well-being Domestic Abuse Project	31,667	39,583
Nova	200	120
Covid Recovery Emotional wellbeing	7,605	20,364
Learning Disability	-	1,244
Suicide Post Vention	24,245	4,599
Winter fund	-	3,746
Violence Reduction	5,789	14,203
Coop Safe Spaces	834	-
Changing our direction	2,050	-
Mobile Youth club	28,791	-
Total	<u>217,561</u>	<u>220,963</u>

5 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
WMDC - GLO	4,522	-	-	-	4,522
CCG - Futures in Mind	93,221	-	7,710	-	85,511
NOVA	33,630	28,000	20,470	(3,036)	38,124
Post16 Community Navigator	6,180	5,564	46,740	34,996	-
Coop Safe Spaces	26,628	-	4,976	(1,534)	20,118
NOVA - HPOC	26,143	-	-	-	26,143
Learning Disability	4,800	-	866	(163)	3,771
CCG - Suicide Postvention worker	40,548	39,823	29,946	(510)	49,915
Winter Fund	43	-	-	(43)	-
CCG - Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing	58,300	-	16,897	(1,032)	40,371
Framework	4,886	-	-	-	4,886
WYPCC - Violence reduction	10,055	6,543	6,801	-	9,797
Big Lottery Safeguarding	1,813	-	-	-	1,813
CCG - Domestic Abuse Project	2,085	58,331	31,667	-	28,749
CCG - Recovery Collage	20,000	-	2,836	(949)	16,215
WMDC - Ridings Safe Space	15,125	-	-	(15,125)	-
The Art House	2,382	-	-	-	2,382
WMDC - Learning café	-	-	-	15,125	15,125
WDHC - Mobile Youth Club	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
WMDC - Agbrigg community project	-	4,000	140	-	3,860
Kids - Changing Our Direction	-	85,000	7,243	(3,824)	73,933
	<u>350,361</u>	<u>252,261</u>	<u>176,292</u>	<u>23,905</u>	<u>450,235</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
WMDC - GLO	To roll out 5 projects across the district to support young women build self esteem and confidence and reduce risks associated with child exploitation.
CCG - Futures in Mind	Funding to co-produce a community integrated response to improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, developing resilience of children and young people.

Young Lives Consortium **Notes to the accounts continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
NOVA	Funding to provide infrastructure support to the children and young people's sector including using NOVA Assist and Safeguarding Audit Tools, provide workforce development opportunities and facilitate co-producing opportunities to share best practice, network and shape services.
Post16 Community Navigator	Department of Health and Social Care funding to help expand and evaluate already successful, innovative projects that adopt community and person-centred approaches to improving the mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years. Part of this funding has to be repaid in the year and the transfer relates to a transfer from unrestricted to cover the shortfall.
Coop Safe Spaces	To work with groups and a drop in service for Young People to come and feel safe.
NOVA - HPOC	Harnessing the Power of Community - for community organisations to innovate on delivering health and care outcomes.
Learning Disability	To set up a self advocacy group for young adults with learning disabilities in Wakefield.
CCG - Suicide Postvention worker	To employ a Postvention Support Worker to support YP aged 16 – 25 years old, who have been affected by suicide around the Wakefield District.
Winter Fund	To reduce waiting lists and improve emotional wellbeing of children and young people.
CCG - Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing Framework	Series of interventions with young people during and post Covid to improve emotional wellbeing as part of Wakefield Families Together programme. Funding for developing the framework for Wakefield District held grant for NOVA and paid for Consultant.
WYPCC - Violence reduction	Funding to deliver detached at Upton, arts acts activities with school and develop. Education package and film to cascade the film and education resources across the District.
Big Lottery Safeguarding	To deliver safeguarding support to the sector.
CCG - Domestic Abuse Project	To deliver specialist domestic abuse support to victims and their children who are residing in safe accommodation as set out in the domestic Abuse Act 2021.
CCG - Recovery Collage	To develop and promote activities that can be promoted through the 'Discovery College' for 16-25 year olds.
WMDC - Ridings Safe Space	For the development of a community learning space and creative learning activities at the Ridings Centre, Wakefield. The transfer relates to the renaming of this project as Learning Café.
The Art House	Towards utility costs at The Ridings
WMDC - Learning café	For the development of a community learning space and creative learning activities at the Ridings Centre, Wakefield. The transfer is from Ridings Safe Space, the original name for this project.
WDHC - Mobile Youth Club	To provide a mobile youth club to provide activities across the district.
WMDC - Agbrigg community project	Engaging in the community building relationships with local young people. Meeting and engaging with young people in the streets and park.
Kids - Changing Our Direction	This is a new programme co-producing a trauma informed mentoring model to cascade among VCSE organisations to promote positive wellbeing and promote positive coping strategies for young people to manage life experiences, changes, and difficulties.

All transfers other than stated above are for a contribution to office and premises costs, governance and other staffing.

Young Lives Consortium
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

6 Tangible assets

Cost

At 1 April 2022
Additions
At 31 March 2023

Office equipment	Total
£	£
4,520	4,520
-	-
<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,520</u>

Depreciation

At 1 April 2022
Charge for year
At 31 March 2023

3,782	3,782
738	738
<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,520</u>

Net book value

At 31 March 2023

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At 31 March 2022

738	738
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7 Debtors and prepayments

Debtors
Prepayments
Accrued income

2023	2022
£	£
90,501	320,603
1,263	10,245
36,201	-
<u>127,965</u>	<u>330,848</u>

8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank
Cash in hand

2023	2022
£	£
587,797	221,713
24	24
<u>587,821</u>	<u>221,737</u>

9 Creditors and accruals

Creditors
Accruals
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)
Other creditors

2023	2022
£	£
7,296	26,541
24,060	14,676
76,281	10,159
92	27
<u>107,729</u>	<u>51,403</u>

Young Lives Consortium **Notes to the accounts continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

9 Creditors and accruals continued

Deferred income	Deferred to next year	Released from last year
	£	£
Safetalk training	20,014	7,145
Community builder	20,304	-
Mobile youth club	21,463	-
Nova grant for 23/24	14,500	-
	<u>76,281</u>	<u>7,145</u>

Item name	Reason for deferral
Safetalk training	Training has not yet been done.
Community builder	Services still to deliver.
Mobile youth club	Services still to deliver.
Nova grant for 23/24	Nova grant billed in advance.

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £38,285 (previous year: £33,712).

Young Lives Consortium

Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies	-	-	246,697	160,219	246,697	160,219
Charitable activities	304,327	235,127	5,564	-	309,891	235,127
Bank interest	61	4	-	-	61	4
Total income	<u>304,388</u>	<u>235,131</u>	<u>252,261</u>	<u>160,219</u>	<u>556,649</u>	<u>395,350</u>
Expenditure						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	274,220	222,316	176,292	174,233	450,512	396,549
Total expenditure	<u>274,220</u>	<u>222,316</u>	<u>176,292</u>	<u>174,233</u>	<u>450,512</u>	<u>396,549</u>
Net income / (expenditure)	30,168	12,815	75,969	(14,014)	106,137	(1,199)
Transfers between funds	<u>(23,905)</u>	<u>12,633</u>	<u>23,905</u>	<u>(12,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	6,263	25,448	99,874	(26,647)	106,137	(1,199)
Fund balances brought forward	151,559	126,111	350,361	377,008	501,920	503,119
Fund balances carried forward	<u>157,822</u>	<u>151,559</u>	<u>450,235</u>	<u>350,361</u>	<u>608,057</u>	<u>501,920</u>

Accounts

Young Lives Consortium

Charity number 1170269

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Young Lives Consortium

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Young Lives Consortium

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Mohammed Ayub	Co-Chair
Bernadette O'Brien	Co-Chair
Jacqueline Craven	
Ann Tosta	
Hazel Bell	
Stan Foster	

Charity number 1170269 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Lightwaves Leisure Centre	Unity Trust Bank plc
Lower York Street	Nine Brindleyplace
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Independent examiner

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 18 November 2016 and is governed by a constitution adopted on that date.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

The charity's main activities

Young Lives Consortium exists to assist the advancement in life of children and young people, and support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

The charity's main activities (continued)

Young Lives Consortium exists to assist the advancement in life of children and young people, and support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

We do this by facilitating networks, connections, training and partnerships alongside our members VCSE groups and partner agencies. This is underpinned by frameworks to support organisations to access investment, so they can focus on the delivery of services. We also support the implementation of the Resilience Framework and Approach; this is an evidenced based framework which aims to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. By sharing best practice this assists organisations to deliver quality activities, effective and efficient services.

The Young Lives networks are both online and face to face, they support the exchanges of information and expertise between all agencies on relevant issues to assist organisations grow and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes. All activities are considered against our purpose and objectives. In particular our work is underpinned by the Public Health Resilience Framework which aims to improve outcomes as identified by Public Health.

Achievements and performance

21/22 coincided with the uplifting of Covid 19 Pandemic restrictions, many of our achievements continue to be as a result of partnerships with VCSE and wider partners in responding to the significant demands of children, young people, and communities. YLC worked strategically and operationally within the district as part of Wakefield Families Together, Young Lives and members continued to take a lead on the co-design of 'Wakefield Families Together'.

www.wf-i-can.co.uk is now well established, children and young people learn about the site in schools and communities and contribute to the development of the site. This year WF-I-Can had 5009 users, using the site on 7521 occasions/sessions, 25533 pages have been viewed, on average people go on 3.4 pages, and on average, each session lasts 2 minutes 49.

Our work with the children, young people and families, VCSE networks began in April. Network meetings focused on sharing skills and opportunities to rebuild activities, 192 people signed up to the networking opportunities. YLC delivered a training programme to 111 participants. The Ebulletin connects 396 people per week to activities and opportunities and best practice. Changes via Wakefield Families together were implemented. And YLC participated in the new networking arrangements. The Postvention offer continued to develop timely trauma informed responses to young people. We have continued to identifying needs and strengths in the voluntary sector and established ideas for change and we drew on local assets such as WF-I-Can to develop a Youth mobile provision plan, programmes continue to develop and respond to the Pandemic, which recognise the need to be trauma informed and the safe places agenda grew in importance. All programmes including the Future in Mind Partnership, Community Navigator Programme, Safe Place project, Post-16 provision and Young Healthwatch continue to support children and young people and their families to share what matters to them and to shape how we move forward.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

During the summer the Community Navigator Programme provided a creative emotional wellbeing programme to 364 children and young people working with VCSE partners funded via the Happy Healthy Holidays. Our Post 16 work developed a network of VCSE providers, to continue designing new services for young people 16-25, and continued to be a trusted source of information. Work started with two new areas to promote awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and the Art give us power exhibition was launched.

In the Autumn, the Community Navigators returned to schools, working with over 48 schools and 1400 children and young people, promoting resilience and skills to manage change and transition.

The Autumn and Winter saw the launch of the CCE film with John Godber at the Theatre Royal in Wakefield and activities such as the resilience programmes, mentoring, a Halloween flash mob and 'Level Up' gaming assisted children and young people to have fun, feel safe and connect with their peers.

Spring saw the promotion of men's mental health and organisations shared their offers to workers and the community at a Wakefield Talks event. Training continued to assist workers and volunteers from VCSE groups to develop resilience for themselves, the children, young people and families they support.

Young Lives has continued to facilitate the VCSE involvement in Future in Mind Programme for children and young people's VCSE organisations. Through the Young Lives Framework we continue to developed a transparent process for organisations to access grants and funding. This activity includes monitoring grants and facilitates the co-production of the Future in Mind programme. Young Lives Consortium continues to work alongside NOVA to develop and improve the services of children and young people's organisations in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and quality through the New Framework developed alongside NHS, LA and VCSE partners.

Wakefield District have an established team of 7 Community Navigator's led by Young Lives Consortium in partnership with VCSE organisations Homestart, Next Generation, Rosalie Ryrie, The Well, Saint Georges Rycroft Leisure, and Hemsworth District Partnership. The Future in Mind Project has assisted Young Lives Consortium to extend the activities of the voluntary organizations to children and young people. The Community Navigator role has ensured that voluntary organisations and charities extend their work and connect with CAMHS, Children's Services and schools. This has extended our reach to children and young people within schools setting in particularly children in primary schools and then provide additional support during holiday times. This has had direct impact for children and young people in the Wakefield District, and we continue to work with over 1400 children and young people who, through engaging in activities, continue to improve their key skills and competencies to manage change and transitions.

Working with young people, Future in Mind Community Navigators, local authority, public health and the NHS, we responded as a collective to issues raised by children and young people, in particular the need to access safe places and access reliable information to assist children and young people improve wellbeing. Together we continued to develop www.wf-i-can.co.uk. Young people developed and engaged with challenges as part of Mental Health week, Young Care leavers developed challenges to promote and assist their peers understand the challenges they face. The Be Proud section of the website was developed, including Disabilities, BAME and LGBTQIA+.

Healthwatch has continued to engage with young volunteers and young people as participants they worked with over 100 young people engaging in co-production, seeking views and sharing ideas for change with commissioners. YHW held regular meetings with the Director of Public Health where young people shared their concerns and response to COVID- the minutes of these meetings were then shared on the 'What's Happening Locally' section of WF-I-Can.

We have acted as a representative of the voluntary sector in relation to local government policies and practices sharing a range of views from the children and young people's voluntary sector and have participated in the new West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership. In relation to Safeguarding and mental health we have worked with young people to identify changes to improve outcomes for young people in particular the local peer review of services. We continue to engage with young people and VCSE organizations advocating for changes to improve outcomes for young people at times of transition and change.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance

Young Lives Consortium works to extend the participation in the voluntary sector of sections of the underrepresented communities. This year we have continued to work with groups that represent the BAME community, LGBTQ+ Community and Disabled Children and their families in Wakefield District. Our work with Healthwatch supports Young Lives to actively seek and represent the views of the ultimate beneficiaries' children, young people and families in need to policy makers and service providers. The work of Young Healthwatch has also supported young people to continue to take the lead in developing activities for their peers to reduce the stigma of mental health and emotional wellbeing; this includes many young people's groups across the district. Learning and research is shared with the wider voluntary and community sector and partners and embedded into our future actions.

Financial review

The net expenditure for the year was £1,199, including net income of £25,448 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £26,647 on restricted funds.

At the time of signing these accounts the charity has been impacted by the global Covid-19 virus. The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £150,821.

Young Lives is committed to developing its reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisations have to close.

- This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- To meet unexpected costs like break down of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave, and legal costs defending the organisations interests

- To replace equipment as it wears out.

- Ensure that the organization can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need them. Within this context to minimize recruitment, staff training, staff induction and marketing costs by avoiding the need for redundancies caused by financial crisis.

- To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and place the charity in a position where it could bid for ESF funding which can be paid up to 12 months in arrears.

- From time to time funding has certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserve until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Young Lives aims to develop reserves in the band 16% to 28% of current expenditure. This would equate to approximately £63,000 to £110,000 based on current levels of expenditure.

Were Young Lives to close the organisation would incur a number of winding up costs which are budgeted for.

Approved by the board of trustees on 30/01/2023

Ann Tosta (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Young Lives Consortium

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities Act;
- 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.

E J Beverley FCCA

30/01/2023

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Young Lives Consortium
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds (Restated)
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Grants and donations	(2)	-	160,219	160,219	270,703
Service contracts		228,980	-	228,980	163,901
Training		3,541	-	3,541	9,170
Other service income		2,606	-	2,606	-
Bank interest		4	-	4	6
Total income		235,131	160,219	395,350	443,780
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NICs and pensions	(3)	55,412	66,344	121,756	88,848
Staffing:payroll expenses		670	-	670	300
Staffing:professional fees		3,127	969	4,096	747
Staffing:Administrative support		-	-	-	302
Grants paid to others	(4)	134,236	86,727	220,963	197,632
Other staffing:travel and training		1,659	533	2,192	2,120
Premises		5,653	213	5,866	4,966
Insurance		1,352	-	1,352	1,007
Materials and resources		419	128	547	-
Stationery and postage		2,038	353	2,391	296
Computer and internet		1,996	50	2,046	5,036
Printing and reproduction		174	27	201	6
Telephone		1,553	35	1,588	940
Publicity		-	1,080	1,080	453
Project activities		6,182	15,252	21,434	13,400
Bank charges		72	-	72	296
Independent examination		1,800	-	1,800	1,140
Volunteers expenses		-	2,522	2,522	4,660
Miscellaneous expense		72	-	72	-
Subscriptions		316	-	316	-
HR support		2,400	-	2,400	-
Professional fees		2,469	-	2,469	-
Depreciation		716	-	716	716
Total expenditure		222,316	174,233	396,549	322,865
Net income / (expenditure)		12,815	(14,014)	(1,199)	120,915
Transfers between funds		12,633	(12,633)	-	-
Net movement in funds		25,448	(26,647)	(1,199)	120,915
Fund balances brought forward		126,111	377,008	503,119	382,204
Fund balances carried forward	(5)	151,559	350,361	501,920	503,119

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Young Lives Consortium
Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	(6) 738	-	738	1,454
Total fixed assets	<u>738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>1,454</u>
Current assets				
Debtors and prepayments	(7) 248,386	82,462	330,848	64,683
Cash at bank and in hand	(8) (56,638)	278,375	221,737	489,314
Total current assets	<u>191,748</u>	<u>360,837</u>	<u>552,585</u>	<u>553,997</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	(9) 40,927	10,476	51,403	52,332
Total current liabilities	<u>40,927</u>	<u>10,476</u>	<u>51,403</u>	<u>52,332</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>150,821</u>	<u>350,361</u>	<u>501,182</u>	<u>501,665</u>
Net assets	<u>151,559</u>	<u>350,361</u>	<u>501,920</u>	<u>503,119</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	151,559	-	151,559	126,111
Restricted funds	-	350,361	350,361	377,008
Total funds	<u>151,559</u>	<u>350,361</u>	<u>501,920</u>	<u>503,119</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30/01/2023

Ann Tosta (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

The accounts for the previous year have been restated to take account of management charges that had not been deducted from a restricted grant and a contract for a number of years and a correction to the grant fund balance and year end deferred income in relation to the contract.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies continued

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight Computer equipment: over 3 years

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Leases

Rents under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term or to an earlier date if the lease can be determined without financial penalty.

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2022

2 Grants and donations

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
NOVA	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
WY Police and Crime Commissioner	-	11,000	11,000	31,393
Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	101,493	101,493	190,323
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)	-	20,059	20,059	20,000
The Art House	-	2,667	2,667	-
Big Lottery	-	-	-	3,635
Donations	-	-	-	352
	<u>-</u>	<u>160,219</u>	<u>160,219</u>	<u>270,703</u>

3 Staff costs and numbers

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross salaries	113,256	84,502
Social security costs	8,697	5,823
Employment allowance	(4,000)	(4,000)
Pensions	<u>3,803</u>	<u>2,523</u>
	<u>121,756</u>	<u>88,848</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 6, being an average of 4.1 full time equivalent (2021: 6, 4 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme

	2022	2021
	£	£
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	3,803	2,523
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	27	527

4 Grants paid to others

	2022	2021
	£	(Restated) £
Grants to institutions		
Community Navigator: Futures in Mind	137,104	117,510
CYP Emotional Well-being Domestic Abuse Project	39,583	-
Nova	120	-
Covid Recovery Emotional wellbeing	20,364	41,234
Framework	-	5,000
Learning Disability	1,244	2,022
Suicide Post Vention	4,599	17,441
Winter fund	3,746	7,500
Violence Reduction	<u>14,203</u>	<u>6,925</u>
	<u>220,963</u>	<u>197,632</u>

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5 Restricted funds	Balance b/f (Restated)	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
WMDC - GLO	4,522	-	-	-	4,522
CCG - Futures in Mind	96,701	-	-	(3,480)	93,221
NOVA	21,634	25,000	11,758	(1,246)	33,630
Post16 Community Navigator	23,145	-	14,997	(1,968)	6,180
Coop Safe Spaces	31,327	-	4,287	(412)	26,628
HPOC	27,241	-	961	(137)	26,143
Learning Disability	1,973	4,934	1,993	(114)	4,800
Suicide Postvention worker	31,733	39,824	27,577	(3,432)	40,548
Winter Fund	10,869	-	10,597	(229)	43
Check in and Chat	6,276	-	6,125	(151)	-
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellb	91,417	-	32,133	(984)	58,300
Framework	6,201	-	1,201	(114)	4,886
Violence reduction	22,156	11,000	22,735	(366)	10,055
Big Lottery Safeguarding	1,813	-	-	-	1,813
Domestic Abuse Project	-	41,669	39,584	-	2,085
Recovery Collage	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Ridings Safe Space	-	15,125	-	-	15,125
The Art House	-	2,667	285	-	2,382
	<u>377,008</u>	<u>160,219</u>	<u>174,233</u>	<u>(12,633)</u>	<u>350,361</u>

Fund name

WMDC - GLO

CCG - Futures in Mind

NOVA

Post16 Community Navigator

Coop Safe Spaces

HPOC

Learning Disability

Suicide Postvention worker

Winter Fund

Purpose of restriction

To roll out 5 projects across the district to support young women build self esteem and confidence and reduce risks associated with child exploitation.

Funding to co-produce a community integrated response to improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, developing resilience of children and young people.

The transfer relates to a small overspend on the Future in Mind contract in the year.

Funding to provide infrastructure support to the children and young people's sector including using NOVA Assist and Safeguarding Audit Tools, provide workforce development opportunities and facilitate co-producing opportunities to share best practice, network and shape services.

Department of Health and Social Care funding to help expand and evaluate already successful, innovative projects that adopt community and person-centred approaches to improving the mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years.

To work with groups and a drop in service for Young People to come and feel safe.

For community organisations to innovate on delivering health and care outcomes.

To set up a self advocacy group for young adults with learning disabilities in Wakefield.

To employ a Postvention Support Worker to support YP aged 16 – 25 years old, who have been affected by suicide around the Wakefield District.

To reduce waiting lists and improve emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

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5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Check in and Chat	Covid response service hosted by YLC for 5 months. Funding to assist in the delivery of Check in and Chat, a Covid response service. Remainder of funding left over after delivery ceased in April 2021 to go to Spectrum People who have taken on the check in and chat offer moving forward.
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing Framework	Series of interventions with young people during and post covid to improve emotional wellbeing as part of Wakefield Families Together programme. Funding for developing the framework for Wakefield District held grant for NOVA and paid for Consultant.
Violence reduction	Funding to deliver detached at Upton, arts acts activities with school and develop. Education package and film to cascade the film and education resources across the District.
Big Lottery Safeguarding Domestic Abuse Project	To deliver safeguarding support to the sector. To deliver specialist domestic abuse support to victims and their children who are residing in safe accommodation as set out in the domestic Abuse Act 2021.
Recovery Collage	To develop and promote activities that can be promoted through the 'Discovery College' for 16-25 year olds.
Ridings Safe Space	For the development of a community learning space and creative learning activities at the Ridings Centre, Wakefield.
The Art House	Towards utility costs at The Ridings

All transfers other than stated above are for a contribution to office and premises costs, governance and other staffing.

6 Tangible assets

	Office equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£
At 1 April 2021	4,520	4,520
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2022	4,520	4,520
<u>Depreciation</u>		
At 1 April 2021	3,066	3,066
Charge for year	716	716
At 31 March 2022	3,782	3,782
<u>Net book value</u>		
At 31 March 2022	738	738
At 31 March 2021	1,454	1,454

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2022

7 Debtors and prepayments	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	320,603	54,445
Prepayments	10,245	10,238
	<u>330,848</u>	<u>64,683</u>

8 Cash at bank and in hand	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank	221,713	489,290
Cash in hand	24	24
	<u>221,737</u>	<u>489,314</u>

9 Creditors and accruals	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	26,568	39,258
Accruals	14,676	1,140
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	10,159	11,934
	<u>51,403</u>	<u>52,332</u>

Deferred income	Deferred to next year	Released from last year
	£	£
Safetalk training and administration costs	10,159	-
	<u>10,159</u>	<u>-</u>

Item name	Reason for deferral
Safetalk training and administration costs	Training has not yet been done.

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity include the trustees and Chief Officer. The total employee benefits received by the Chief Officer were £33,712 (previous year: £33,708).

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit in this capacity during this or the previous year.

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11 Changes to Statement of Financial Activities

The charity receives funding to run the Future in Mind programme. Up to 31 March 2020 this was grant funded and from 1 April 2020 was a contract. At 31 March 2020 there was a balance on the restricted grant fund which was shown as spent in the 2021 accounts. However part of this fund should have been transferred to unrestricted in relation to management charges for the period up to 31 March 2020 and the balance carried forward as unspent restricted funds.

The contract income for the year to 31 March 2021 was originally deferred in the accounts as the related expenditure was covered from the grant. However, this should not have been deferred as the contract was fully delivered in the year.

Management charges had not been applied to the grant or contract but have now been recognised.

Since the effect of these changes is material and affects the figures in prior periods, the previous year's figures have been corrected in accordance with FRS102.

Service contracts	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	19,731
Income originally deferred at 31 March 2021	148,894
Income now deferred at 31 March 2021	(4,724)
Restated figure	<u>163,901</u>

Grants paid to others	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	227,010
Amendment to year end provisions	(29,378)
Restated figure	<u>197,632</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	54,890
Increase in prepayments relating to Grants paid to organisations	9,793
Restated figure	<u>64,683</u>

Creditors and accruals	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	216,087
Reduction in creditors relating to Grants paid to organisations	(19,585)
Reduction in deferred income	(144,170)
Restated figure	<u>52,332</u>

Unrestricted funds	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	49,264
Management charges to March 2020	48,250
Management charges to March 2021	28,597
Restated figure	<u>126,111</u>

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11 Changes to Statement of Financial Activities (continued)

Restricted funds	2021
	£
Original figure in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021	280,307
Future in Mind restricted fund balance	96,701
Restated figure	<u>377,008</u>

Summary of change on fund balances as reported at 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Original figure for the year ended 31 March 2021	49,264	280,307	329,571
Amendments	76,847	96,701	173,548
Restated figure	<u>126,111</u>	<u>377,008</u>	<u>503,119</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income						
Grants and donations	-	-	160,219	270,703	160,219	270,703
Service contracts	228,980	163,901	-	-	228,980	163,901
Training	3,541	9,170	-	-	3,541	9,170
Other service income	2,606	-	-	-	2,606	-
Bank interest	4	6	-	-	4	6
Total income	235,131	173,077	160,219	270,703	395,350	443,780
Expenditure						
Salaries, NICs and pensions	55,412	39,493	66,344	49,355	121,756	88,848
Staffing:payroll expenses	670	300	-	-	670	300
Staffing:professional fees	3,127	747	969	-	4,096	747
Staffing:Administrative support	-	302	-	-	-	302
Grants paid to others	134,236	117,510	86,727	80,122	220,963	197,632
Other staffing:travel and training	1,659	72	533	2,048	2,192	2,120
Premises	5,653	4,816	213	150	5,866	4,966
Insurance	1,352	889	-	118	1,352	1,007
Materials and resources	419	-	128	-	547	-
Stationery and postage	2,038	-	353	296	2,391	296
Computer and internet	1,996	2,711	50	2,325	2,046	5,036
Printing and reproduction	174	6	27	-	201	6
Telephone	1,553	784	35	156	1,588	940
Publicity	-	-	1,080	453	1,080	453
Project activities	6,182	1,200	15,252	12,200	21,434	13,400
Bank charges	72	296	-	-	72	296
Independent examination	1,800	1,140	-	-	1,800	1,140
Volunteers expenses	-	-	2,522	4,660	2,522	4,660
Miscellaneous expense	72	-	-	-	72	-
Subscriptions	316	-	-	-	316	-
HR support	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	-
Professional fees	2,469	-	-	-	2,469	-
Depreciation	716	716	-	-	716	716
Total expenditure	222,316	170,982	174,233	151,883	396,549	322,865
Net income / (expenditure)	12,815	2,095	(14,014)	118,820	(1,199)	120,915
Transfers between funds	12,633	92,378	(12,633)	(92,378)	-	-
Net movement in funds	25,448	94,473	(26,647)	26,442	(1,199)	120,915
Fund balances brought forward	126,111	31,638	377,008	350,566	503,119	382,204
Fund balances carried forward	151,559	126,111	350,361	377,008	501,920	503,119

Accounts

Young Lives Consortium

Charity number 1170269

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Young Lives Consortium

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Mohammed Ayub	Co-Chair
Bernadette O'Brien	Co-Chair
Jacqueline Craven	
Ann Tosta	
Hazel Bell	
Stan Foster	

Charity number 1170269 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 18 November 2016 and is governed by a constitution adopted on that date.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

The charity's main activities

Young Lives Consortium exists to assist the advancement in life of children and young people, and support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with children, young people and families in order to achieve these purposes.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

The charity's main activities (continued)

We do this by facilitating networks, connections, training and partnerships alongside our members VCSE groups and partner agencies. This is underpinned by frameworks to support organisations to access investment, so they can focus on the delivery of services. We also support the implementation of the Resilience Framework and Approach; this is an evidenced based framework which aims to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. By sharing best practice this assists organisations to deliver quality activities, effective and efficient services.

The Young Lives networks are both online and face to face, they support the exchanges of information and expertise between all agencies on relevant issues to assist organisations grow and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Wakefield District.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular advancement in life of children and young people, and the support of families in need, in particularly but not exclusively, by promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of charities and charitable activities of voluntary organisations and supporting and assisting voluntary organisations working with young people and families in order to achieve these purposes. All activities are considered against our purpose and objectives. In particular our work is underpinned by the Public Health Resilience Framework which aims to improve outcomes as identified by Public Health.

Achievements and performance

2020/2021 began with the Covid 19 Pandemic and a number of lock downs impacting on children, young people, their families and communities, therefore our achievements this year were in working together with VCSE and wider partners in responding to the changing nature of the demands on children, young people and communities. As the differing issues and solutions emerged they were shared strategically through Young Lives Consortium members and Wakefield Children and Young people's Partnership, with Young Lives members taking a lead in the co-design of 'Wakefield Families Together' which assisted in contributing to the new ways of working through the pandemic with the aim of promoting positive outcomes for children, young people and families including the development of www.wf-i-can.co.uk

Our work with the children, young people and families VCSE networks began in April working together with NOVA and communities to understand the impact of COVID, how to continue to deliver services and projects. Network meetings focused on sharing skills, for example initially on how to set up online activities and to aid Covid Compliant community responses with communities so that children, young people and their families could raise concerns and solutions were developed and YLC supported through promoting access to resources such as digital inclusion programmes, 'help at the hubs' and new funding streams. Changes via Wakefield Families Together were promoted via seminars ensuring VCSE groups continued to be cited on the new ways of working 'Wakefield Families Together'. In addition, organisations continued to come together to respond to the needs and assets of the local communities including creating suicide prevention materials and raising awareness to reduce the risk of suicide in children and young people. The Local Authority, Public Health and the CCG exchanged ideas and information with voluntary organisations to respond collectively to issues raised by children and young people via the VCSE. We have continued to identifying needs and strengths in the voluntary sector and establishing projects such as the Future in Mind Partnership, Community Navigator Programme, Safe Place project, Post 16 programme and Young Healthwatch to support children and young people and their families.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Achievements and performance (continued)

During the summer YLC facilitated engagement sessions with partners to assist in designing new services for young people 16-25, supported the promotion of funding for family support and continued to be a trusted source of information. Organisations shared 'what works' with one another online as part of the suicide prevention offer, where possible covid compliant activities were piloted alongside communities to assist young people to feel safe and enjoy time together. 'Wakefield Talks' events assisted organisations to share their offers to workers and the community from September 2020– March 2021. The Autumn focused on assisting workers and volunteers from VCSE groups to recognise and respond to trauma, assist children, young people and families to stay safe, access food, fuel, digital inclusion and improve emotional wellbeing.

As we entered winter and a further lockdown the network focused on safeguarding and links with social care supported 'eyes on children' approach across the children's workforce. VCSE groups continued to strengthen their face to face engagement with children and young people making each engagement count.

Young Lives has continued to facilitate the VCSE involvement in Future in Mind Programme for children and young people's VCSE organisations. Through the Young Lives Framework we continued to develop a transparent process for organisations to access grants and funding. This activity includes monitoring grants and facilitates the co-production of the Future in Mind programme. Young Lives Consortium continues to work alongside NOVA to develop and improve the services of children and young people's organisations in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and quality through the New Framework developed alongside NHS, LA and VCSE partners.

Wakefield District have an established team of 7 Community Navigator's led by Young Lives Consortium in partnership with VCSE organizations Homestart, Next Generation, Rosalie Ryrie, The Well, Saint Georges and Hemsworth District Partnership. The Future in Mind Project has assisted Young Lives Consortium extend the activities of the voluntary organizations to children and young people. The Community Navigator role has ensured that voluntary organisations and charities extend their work and connect with CAMHS, Children's Services and with schools, this has extended our reach to children and young people within schools setting in particularly children in primary schools and then provide additional support during holiday times. This has had direct impact for children and young people in the Wakefield District, and we continue to work with over 1,000 children and young people who through engaging activities continue to improve their key skills and competencies to manage change and transitions.

Working with young people, Future in Mind Community Navigators, local authority, public health and the NHS, we responded as a collective to issues raised by children and young people, in particular the need to access safe places and access reliable information to assist children and young people improve wellbeing. Together during lockdown young people and their organisations contributed to developing www.wf-i-can.co.uk. Voluntary groups including Star, Hemsworth District Partnership, The Well, Rosalie Ryrie, Empowering Young People Project, Young Healthwatch, Next Generation, Ryecroft Leisure, Home-start Wakefield, Saint Georges Community Centre, Young Carers, Stripes, Young Healthwatch and Building Our Futures were instrumental in developing www.wf-i-can.co.uk for under 13's and over 13's, alongside this the online drop in was tested with young people and a safe space for young people to come and chat online was established to reduce loneliness and isolation for young people alongside self-help tips to improve wellbeing. In addition, NCS groups from Wakefield Trinity and the Youth Service promoted the offer, and Young Carers 'took over the site' in January and set the weekly challenges, alongside this a retail space through 'Makey Wakey' was secured, activities with young people began in August 2020 to make the space accessible, working with an artist, covid compliant activities took place and young people were invited to take part in complementary activities in three settings across Wakefield District. Over 500 activities packs were sent out to young people in the Autumn.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Achievements and performance (continued)

In addition, a range of funding bids were secured to support the development of post 16 work to develop new ways of working to improve wellbeing and develop a postvention offer this has ensured that YLC and members have participated in developing activities and programmes to respond to young people with low emotional wellbeing and access one to one support. Further young people participated in developing and testing out a Resilience programme and CCE prevention materials and a short film to promote debate and conversation with young people. Young People's involvement in creating both the i-can virtual and physical safe place in the ridings and promotions, led to them sharing their learning with their peers at West Yorkshire Level. All the porgrammes will be available for local groups via the www.riskandresilience.org.uk

Over 160 participants from wider network of VCSE organizations and partner organisations have accessed training and support so they can enhance their practice with children, young people and families to develop resilience, increase awareness of safeguarding responsibilities, and how to respond when young people present in crisis. An Online offer was established and where possible face to face sessions were delivered as part of our Suicide Prevention Strategy in September socially distanced covid compliant Safetalk sessions were held outdoors hosted by Featherstone Rugby Club. Further Safetalk sessions were delivered with partners when allowed later in the year. The focus of the training and networking was to respond to the changing situation, recognise strengths and build on them, develop and grow covid compliant delivery models, promoting safe spaces for children, young people, and families across Wakefield District.

We have acted as a representative of the voluntary sector in relation to local government policies and practices sharing a range of views from the children and young people's voluntary sector and have participated in the new West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership, In relation to Safeguarding and mental health we have worked with young people to identify changes to improve outcomes for young people in particular WF-I-Can website.

We have acted as a representative and advocate of the voluntary sector in relation to local government policies and practices sharing a range of views from the children and young people's voluntary sector within the Children and Young People's Partnership in Wakefield District and with West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership. In relation to Safeguarding Children and Young People, we continue to engage with young people and VCSE organizations advocating for changes to improve outcomes for young people at times of transition and change. We have delivered Basic Safeguarding Children, vulnerable adults and Safetalk training to staff, volunteers and young people in communities across the district.

Young Lives Consortium works to extend the participation in the voluntary sector of sections of the under-represented communities. This year we have continued to work with groups that represent the BAME community, LGBTQ Community and Disabled Children and their families in Wakefield District to take forward proposals for safe places in the Wakefield District. Our work with Healthwatch supports Young Lives to actively seek and represent the views of the ultimate beneficiaries' children, young people and families in need to policy makers and service providers. The work of Young Healthwatch has also supported young people to continue to take the lead in developing activities for their peers to reduce the stigma of mental health and emotional wellbeing; this includes many young people's groups across the district. Learning and research is shared with the wider voluntary and community sector and partners and embedded into our future actions.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Financial review

The net expenditure for the year was £52,633, including net income of £17,626 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £70,259 on restricted funds, after transfers.

At the time of signing these accounts the charity has been impacted by the global Covid-19 virus. The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £47,810.

Young Lives is committed to developing its reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisations have to close.

- This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- To meet unexpected costs like break down of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave, and legal costs defending the organisations interests

- To replace equipment as it wears out.

- Ensure that the organization can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need them.

- Within this context to minimize recruitment, staff training, staff induction and marketing costs by avoiding the need for redundancies caused by financial crisis.

- To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and place the charity in a position where it could bid for ESF funding which can be paid up to 12 months in arrears.

- From time to time funding has certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserve until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Young Lives aims to develop reserves in the band 16% to 28% of current expenditure. This would equate to approximately £56,000 to £98,000 based on current levels of expenditure.

Were Young Lives to close the organisation would incur a number of winding up costs which are budgeted for.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 27/01/2022

Ann Elizabeth Tosta (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Young Lives Consortium

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities Act;
- 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.

E J Beverley FCCA

28/01/2022

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Young Lives Consortium
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income from:					
Grants and donations	(2)	-	270,703	270,703	397,763
Service contracts		19,731	-	19,731	16,803
Training		9,170	-	9,170	10,152
Other service income		-	-	-	20
Bank interest		6	-	6	29
Total income		28,907	270,703	299,610	424,767
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NICs and pensions	(3)	39,493	49,355	88,848	45,626
Staffing:payroll expenses		300	-	300	40
Staffing:professional fees		747	-	747	1,178
Staffing:Administrative support		302	-	302	6,395
Grants paid to others	(4)	19,584	207,426	227,010	143,765
Other staffing:travel and training		72	2,048	2,120	1,071
Premises		4,816	150	4,966	5,964
Insurance		889	118	1,007	1,523
Materials and resources		-	-	-	9,949
Stationery and postage		-	296	296	17
Computer and internet		2,711	2,325	5,036	1,866
Printing and reproduction		6	-	6	657
Telephone		784	156	940	648
Publicity		-	453	453	5,000
Refreshments		-	-	-	384
Project activities		1,200	12,200	13,400	1,198
Bank charges		296	-	296	144
Independent examination		1,140	-	1,140	768
Volunteers expenses		-	4,660	4,660	-
Bad debts written off		-	-	-	5,000
Depreciation		716	-	716	-
Total expenditure		73,056	279,187	352,243	231,193
Net income / (expenditure)		(44,149)	(8,484)	(52,633)	193,574
Transfers between funds		61,775	(61,775)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,626	(70,259)	(52,633)	193,574
Fund balances brought forward		31,638	350,566	382,204	188,630
Fund balances carried forward	(5)	49,264	280,307	329,571	382,204

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Young Lives Consortium
Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	(6) 1,454	-	1,454	-
Total fixed assets	<u>1,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets				
Debtors and prepayments	(7) 19,890	35,000	54,890	97,490
Cash at bank and in hand	(8) 224,422	264,892	489,314	301,731
Total current assets	<u>244,312</u>	<u>299,892</u>	<u>544,204</u>	<u>399,221</u>
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	(9) 196,502	19,585	216,087	17,017
Total current liabilities	<u>196,502</u>	<u>19,585</u>	<u>216,087</u>	<u>17,017</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>47,810</u>	<u>280,307</u>	<u>328,117</u>	<u>382,204</u>
Net assets	<u>49,264</u>	<u>280,307</u>	<u>329,571</u>	<u>382,204</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	49,264	-	49,264	31,638
Restricted funds	-	280,307	280,307	350,566
Total funds	<u>49,264</u>	<u>280,307</u>	<u>329,571</u>	<u>382,204</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27/01/2022

Ann Elizabeth Tosta (Trustee)

Young Lives Consortium

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Computer and office equipment: over 3 years

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies continued

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Leases

Rents under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term or to an earlier date if the lease can be determined without financial penalty.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021

2 Grants and donations	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
NOVA	-	25,000	25,000	58,200
WY Police and Crime Commissioner	-	31,393	31,393	-
Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	190,323	190,323	254,002
Department of Health and Social Care	-	-	-	43,600
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)	-	20,000	20,000	5,000
Co-operative	-	-	-	35,000
Big Lottery	-	3,635	3,635	1,961
Donations	-	352	352	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>270,703</u>	<u>270,703</u>	<u>397,763</u>

3 Staff costs and numbers	2021 £	2020 £
Gross salaries	84,502	42,582
Social security costs	5,823	3,491
Employment allowance	(4,000)	(3,000)
Pensions	2,523	2,553
	<u>88,848</u>	<u>45,626</u>

The average number employees during the year was 5.3, being an average of 3.4 full time equivalent (2020: 2, 1.4 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2021 £	2020 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	2,523	2,553
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	527	-
Amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end	-	-

4 Grants paid to others	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Grants to institutions</u>		
Community Navigator: Futures in Mind	146,888	137,096
Young Carers	-	6,669
Covid Recovery Emotional wellbeing Framework	41,234	-
Learning Disability	5,000	-
Suicide Post Vention	2,022	-
Winter fund	17,441	-
Violence Reduction	7,500	-
	6,925	-
	<u>227,010</u>	<u>143,765</u>

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021

5 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
WMDC - GLO	4,522	-	-	-	4,522
CCG - Futures in Mind	124,963	-	127,304	2,341	-
NOVA	13,617	25,000	11,962	(5,021)	21,634
Post16 Community Navigator	37,880	-	14,197	(538)	23,145
Team Leader (FIM)	50,719	-	-	(50,719)	-
Coop Safe Spaces	34,970	-	2,926	(717)	31,327
HPOC	32,200	-	4,600	(359)	27,241
Learning Disability	5,000	-	2,848	(179)	1,973
NOVA Community Safety	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Suicide Postvention worker	19,912	39,823	27,213	(789)	31,733
Winter Fund	23,500	-	11,914	(717)	10,869
Young Carers	2,283	-	-	(2,283)	-
Check in and Chat	-	15,000	8,724	-	6,276
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing Framework	-	135,852	44,076	(359)	91,417
Violence reduction	-	20,000	13,082	(717)	6,201
Big Lottery Safeguarding	-	31,393	8,878	(359)	22,156
	-	3,635	1,463	(359)	1,813
	<u>350,566</u>	<u>270,703</u>	<u>279,187</u>	<u>(61,775)</u>	<u>280,307</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

WMDC - Girls Learning Opportunities (GLO)

To roll out 5 projects across the district to support young women build self esteem and confidence and reduce risks associated with child exploitation.

CCG - Futures in Mind

Funding to lead on Third Sector Partnership to co-produce a community integrated response to improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health that includes development of a framework, co-producing services with the VCS and children and young people and implementing services via the newly developed Young Lives Framework developing resilience of children and young people through the development of the Community Navigator Model and Peer Mentoring.

NOVA

The small overspend on this fund has been transferred to unrestricted. Funding to provide infrastructure support to the children and young people's sector including using NOVA Assist and Safeguarding Audit Tools, provide workforce development opportunities and facilitate co-producing opportunities to share best practice, network and shape services.

Post16 Community Navigator

Department of Health and Social Care funding to help expand and evaluate already successful, innovative projects that adopt community and person-centred approaches to improving the mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years.

Team Leader (FIM)

To deliver the Future in Mind Programme with 7 Community Navigator organisations, to provide oversight of the contracts and co-ordinating function.

Coop Safe Spaces

This has been transferred to contract income as it is now a contract. To work with groups and a drop in service for Young People to come and feel safe.

Harnessing the Power of Community (HPOC)

For community organisations to innovate on delivering health and care outcomes.

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5 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Learning Disability	To set up a self advocacy group for young adults with learning disabilities in Wakefield.
NOVA Community Safety	To deliver a development group /service and representation function of the NOVA Grant.
Suicide Postvention worker	The transfer relates to costs not allocated to this fund in previous years. To employ a Postvention Support Worker to support YP aged 16 – 25 years old, who have been affected by suicide around the Wakefield District.
Winter Fund	To reduce waiting lists and improve emotional wellbeing of children and young people.
Young Carers	NHS funding to reduce waiting lists and improve emotional wellbeing of children and young people. This fund balance has been transferred to unrestricted with the permission of the funder.
Check in and Chat	Covid response service hosted by YLC for 5 months. Funding to assist in the delivery of Check in and Chat, a Covid response service. Remainder of funding left over after delivery ceased in April 2021 to go to Spectrum People who have taken on the check in and chat offer moving forward.
Covid Recovery Emotional Wellbeing Framework	Series of interventions with young people during and post covid to improve emotional wellbeing as part of Wakefield Families Together programme. Funding for developing the framework for Wakefield District held grant for NOVA and paid for Consultant.
Violence reduction	Funding to deliver detached at Upton, arts acts activities with school and develop. Education package and film to cascade the film and education resources across the District.
Big Lottery Safeguarding	To deliver safeguarding support to the sector.

All transfers other than stated above are for a contribution to office and premises costs, governance and other staffing.

6 Tangible assets

	Office equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£
At 1 April 2020	2,350	2,350
Additions	2,170	2,170
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,520</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>		
At 1 April 2020	2,350	2,350
Charge for year	716	716
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,066</u>	<u>3,066</u>
<u>Net book value</u>		
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,454</u>	<u>1,454</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Debtors and prepayments	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	54,445	97,490
Prepayments	445	-
	<u>54,890</u>	<u>97,490</u>

8 Cash at bank and in hand	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	489,290	301,707
Cash in hand	24	24
	<u>489,314</u>	<u>301,731</u>

9 Creditors and accruals	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	58,843	16,117
Accruals	1,140	900
Deferred income	156,104	-
	<u>216,087</u>	<u>17,017</u>

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity include the trustees and Chief Officer. The total employee benefits received by the Chief Officer were £33,708 (previous year: £33,634).

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit in this capacity during this or the previous year.

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income						
Grants and donations	-	-	270,703	397,763	270,703	397,763
Service contracts	19,731	16,803	-	-	19,731	16,803
Training	9,170	10,152	-	-	9,170	10,152
Other service income	-	20	-	-	-	20
Bank interest	6	29	-	-	6	29
Total income	28,907	27,004	270,703	397,763	299,610	424,767
Expenditure						
Salaries, NICs and pensions	39,493	23,961	49,355	21,665	88,848	45,626
Staffing:payroll expenses	300	40	-	-	300	40
Staffing:professional fees	747	1,178	-	-	747	1,178
Staffing:Administrative support	302	6,395	-	-	302	6,395
Grants paid to others	19,584	-	207,426	143,765	227,010	143,765
Other staffing:travel and training	72	1,021	2,048	50	2,120	1,071
Premises	4,816	5,964	150	-	4,966	5,964
Insurance	889	1,273	118	250	1,007	1,523
Materials and resources	-	9,919	-	30	-	9,949
Stationery and postage	-	17	296	-	296	17
Computer and internet	2,711	1,866	2,325	-	5,036	1,866
Printing and reproduction	6	657	-	-	6	657
Telephone	784	648	156	-	940	648
Publicity	-	-	453	5,000	453	5,000
Refreshments	-	384	-	-	-	384
Project activities	1,200	-	12,200	1,198	13,400	1,198
Bank charges	296	144	-	-	296	144
Independent examination	1,140	768	-	-	1,140	768
Volunteers expenses	-	-	4,660	-	4,660	-
Bad debts written off	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Depreciation	716	-	-	-	716	-
Total expenditure	73,056	59,235	279,187	171,958	352,243	231,193
Net income / (expenditure)	(44,149)	(32,231)	(8,484)	225,805	(52,633)	193,574
Transfers between funds	61,775	9,643	(61,775)	(9,643)	-	-
Net movement in funds	17,626	(22,588)	(70,259)	216,162	(52,633)	193,574
Fund balances brought forward	31,638	54,226	350,566	134,404	382,204	188,630
Fund balances carried forward	49,264	31,638	280,307	350,566	329,571	382,204