

# **InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

Charity number 1171402

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**



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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# **InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Charles Laxton	Chair
Rev. Angela Hughes	
Rev. John Rogers	
Rev. Simon Jones	
Guy Austin-Bride	

**Charity number** 1171402 Registered in England and Wales

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
Stainbeck Church	CAF Bank Ltd
Stainbeck Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Leeds	West Malling
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### **Independent examiner**

E J Beverley FCCA

### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 1 Feb 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

The objects of the CIO are:

(1) Relief and prevention of poverty for the public benefit in Meanwood, Leeds, in particular, but not exclusively, focusing on the 'Meanwood 7 Estates'\*, by

(a) The provision of recreational activities and activities that promote self-development and wellbeing, intended to improve the quality of life of the beneficiaries and tackle effects of financial and cultural poverty.

(b) The provision of activities to develop the capacity and skills of the beneficiaries, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(2) The advancement of community development for the public benefit in Meanwood, by:

(a) The provision of activities that draw together a diversity of people from across Meanwood and its immediate surroundings, with the aim of promoting social cohesion and tackling exclusion resulting from hardship and cultural differences.

(b) The promotion of volunteering, by supporting local people to take active, voluntary roles in the management of the organisation and the running of its activities.

(c) The promotion of the voluntary sector, through active engagement with community forums and public sector bodies, to the benefit of the Meanwood community, and particularly the 'Meanwood 7 Estates'\*

(3) The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Meanwood, by:

(a) Working as a partnership of Christian churches, operating and delivering activities in accordance with Christian principles.

\* The 'Meanwood 7 Estates' is the name given locally to a number of areas in Meanwood, Leeds, which see higher levels of financial hardship and poor health in comparison to neighbouring areas. Most of them rank repeatedly in the top 2% of the Government's indices of multiple deprivation.

#### **The charity's main activities**

A wide variety of activities, for example, youth work, food pantry, men shed and family fun days, that bring people together from all parts of the community of Meanwood, Leeds, to help build relationships across social divides. Also individual and household support such as benefits and welfare support.

#### **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:

Relief and prevention of poverty for the public benefit in Meanwood, Leeds, in particular, but not exclusively, focusing on the 'Meanwood 7 Estates.'

The advancement of community development for the public benefit in Meanwood.

The advancement of religion.

#### **Achievements and performance**

2023 was a time of establishing and investing. We joined Leeds Citizens with the hope of using their tools and experience to help us engage better with different institutions, including the churches, to build community leaders and see change for the common good. Our Project Manager took part in one of their three-day training programmes, as well as another three-day training led by a team from Together for Peace on the Art of Hosting, looking at creating space for conversations that matter. Both were very different, valuable times of learning.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023**

### **Achievements and performance**

My Meanwood Community Anchor, which we chair, was fully established this year, with local third sector partners meeting together each month to work out what we can do better together to improve and strengthen our neighbourhoods. Through this, we received Household Support Fund monies - Government funding via Leeds City Council. The funding was intended to support people with essential household needs, and it was encouraging to receive it with trust that local organisations know their communities well and that we might pick up people who would otherwise slip through the net. With it, we were able to help (often desperate) people with fuel, food, beds and appliances.

The Food Pantry is now stable with just over 90 members. We had nearly 2200 visits over the year, which equates to food provision for around 90 adults and 50 children a week. However, more than food provision, it remains a place of community. One of our volunteers said that the main reason they volunteer is the feel good factor, which helps their mental health. The connection with others is as important as low cost food and preventing food waste.

Connection is also a key theme of the Men Shed, which is now so busy, we're trying to work out how we fit everyone in each week. One of the best quotes of the year came from the partner of one of our members. It speaks for the work of the Men Shed as a whole: "I've watched someone I care about very much come out of the doldrums in such a short amount of time. He comes back a different person. [The Men Shed] has been fantastic, thank you."

And, of course, connection remains at the heart of all our other activities. We organised a number of trips through the year, bringing together volunteers, church folk and others from the local area; Holy Trinity Community Café is a much valued Welcome Space attended by up to forty people each week; Meanwood Olympics is a real favourite for people of all ages to come together in the summer months, with around 150 children and their families turning up each year; we've hosted events at Easter and at Christmas at Stainbeck Church, part of our "Asset Based Community Development" on the Beckhills and making a great connection with Meanwood Primary School; and the after-school drop in with Thrive has brought over 20 young people through the doors each week, hanging out together on their way home from school.

It's been really good to support under 18's volunteering at the pantry and as leaders of the after-school drop in. In 2023, we established a regular celebration event, bringing them together, thanking them, celebrating them and rewarding them (badges for length of service given). We're looking forward to the new building being in place so that we can begin to develop this initiative more fully.

Once again, we have been reminded this year that connection is key. A connected person is generally a healthier, happier and more resilient person than someone who is isolated or feels alone. The data shows it and we know it in our hearts. InterACT remains a place for connection to happen, and who knows what sparks will come from there.

### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the year were £13,250, including net receipts of £4,339 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £8,911 on restricted funds after transfers.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £45,007.

We have set a restricted reserves target that equates to the cost of four months overheads, excluding payroll costs; three months payroll costs, including staff expenses; and the amount needed to cover redundancy payments calculated for the end of the budget year. This is to enable the smooth running of the charity and to enable an orderly winding up should the charity need to close  
For the 2024 budget, the target figure is £37,379.67

Approved by the board of trustees on 09/08/2024

Charles Laxton (Trustee)

# **InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

### **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**

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.

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

13/08/2024

### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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**InterACT Church and Community Partnership**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	48,510	83,242	131,752	96,339
Sales and fees		9,055	-	9,055	8,612
Holy Trinity Café and Stainbeck Church		151	-	151	350
Bank Interest		119	-	119	48
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>57,835</b>	<b>83,242</b>	<b>141,077</b>	<b>105,349</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries, NIC and pensions		31,329	26,762	58,091	55,155
Payroll costs		331	-	331	299
Sessional staff		4,031	114	4,145	624
Staff travel		955	132	1,087	1,038
Training		1,318	-	1,318	73
Meeting expenses		1,004	34	1,038	332
Volunteer expenses		412	-	412	280
Rent		1,500	-	1,500	1,000
Website		331	-	331	2,584
Materials and resources		793	-	793	133
Events and activities		10,276	45,402	55,678	30,591
Insurance		453	137	590	476
Bank charges		60	-	60	81
Other expenses		376	-	376	142
Independent examination		792	-	792	510
Office costs		1,285	-	1,285	862
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>55,246</b>	<b>72,581</b>	<b>127,827</b>	<b>94,180</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>2,589</b>	<b>10,661</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>11,169</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>1,750</b>	<b>(1,750)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>4,339</b>	<b>8,911</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>11,169</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>40,668</b>	<b>17,079</b>	<b>57,747</b>	<b>46,578</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>45,007</b>	<b>25,990</b>	<b>70,997</b>	<b>57,747</b>

**InterACT Church and Community Partnership**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 December 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	44,937	25,990	70,927	57,747
Cash in hand	70	-	70	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>45,007</u>	<u>25,990</u>	<u>70,997</u>	<u>57,747</u>

<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>	2023
	£
Prepayments	139
Accrued income	<u>10,050</u>
	<u>10,189</u>

**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Laptop computer

<b>Liabilities</b>	2023
	£
Accruals	<u>1,080</u>
	<u>1,080</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 09/08/2024

Charles Laxton (Trustee)



# **InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

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

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

##### **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.

##### **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 December 2023**

<b>2 Grants and donations</b>	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Church donations	19,400	-	19,400	19,100
Leeds Christian Community	-	11,000	11,000	8,500
Leeds City Council (LCC)	-	42,133	42,133	28,156
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	15,000	2,634	17,634	15,000
Mears Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
Sainsbury's	-	500	500	2,500
Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL)	-	24,100	24,100	5,000
Windmill Community Transport Limited	-	675	675	-
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	-	-	9,900
Other grants	-	-	-	1,130
Other donations	14,110	200	14,310	7,053
	<u>48,510</u>	<u>83,242</u>	<u>131,752</u>	<u>96,339</u>

<b>3 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
LCC ABCD	13,445	25,000	20,868	-	17,577
LCC HAP Olympics	156	-	156	-	-
NLCF Awards for All	8,188	-	1,213	-	6,975
LCC YAF Summer 2022	(4,710)	4,710	-	-	-
Leeds Christian Community UPA	-	11,000	10,150	-	850
VAL Household Support Fund	-	16,000	13,781	(750)	1,469
VAL Warm Spaces	-	8,100	3,500	(1,000)	3,600
YAF Meanwood Olympics	-	2,423	2,423	-	-
Meanwood Olympics donation	-	200	200	-	-
Sainsbury's Neighbourly Found'n	-	500	430	-	70
LCF Stay Well this Winter	-	2,634	611	-	2,023
LCC Youth Building	-	10,000	18,524	-	(8,524)
The Mears Foundation	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Windmill Community Transport	-	675	675	-	-
LCC Mice	-	-	50	-	(50)
	<u>17,079</u>	<u>83,242</u>	<u>72,581</u>	<u>(1,750)</u>	<u>25,990</u>

# **InterACT Church and Community Partnership**

## **Notes to the accounts continued**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

#### **3 Restricted funds continued**

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
LCC ABCD	For Asset Based Community Development work on the Beckhills.
LCC HAP Olympics	Towards equipment for Meanwood Olympics 2022.
NLCF Awards for All	Towards Men Shed costs, including signage, disability access, security and activities.
LCC YAF Summer 2022	Towards summer activities for children and families, including family fun days and trips. This grant is paid in arrears.
Leeds Christian Community UPA	Towards the running of Meanwood Pantry, including food, overheads and support.
VAL Household Support Fund	Towards discretionary support for households in the Moortown Ward, for example with fuel, food and household essentials. The transfer was for a contribution towards the core running costs in order for InterAct to remain sustainable, which was written into the funding agreement.
VAL Warm Spaces	To support costs of providing warm spaces. The transfer was for a contribution towards the core running costs in order for InterAct to remain sustainable, which was written into the funding agreement.
YAF Meanwood Olympics	Towards Meanwood Olympics 2023.
Meanwood Olympics donation	Towards Meanwood Olympics 2023.
Sainsbury's Neighbourly Found'n	To buy food for the Pantry.
LCF Stay Well this Winter	Towards winter wellbeing activities.
LCC Youth Building	Capital funding for youth building, the grant is paid in arrears, with £10,000 due in 2024.
The Mears Foundation	Towards trips and activities of our choosing.
Windmill Community Transport	For community trips.
LCC Mice	Towards Christmas hot meals and winter food support, this grant is paid in arrears.

#### **4 Related party transactions**

##### **Donations from trustees and related parties**

The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees or related parties was £600 (2022: £600).

##### **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.