



# **FireStarters<sup>+</sup> Wales**

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A generation set on fire for Jesus to be sparks of revival!

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2025

Approved by Trustees on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Charity Name: FireStarters Wales

Charity Number: 1175278

Registered Office: 10, Dorchester Avenue, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 9BQ

Bank Account: Lloyds Bank

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Trustees: for the year ended 31.3.2025

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Daniel Hall

Ruth Akinwale

Secretary: Jayne Roberts

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - April 2024- March 2025

Significant highlights, events and developments include the following:

In relation to activities:

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many young people as possible to join in with FireStarters gatherings.

The Trustees maintain oversight of all that we do and make suggestions to review our policies so that these continue to be implemented by the leadership team to include all young people seeking to attend.

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees and leadership team have considered the commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable youth from all social backgrounds and denominations, with faith or no faith to attend.

Our gatherings always have worship, prayer, teaching from the Bible, sharing the gospel and activation in living out a love for Jesus in everyday life.

We have continued to meet once a month on the 2nd Saturday of every month and this has continued to provide parents and young people with clarity and assurance on when we meet.

We had three weekends this year in June, November and March. We changed our summer weekend this year from July to June to give space for all the necessary planning that needs to happen in July ready for the mission starting later in July.

Attendance has increased further this year as more parents understand our rhythm for signing up and as more young people engage with our Instagram post outs. Many youth leaders have been recognising the positive input of FireStarters and have been planning youth input around our monthly gatherings so that their youth are able to attend. We have had many who attend regularly with a handful each time wanting to taste and see who we are. Those that regularly attended benefited from gaining deeper friendships and received teaching into our themes April to July of 'Being Ambassadors in Christ.' and Oct - March of 'Being Alive in Christ'.

All our events have had a good ratio of adults to young people with around 12 leaders and 50-70 young people attending regularly which is an increase from last year's attendance. Our young teenage leaders have taken an active part in the days set up, worship team, leading small group discussion, giving short teachings and leading games.

We have over 20 voluntary adult leaders that are all DBS checked and willingly attend leaders training in September and help at gatherings when they are available.

Training is paramount so that all our leaders have safeguarding, food hygiene and fire safety input as well as helping everyone gain vision for the full year ahead. Some ongoing training and support for our young and adult leaders also happens before a day's gathering starts and on regular planning zooms between the events. The young leaders' input times have mostly been on zoom due to wide distance of home

location for all and some input at our monthly gatherings. We also gave a focused two-day input in February.

All general admin happens from the leader's home office. The leader has had additional voluntary help with admin from October 2024.

Core team has remained a strong support to the leader by giving constructive feedback of gatherings in regular in person meetings and on zoom throughout the year and this team provide much needed support, oversight and prayer. Members of the core team have attended all planning times and have attended regularly all gatherings, so they are generally more aware of areas of need among the young people and able to support the lead in this. One member of the Core team had to step back from attending most gatherings October 2024 to March 2025 due to commitments to residential training weekends with work. This core team member was missed.

We have continued to enjoy worship leaders coming in to support our present team and this has given our young people a wider experience of worship styles and kept worship fresh and dynamic. A worship training was given for those that opted in. Two of our team were part of this. This was in collaboration with Liberty Church, Newport. We hope to collaborate again in the future.

Two new churches were excited to open their doors to us this year, City Church Swansea and then Oasis/ Vineyard Church in Blackwood.

Outreach times as part of our days continues to be a catalyst to many young people recognising they have a very real hope to share with people outside of the building. Many expressed an increase of boldness and excitement in being able to step out to share about Jesus with those that have perhaps never heard about Him.

Our Firestarter's Lead continues to meet with Cefnogi, a youth leaders support group. This group enables Firestarters to connect with many different youth leaders from Cardiff, Newport, Caerphilly and the valley's towns. She also attends a monthly zoom to connect with leaders in north Wales discussing discipleship of young people in Wales and still connects with leaders and youth leaders through Message Wales prayer gatherings and some termly Youth Nights.

Our website after much work was launched in early April. It's been a great success. It enabled more young people to sign up and gave current FireStarters young people a place to point their friends to. Many were now able to know who we are, what we do, and parents were reassured that we are a charity that take seriously our responsibility to the safety and growth of their young person joining us.

Our joint mission in late July, early August with FireStarters Scotland to Manchester was a great success and impacting for all those that attended. We collaborated with our host church, Bethany Church in Gatley and several key ministries within Manchester. We were so grateful to have had speakers from PrayerStorm, 24/7 youth prayer, YWAM and Message come and join us.

A further joint mission to Swansea for summer 2025 is being planned.

## Funding

Total income for the year was £11,051 and total expenditure was £8,738.09 therefore reserves have increased by £2,313.

Donations made by Firestarters during the year were for £445 to Pontypridd Youth and £230 to Titus and Timothy Trust.

There has been ongoing financial support from our young people's subscriptions at each gathering covering costs for speakers, building hire, PA services, trustees travel expenses, weekend food, ongoing admin and annual insurance, Churchsuite - our admin hub, membership and DBS checks and online safeguarding training with Thirtyone Eight and payments for the launch of our website.

Firestarters Hoodies were purchased and sold during the year.

We received a number of one-off gifts throughout the year and some regular monthly donations.

Gift aid is being prepared ready for the next financial year.

We are grateful to all our supporters and volunteers and wish to thank them for their ongoing encouragement and commitment to the young people.



**Firestarters Wales Charity Number 1175278**  
**Income and Expenditure Report Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.03.2024	31.03.2025
<b>Income</b>		
Subs	£4452	£6131
Mission income	£2221	£1799
Gifts/Donations	£526	£688
Gift aided donations	£433	£1608
Hoody Sales		£825
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£7632</b>	<b>£11051</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Arts and crafts	£94	£181
Outreach Supplies	£158	£229
Stationary	£121	£66
Speakers' fees and expenses	£719	£861
Trustee expenses (Travel Costs)	£132	£47
PA services	£30	
Gifts given	£274	£56
Canteen supplies	£1032	£1253
Donations	£519	£675
Building hire	£1000	£740
Insurance	£304	£319
DBS Checks and training	£263	£649
Equipment		£31
Administration.	£1089	£1064
Mission expenses	£2308	£1799
Hoodies purchased		£768
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£8043</b>	<b>£8738</b>
<b>TOTAL surplus / deficit</b>	<b>(£411)</b>	<b>£2313</b>



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**Balance Sheet Report Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Balance 31.03.2024	Balance 31.03.2025
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Current Account	£5,712	£8025
Petty Cash	£20	£20
Total	£5,732	£8045
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0
	£5,732	£8045
<b>Reserves</b>		
Surplus/Deficit YTD	(£411)	£2313
Surplus brought forward	£6143	£5732
Surplus/deficit plus last year's balance	£5732	£8045