

# YOUNG SCIENTISTS FOR AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1176619

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-01-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA IN THE SUBJECT OF SCIENCE BY:- AWARDING TO SUCH PERSONS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (LIYSF).- SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT SCIENCE COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA.

**Activities:** We provide scholarships for talented under-privileged African science students to attend the London International Youth Science Forum, where they join 500 of the best science students from all over the globe learning from world leading scientists through lectures, debates and visits. This life changing experience inspires their careers in science which we support through our Alumni programme.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Kenya
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Zimbabwe

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£8,053	£24,243	-	-
2024-08-31	£10,055	£35,083	-	-
2023-08-31	£31,722	£11,507	-	-
2022-08-31	£5,183	£17,661	-	-
2021-08-31	£9,346	£0	-	-
2020-08-31	£562	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Angeline Malaba Ward		2024-05-01
CLARE ELWELL		2018-01-11
Clare Dorothy Thomson		2020-02-12
DAVID LOBLEY		2021-10-01
Robert Ward		2026-05-01

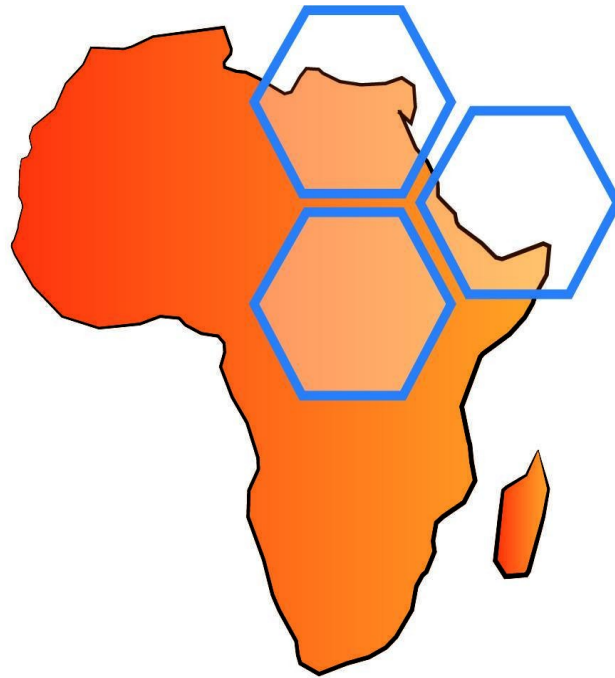
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Financial Statements

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025



The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025:

### **Constitution and Objectives**

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- Awarding to such persons scholarships to attend the annual London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF)
- Supporting the development of student science communities in Africa

YoSA operates under a constitution dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Financial Performance**

During the period YoSA had receipts of £8,053 (2024 : £13,733) through a combination of unrestricted donations, interest and gift aid; and incurred charges related to its charitable objectives of £24,243 (2024 : £35,083). As at 31 August 2025, its assets comprised £5,185 of cash at bank (2024 : £24,375) and £nil Gift Aid Receivable (2024 : £3,000).

### **Trustees**

The trustees during the period were:

Clare Elwell (Founding Trustee)

Clare Thomson (Independent Trustee)

Angeline Malaba Ward (Independent Trustee)

Individuals are selected for appointment as charity trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for its effective administration. Changes to the trustees are approved by resolution of an appropriately convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Full Name: Clare Elwell

Position: Founding Trustee

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 August 2025

	Notes		2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Receipts from Donations	5		4,234	10,055
Gift Aid received			3,552	-
Interest			267	718
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>			<b>8,053</b>	<b>10,733</b>
<b>Cash Payments</b>	6			
Student Travel			3,511	7,359
LIYSF Fees			20,667	27,450
Other			65	274
<b>Total Cash Payments</b>			<b>24,243</b>	<b>35,083</b>
<b>Cash Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			<b>(16,190)</b>	<b>(24,310)</b>
Gift Aid (received) / not received			(3,000)	3,000
<b>Overall (Deficit) / Surplus</b>			<b>(19,190)</b>	<b>(21,310)</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes		2025 £	2024 £
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	7		5,185	21,375
Gift Aid receivable	8		-	3,000
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>5,185</b>	<b>24,375</b>



<b>Liabilities</b>	8		-	-
<b>Reserves</b>				
Surplus brought forward			24,375	45,685
Deficit / Surplus for the year			(19,190 )	(21,310)
<b>Total Reserves</b>	9		<b>5,185</b>	<b>24,375</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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2. As an unincorporated charity with income this year of less than £25,000, the trustees are not required to ask for an independent examiners report
3. As an unincorporated charity there is no requirement for the financial statements to be audited.
4. The accounts have otherwise been prepared based on the Charity Commission guidance for preparing Receipts and Payments accounts.
5. Income is generated from unrestricted donations, typically through online donation platforms. Gift Aid is claimed directly on material donations received.



6. Expenditure represents the costs of providing scholarships to students attending the LIYSF and relates to the travel costs and fees for attending the event. A limited amount of additional subsistence and other costs associated with the scholarships are also incurred.
7. Cash at bank as at 31 August 2025 was £5,185 (2024 : £24,375).
8. The charity has no loan arrangements, investments or liabilities. Its only other assets are Cash and outstanding Gift Aid receivable. The charity did not make any grants during the period.
9. The charity maintains reserves as cash for future use in line with its objectives and otherwise has no reserves policy.

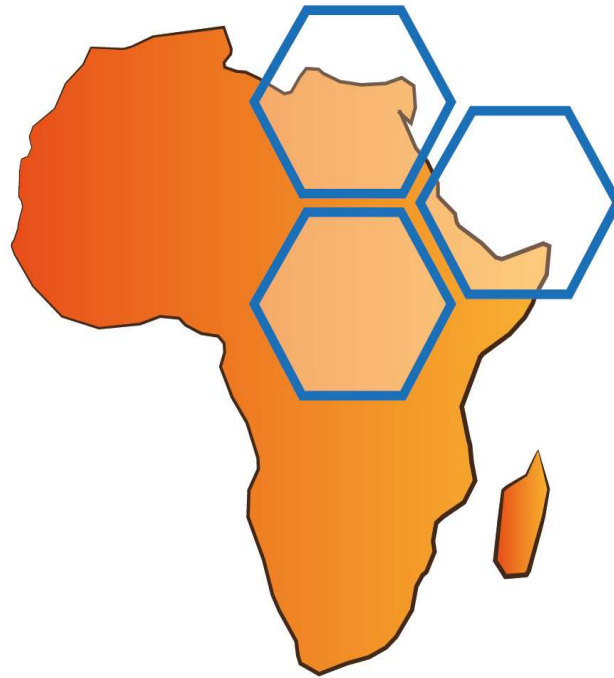
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### **Financial Performance**

During the period YoSA had receipts of £13,055 (2023 : £31,722) through a combination of unrestricted donations and gift aid; and incurred charges related to its charitable objectives of £35,083 (2023 : £16,507). As at 31 August 2024, its assets comprised £20,657 of cash at bank (2023 : £45,685) and £3,000 Gift Aid Receivable (2023 : £nil).

### **Trustees**

The trustees during the period were:

Clare Elwell (Founding Trustee)

Clare Thomson (Independent Trustee)

Angeline Malaba Ward (Independent Trustee)

Individuals are selected for appointment as charity trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for its effective administration. Changes to the trustees are approved by resolution of an appropriately convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Full Name: Clare Elwell

Position: Founding Trustee

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 August 2024

	Notes		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Receipts from Donations	5		10,055	31,722
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>10,055</b>	<b>31,722</b>
<b>Payments</b>	6			
Student Travel			7,359	4,919
LIYSF Fees			27,450	6,475
Other			274	113
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>35,083</b>	<b>11,507</b>
<b>Cash Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			<b>(25,028)</b>	<b>20,215</b>
2022 Prepayment to LIYSF			-	(5,000)
Gift Aid not received			3,000	-
<b>Overall (Deficit) / Surplus</b>			<b>(22,028)</b>	<b>15,215</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	7		20,657	45,685
Gift Aid receivable	8		3,000	-
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>23,657</b>	<b>45,685</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	8		-	-
<b>Reserves</b>				
Surplus brought forward			45,685	30,470
Deficit / Surplus for the year			(22,028)	15,215
<b>Total Reserves</b>	9		<b>23,657</b>	<b>45,685</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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6. Expenditure represents the costs of providing scholarships to students attending the LIYSF and relates to the travel costs and fees for attending the event. A limited amount of additional subsistence and other costs associated with the scholarships are also incurred.
7. Cash at bank as at 31 August 2024 was £20,657 (2023 : £45,685).
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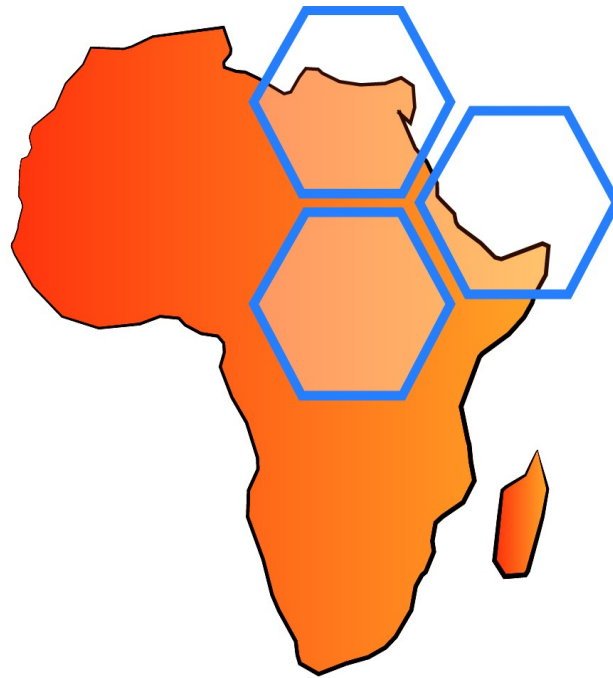
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1 September 2021 to 31 August  
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- Supporting the development of student science communities in Africa

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## Activities and Achievements

YoSA operates across Africa with an initial focus on sub-Saharan Africa and delivers its objectives by working with facilitators in relevant countries to support the identification of scholarship students.

The 63rd London International Youth Science Forum took place between 28th July and 10th August 2022. The opening ceremony was attended by Royal Patron HRH The Princess Royal and the keynote address was delivered by Nobel Prize Winner Professor James Rothman.

We offered nine scholarships for African students to attend the Forum in person. Of these Olive attended from Kenya, Zwivhuya and Rokunda attended from South Africa and Innocent attended from Tanzania. Rokunda had this to say about his experience at this year's Forum: *"I enjoyed every moment of it, made a lot of connections in the fraternity, great friends from different parts of the world and reminded myself of the potential I know I have. I met very influential students, lecturers, professors, and practitioners who opened my eyes to the world of science on a very personal level"*.

There were widespread visa issues due to a combination of Covid related staff issues, applications from Ukraine and the coincidence of the Commonwealth Games being held in the UK on the same dates as the Forum. This resulted in Marina and Stephen from Kenya, Sharifa from Tanzania and Tinovimbanashe and Yolanda from Zimbabwe being unable to travel to London, but they did attend the Forum virtually through the online platform.



We continue to consolidate our relationships and engagement with African partners in South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Kenya to ensure that we are well positioned for student selection for scholarship awards in the coming years.

## Financial Performance

During the period YoSA had receipts of £5,183 (2021 : £9,346) through a combination of unrestricted donations and gift aid; and made payments related to its charitable objectives of £17,661 (2021 : £nil). As at 31 August 2022, its assets comprised £25,470 of cash at bank (2021 : £37,948.49) and £5,000 prepayments to LIYSF (2021 : £nil).

## Trustees

The trustees during the period were:

Clare Elwell (Founding Trustee)  
Peter Upton (Independent Trustee)  
Clare Thomson (Independent Trustee)

Individuals are selected for appointment as charity trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for its effective administration. Changes to the trustees are approved by resolution of an appropriately convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Full Name: Clare Elwell

Position: Founding Trustee

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023



## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 August 2022

	Notes		2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Receipts from Donations	5		5,183	9,346
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>5,183</b>	<b>9,346</b>
<b>Payments</b>	6			
Student Travel			3,053	-
LIYSF Fees			14,280	-
Other			328	-
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>17,661</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash (Deficit) / Surplus</b>			<b>(12,478)</b>	<b>9,346</b>
Prepayment to LIYSF			5,000	-
<b>Overall (Deficit) / Surplus</b>			<b>(7,478)</b>	<b>9,436</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes		2022 £	2021 £
<b>Assets</b>				



Cash at Bank	7		25,470	37,948
Prepayments to LIYSF	8		5,000	-
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>30,470</b>	<b>37,948</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	8		-	-
<b>Reserves</b>				
Surplus brought forward			37,948	28,602
Deficit / Surplus for the year			(7,478)	9,346
<b>Total Reserves</b>	9		<b>30,470</b>	<b>37,948</b>

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6. Expenditure represents the costs of providing scholarships to students attending the LIYSF and relates to the travel costs and fees for attending the event. A limited amount of additional subsistence and other costs associated with the scholarships are also incurred.



7. Cash at bank as at 31 August 2022 was £25,470 (2021 : £37,948).
8. The charity has no loan arrangements, investments or liabilities. Its only other asset is £5,000 prepaid to LIYSF. The charity did not make any grants during the period.
9. The charity maintains reserves as cash for future use in line with its objectives and otherwise has no reserves policy.

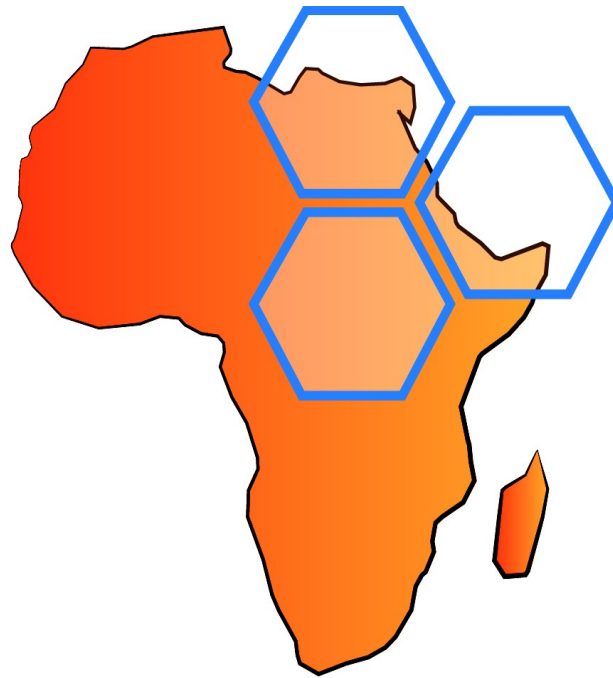
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1 September 2020 to 31 August  
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## **Activities and Achievements**

YoSA operates across Africa with an initial focus on sub-Saharan Africa and delivers its objectives by working with facilitators in relevant countries to support the identification of scholarship students.

We report here the tragic passing of our co-founder and trustee Tim Rooke who died in February 2021. We have spent time this year regrouping the charity following the loss of Tim's input including appointing new signatories on the financial accounts.

The 62nd London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) took place in July 2021 and ran as a hybrid event with the majority of students joining online. The event was attended by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal in her new role as Patron. Students engaged with world class scientists from a number of disciplines including Professor Sarah Gilbert who led the Oxford University vaccine development team, former President of the Royal Society Professor Lord Martin Rees and celebrated space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE.

The pandemic prevented students from the Sub-Saharan region travelling to London to attend the Forum but we were pleased to support the online attendance of scholarship awardee Marina Janji from Kenya. Online registration for Marina was free of charge. As well as engaging with the lectures and online visits, Marina had the opportunity to interact with students from all over the world.

We have continued to consolidate our relationships and engagement with African partners in South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Kenya to ensure



that we are well positioned for student selection for scholarship awards for 2022.

## **Financial Performance**

During the period YoSA had receipts of £9,346 (2020 : £562) through a combination of unrestricted donations and gift aid; and made payments related to its charitable objectives of £nil (2020 : £nil). As at 31 August 2021, the only asset was £37,948.49 (2020 : £28,602) of cash at bank.

## **Trustees**

The trustees during the period were:

Tim Rooke (Founding Trustee) deceased 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Clare Elwell (Founding Trustee)  
Peter Upton (Independent Trustee)  
Clare Thomson (Independent Trustee)

Individuals are selected for appointment as charity trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for its effective administration. Changes to the trustees are approved by resolution of an appropriately convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Full Name: Clare Elwell

Position: Founding Trustee

Date: ##<sup>th</sup> ### 2022



## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 August 2021

	Notes		2021 £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Receipts from Donations	5		9,346	562
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>9,346</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>Payments</b>	6			
Student Travel			-	-
LIYSF Fees			-	-
Other			-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>			-	-
<b>Cash Surplus</b>			<b>9,346</b>	<b>562</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes		2021 £	2020 £
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	7		28,602	28,602
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>28,602</b>	<b>28,602</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	8		-	-
<b>Reserves</b>				
Cash surplus brought forward			28,602	28,040
Cash surplus for the year			562	562
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>28,602</b>	<b>28,602</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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Name: Peter Upton

Date:

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6. Expenditure represents the costs of providing the Clare Elwell Scholarship and relates to the travel costs and fees for attending LIYSF. A limited amount of additional subsistence costs associated with the scholarships are also incurred.
7. Cash at bank as at 31 August 2021 was £37,948 (2020 : 28,562) and represents the only asset of the charity.
8. The charity has no loan arrangements, investments or other assets and liabilities. The charity did not make any grants during the period.
9. The charity maintains reserves as cash for future use in line with its objectives and otherwise has no reserves policy.



## Independent Examiners Report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity
- Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with
- the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Date

Name

Relevant professional Qualification (if any)

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