



Lordshill Youth Project

Registered Charity: 1177775

Annual Report and Accounts

1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

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Charity Information

Trustees: Mr I Stickland (Chair)
Mr D Saxton
Mrs B Bray
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Independent examiner: Dawn Bell (MAAT)

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Trustees Report for the period ended 31 March 2021

Charitable Objects:

The purpose of the charity is to act as a resource for young people living in the Lordshill area by providing advice, assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- advancing education;
- relieving unemployment;
- providing recreational and leisure time activities in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life.

This is achieved by actively seeking the help and advice of those who work with young people, seeking the views of and working with young people and encouraging their participation in the project and by actively seeking to promote equal opportunities by ensuring that all young people irrespective of age, gender, sexuality, national or ethnic origin, HIV status, ability or socio-economic background have equal opportunity to access the project.

The main activities of the project are:

- provision of detached youth work sessions;
- provision of youth club services;
- signposting and advice on life skills and sexual health;
- workshops such as sexual health, bullying, drugs and alcohol misuse;
- activity sessions locally at sports centres and activity centres;
- partnering similar organisations.

Due to the risks of the Covid-19 pandemic some activities have been reduced to meet Government Regulations introduced to control the spread of Covid-19. The projects work has therefore focussed on detached youth work in an outdoor environment and online mental health support for young people in the Lordshill area.

Governance and management:

The Lordshill Youth Project CIO is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The project is governed by its constitution and is managed by the Trustees. There must be a minimum of three charity trustees and no more than twelve. It is the duty of each charity trustee to act in good faith to further the purposes of the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits for their contribution.

The trustees normally meet on a monthly basis to discuss and make decisions on the management of the project. Throughout the 2020/2021 financial year, the trustees have been meeting twice a month, utilising online technology, in order to manage the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the project.

Additional volunteers are invited to attend management meetings, enabling the trustees to draw on a wider base of knowledge and experience.

The Lordshill Youth Project has a Service Level Agreement in place with Youth Options to provide management support and payroll administration for the project workers. The Lordshill Youth Project also

has an agreement in place with Lordshill Church to provide a cleaner for the Youth Centre. Both organisations are represented at the monthly management meetings.

Financial Review:

The main costs incurred were wages and salaries associated with delivering the charitable objects of the project.

The main source of funds during the year was the Big Lottery (Reaching Communities) Fund. This grant was fully utilised during the 2020/2021 financial year.

In March 2021, the Big Lottery, acknowledging the economic challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, awarded an additional grant so that the project could continue to deliver its charitable objectives. This additional funding will enable the project to continue until September 2021. Further funding opportunities are being explored to enable the continuation of the project after this date.

If additional funding cannot be obtained before March 2022, the reserves will be fully exhausted.

Achievements and Performance for the year:

The Lordshill Youth Project (LYP) has delivered detached, centre-based youth work sessions and referred counselling to young people in the Lordshill area of Southampton. Work has primarily focussed on reducing antisocial behaviour in the area. Staff teams have worked hard to inform young people on the effects of anti-social behaviour for themselves and others as well as providing young people with alternative and more positive opportunities. This has empowered young people to make more informed decisions about their own behaviour and actions.

The Youth Support Workers have engaged with the young people of Lordshill by providing discussion opportunities, information, advice and guidance on a range of issues, including education and training, sexual health, sport and leisure, alcohol and drugs, culture, health, crime and relationships. They have also signposted young people to existing youth provision in the area, including specialist advice, local youth groups, sports clubs or activities. Although predominantly engaging with young people on the streets, the project also delivered regular youth club sessions and a range of issue-based workshops. This year staff have also supported young people with keeping safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, ensuring that they are also aware of the current government guidelines.

Through tackling anti-social behaviour and educating young people, the project supported young people to feel safer in the Lordshill area whilst also developing other personal skills.

In March 2020, the global Coronavirus pandemic placed the projects activities on hold. During lockdown 1, the team were engaged in holiday activities for children of Key Workers and counselling sessions continued. Over the next three months, the team worked through the necessary steps to enable the work of the project to recommence. In June 2020, detached youth work resumed, with centre-based youth work resuming in October 2020.

Between April 2020 and March 2021 LYP:

- Worked with 313 individual young people
- Delivered 119 sessions of detached and centre based youth work
- Had 917 contacts with young people
- Delivered 345 hours of provision

The trustees are cognisant of the impact that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have on the wellbeing, mental and physical health of the young people of Lordshill. Delivery of detached youth work continues. Professional counselling sessions also continue to be delivered and further developed to increase the reach and scope of this important work.

Recently released data showing the extent of food poverty in Lordshill has given trustees cause for concern and we are exploring avenues to address this key issue within the core work of the project.

It is clear that the project is needed now, more than ever, amidst the uncertainty and long-term impact of the pandemic and the trustees remain focussed on obtaining future funding to ensure the valuable work of the project can continue.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 19/7/21.

and signed on its behalf by



Mr Ian Stickland (Trustee)



Mr Darryl Saxton (Trustee)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lordshill Youth Project for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.



Dawn Bell (MAAT) (Independent examiner)

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the period ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources from generated funds		13,323	46,577	59,900	65,946
Total Incoming resources		13,323	46,577	59,900	65,946
Wages and salaries	2	-	16,816	16,816	37,257
Other staff costs		-	183	183	710
Payroll administration		-	3,302	3,302	6,642
Charitable activities		-	3,003	3,003	1,405
Youth Centre costs		-	4,594	4,594	3,519
Office expenses		154	1,416	1,570	6,641
Telephone and internet costs		-	610	610	1,121
Total resources used		154	29,924	30,078	57,295
Net incoming resources		13,169	16,653	29,822	8,651
Funds at 1 April 2020		6,233	12,548	18,781	10,130
Funds at 31 March 2021		19,402	29,201	48,603	18,781

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

**Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Current Assets					
Debtors		540	-	540	1,805
Cash at bank		18,495	34,706	53,201	30,815
Prepayments		367	-	367	-
		19,402	34,706	54,108	32,620
Less Current Liabilities					
Creditors		-	5,505	5,505	13,839
Net Assets		19,402	29,201	48,603	18,781
Financed by:					
Restricted funds	4	-	29,201	29,201	6,233
Unrestricted funds		19,402	-	19,402	12,548
Total Trust Funds		19,402	29,201	48,603	18,781

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 19/7/21

and signed on its behalf by:



Ian Stickland (Chairperson)



Mr Darryl Saxton (Trustee)

**Notes to the accounts
for the period ended 31 March 2021**

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention 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) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity became entitled to the resources, the trustees were virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value could be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure and liabilities have been recognised when the charity had a legal or constructive obligation.

2. Staff Costs

The average number of full-time equivalent youth workers during the year under review was 0.75 (2020: 1.75) and the total remuneration for the period under review amounted to £16,816 (2020: £37,257). No staff were working on the project for the first three months of the financial year due to Government Restrictions introduced to control the Covid-19 pandemic.

All staff were employed by Youth Options and the associated costs were charged to the project.

3. Trustees' Expenses

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees.

4. Restricted Funds

The movement in restricted funds during the period were:

	1 Apr 2020	Receipts	Payments	31 Mar 2021
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	10,048	15,754	25,802	-
Southampton City Council Community Chest	2,500	-	1,160	1,340
Big Lottery Community Fund Covid 19 Funding	-	28,918	1,057	27,861
Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest	-	1,500	1,500	-
Southampton Voluntary Services Covid 19 Buildings Grant	-	405	405	-
	<u>12,548</u>	<u>46,577</u>	<u>29,924</u>	<u>29,201</u>