

**Blank Canvas**  
**Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2021**

**General Receipts and Payments Account**

Receipts	Notes	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Donations		3,921	6,025
Gift Aid		1,377	-
Grants	2	765	1,000
Sales		648	-
Other	3	5,658	1,387
Total Receipts		<u>12,369</u>	<u>8,412</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Wages		11,226	9,402
Administration/Insurance/Training		1,022	1,689
IT		-	1,070
Projects		53	325
Total Payments		<u>12,301</u>	<u>12,486</u>
Surplus of receipts over payments/ Excess of payments over Receipts		<u>68</u>	<u>-4,074</u>
Bank accounts and cash at 1 April		<u>14,813</u>	<u>18,887</u>
Bank accounts and cash at 31 March		<u>14,881</u>	<u>14,813</u>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021**

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Cash Funds as at 31 March		
Nat West Account	<u>14,881</u>	<u>14,813</u>
Represented by		
Cash Funds as at 1 April		
Barclays Blank Canvas (ECBC)	-	18,887
Nat West Account	<u>14,813</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14,813</u>	<u>18,887</u>
Surplus of receipts over payments/ Excess of payments over Receipts	<u>68</u>	<u>-4,074</u>
	<u>14,881</u>	<u>14,813</u>

Approved at a meeting of Blank Canvas Trustees on 8 July 2021 which authorised the following Trustees to sign on their behalf:

Mr Mark Hubbard (Chairman)



Mrs Elizabeth Gibson (Treasurer)



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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of the financial statements**

The financial statements of Blank Canvas have been prepared in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payment basis.

**Fixtures, fittings and equipment**

The furniture, fittings and other items of equipment are held on the premises of Redcar Baptist Church formerly known as East Cleveland Baptist Church. It is unlikely that anything has significant market value. No asset register is maintained.

**2 Grant Income**

	£
Furlough - Job Retention Scheme	765

**3 Other Income**

Included in other income is an amount of £4,983 claimed in advance from HMRC to cover the costs of Statutory Maternity Pay payable to an employee from 6 April 2020. The employee's maternity leave spanned two years – 2019/20 and 2020/21.

A Tax refund of £658 was also received from HMRC for an employee as we were unable to offset the amount against normal monthly payments to HMRC.

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#### **Report on Financial Management for Year 2020/21**

##### **Introduction**

The General Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities summarise the finances for the year and disclose the financial position at the end of the year.

Reports were produced for the Trustees on a regular basis which enabled them to monitor receipts and payments.

##### **Review of the Finances**

The principal points to be made are as follows:

- Donations of £3,921 have been received during the year. Blank Canvas is thankful for those that support the charity.
- Our first gift aid claim was made and received in May 2020 on donations received in the previous tax year.
- Due to the covid pandemic our projects Workspace and Gather were put on hold.
- 'Lets Talk Covid' a 12 week course was written to help young people reflect on and process the impact of covid on their lives. This has been made available to the general public and sales of the course in the financial year 2020/21 were £648.

The Trustees of Blank Canvas

8 July 2021

## Annual Report from Abi (CEO)

### Staff Transitions

- David Latham (Workspace lead) was furloughed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 until 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a result of the Covid Pandemic.
- Abi Hedges (CEO) came back to work following maternity leave on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### Workspace

Pre-Covid restrictions coming into place, Workspace was in a really exciting place with 4 team members and 4 committed young people, and our hope was to expand, opening the group up for more young people to receive support. At the beginning of this financial year, the UK was in lockdown due to Covid-19 which meant that Workspace sessions had been stopped.

To continue our support for young people during this time, we used our website to signpost to some resources that could help young people with their learning whilst doing 'school' at home. The trustee's discussed the possibility of re-opening Workspace in September 2020, this was dependent upon a completed risk assessment, team members comfortable to attend in-person and a general feeling that we're able to keep everyone safe. However, cases began to rise again in the North-East and the majority of our team did not feel comfortable to re-open. Workspace has been paused for the whole of this financial year and we hope to be able to reopen in Sept 2021.

### Let's Talk Covid

David was brought back to work in September to begin developing a 12-session course to help young people reflect on and process the impact of Covid-19 upon their lives. Abi and Jonny Hedges wrote a course overview and commissioned Dave to begin creating content and fleshing the course out. Abi and Dave worked together throughout December and January, extending Dave's hours to get the course completed. Let's Talk Covid went 'live' for sale on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Abi has run Let's Talk Covid locally with two groups of young people in Redcar and is in conversation with Sacred Heart and West Redcar Outwood about running courses for their students in September 2021. The feedback from young people has been really encouraging. Here's a few quotes from them...

*'Let's Talk Covid has been really useful for me to help me navigate my emotions during these tough times and not internally judge myself for how I am feeling. I am eternally grateful for the tools and strategies I've learned.'*

*'It all helped me see that I wasn't the only one feeling this way and mixed emotions'*

*'My favourite part was the quotes at the end of each session. They really inspired me.'*

**Giving**

We've been really grateful for all of the regular and one-off donations we've received this year.

**Looking Forward**

We look forward to this next year with hope and look forward to new growth, overcoming challenges and more young people reached, supported and impacted.

Abi Hedges (CEO)