

**Thrive Leeds**

Charity number 1182938

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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

# Thrive Leeds

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2024

### 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:

Name	Position	Dates
Catherine Armstrong		
Emmanuelle Bastide-Wilson	Treasurer	
Helen Copeland	Secretary	
Dr David Cundall	Chair	
Revd Graham Doel	Vice-Chair	Resigned 26 Sept 2023
Revd Nicola Robinson		
Revd Simon Jones		
Revd Mark Stennett		
Revd Angela Hughes		Resigned 21 Feb 2024

<b>Charity number</b>	1182938	Registered in England and Wales
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Registered and principal address	Bankers
Chapel Allerton Methodist Church	The Cooperative Bank
Town Street	19/20 Commercial Street
Chapel Allerton	Leeds
Leeds	LS1 6AL
LS7 4NB	

### Independent examiner

Katy Sargeant ACA

### 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 11 April 2019 and is governed by a constitution.

### Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

Each partner church nominates two trustees. Nominated trustees serve for a term of four years. The Trustee Board may appoint up to three co-opted trustees who serve a term of three years and are appointed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

# **Thrive Leeds**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

### **Objectives and activities**

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

The area of benefit is the geographical area served by the partner churches in Leeds.

The objects are specifically restricted to the following, for the public benefit:

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the partner churches.

To advance in life and help children, young people and their families through:

the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.

providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

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

Youth work. We run two youth clubs per week during school term times. Totally Tuesday for children aged 9-12 years, and WOW for children aged 12+

Messy Church' is a monthly gathering on Sundays where children and their families meet for craft and social activities and take part in informal worship.

Work in schools. We lead assemblies in local primary schools, run groups for vulnerable children in transition from primary to secondary school and a girls' group in a high school.

An annual holiday club at the beginning of the school summer holidays. This lasts for three half-days and is for children aged 4-11 assisted by young volunteers and many adult helpers.

Meanwood Youth Partnership: Working with other local agencies – InterACT, Carr Manor Community School and C.A.T.C.H - we are the lead partner in developing a new initiative working with young people in Meanwood. Some of the areas served are in the top 1-2% of the government's 2015 indices of deprivation.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance about public benefit.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Young Volunteers**

In July we gathered young people from across five different groups to recognise their contribution locally at our Young Volunteers Celebration. We host this alongside our partners InterACT. Between us we had 19 young volunteers. This time together gives the opportunity to award our certificates and badges, as well as share specific words about what we value about each individual. It is fantastic to see relationships growing between young people who wouldn't encounter each other outside of Thrive's work.

At Thrive this year, young volunteers have given 667 hours to support work with children and young people. Our adult volunteers have contributed 721 hours.

**Messy Church** has continued to welcome many of our regular families as well as some new ones each month. The young leaders have got more involved this year – we've had new ones join us and have developed more intentional roles for them. It's great to have young people who are so enthusiastic about giving back to others. Messy Church is a place of welcome and inclusion for many people, where people from diverse backgrounds feel safe. This has become a key value to us.

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## Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### Achievements and performance continued

#### Youth Groups – Totally Tuesday and WOW

Our young volunteers in **Totally Tuesday**, some of whom have been leading for their second year, work very well together. This grows relationships between them and other group members and has meant they've been able to shape activities around the interests of the group, as well as feedback opinions and comments in our debrief sessions. Young people share and listen to each other about their thoughts around faith, life and what's important to them.

Over the year **WOW** have discussed many topics, from careers to poverty, friendships and miracles with great discussions talking about how faith works within these topics and in the lives of our young people. We lead sessions in small groups, together in the main hall, in the park, at the Youth Building at Stainbeck and on a wellbeing walk. WOW is a safe space for important discussions around faith and the big questions of life. WOW also had some guests to talk to and ask questions and discuss pathways and experiences in their varied careers. Homeless Street Angels told us about the work they do which led to the group deciding to make snack packs for them to hand out to those living on the streets. This has been in the hearts of many of our group for a while, so it was good to see it in action.

Leaders have supported those within the group taking exams which we have supported with messages, postcards and prayers.

**Drop In** provides a welcome after school space for young people to gather and connect, through games, sport, crafts and chat. The programme varies each week according to what the young volunteers have planned after consulting with the group. A project that began at Drop In and has grown to include the whole of Thrive, has been our community wall hanging, which we created together to hang in the new Youth Building. We were supported in this work by Stitch Up, a Meanwood creative organisation. Everyone who is part of Thrive was invited to decorate a piece of fabric, which was then embroidered by someone else – a real creative collaboration!

#### Youth Building

The last few months have seen the placement and kitting out of the Youth Building, which has meant some exciting decision making from young volunteers around colours for the kitchenette, carpet and layout designs. The installation of steps and a ramp was completed shortly after the end of this reporting year so the space is accessible and in use. It has been brilliant to see young people using it and engaging in bringing it to life.

#### Scope Inclusive award

This year we were awarded the Scope Inclusive Activity award and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn and reflect on our practice and culture. We were encouraged to hear that Thrive are 'a shining example of inclusivity and making people feel included' – a real celebration of what can happen when young people and adults come together to volunteer their time, gifts and heart for their community.

### Financial review

The net payments for the year were £27,019, including net payments of £5,245 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £21,774 on restricted funds.

### Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £26,869.

Our policy is that we will always have in reserve an amount of money equivalent to the running costs of the charity for three months plus redundancy payments plus any other costs associated with closing the charity. This currently gives a reserves target of approximately £19k.

The trustees recognise that reserves are currently above the target, however are comfortable that this will provide a buffer for future years where funding is currently less certain.

Approved by the board of trustees on 22/2/2025

David Cundall (Trustee)

## **Thrive Leeds**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thrive Leeds**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2024, 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.

Katy Sargeant ACA

25/2/2025

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**Thrive Leeds**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	38,566	45,333	83,899	76,618
Subscriptions from clubs and activities		5,274	-	5,274	5,553
Other income		466	-	466	11
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>44,306</u>	<u>45,333</u>	<u>89,639</u>	<u>82,182</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries and on costs		42,150	3,430	45,580	36,039
Events and activities		3,227	5,935	9,162	10,837
Training and development		421	-	421	657
Equipment and resources		-	181	181	-
Other admin and governance costs		18	-	18	41
Office expenses		1,049	-	1,049	1,245
Premises costs		1,639	98	1,737	1,638
Travel expenses		184	-	184	125
Insurance		390	209	599	442
Independent examination		473	-	473	360
Youth building costs		-	57,254	57,254	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>49,551</u>	<u>67,107</u>	<u>116,658</u>	<u>51,384</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<u>(5,245)</u>	<u>(21,774)</u>	<u>(27,019)</u>	<u>30,798</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>32,114</u>	<u>50,202</u>	<u>82,316</u>	<u>51,518</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<u>26,869</u>	<u>28,428</u>	<u>55,297</u>	<u>82,316</u>

**Thrive Leeds**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 August 2024**

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	26,859	28,428	55,287	82,306
Cash in hand	10	-	10	10
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>26,869</u>	<u>28,428</u>	<u>55,297</u>	<u>82,316</u>

**Debtors and prepayments**

	2024
	£
Debtors	572
Prepayments	<u>3,795</u>
	<u>4,367</u>

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

Electronic drum kit, keyboard, 2 guitars, 2 amplifiers  
Laptop for Hannah Dey  
Ricoh MPC 306 Colour (printer photocopier)  
Mobile Phones x2

**Liabilities**

	2024
	£
Accruals	498
Other creditors	<u>395</u>
	<u>893</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 22/2/2025

David Cundall (Trustee)



# **Thrive Leeds**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 August 2024**

#### **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.

**Thrive Leeds**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

<b>2 Grants</b>	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Chapel Allerton Baptist Church	14,004	-	14,004	12,835
Chapel Allerton Methodist Church (CAMC)	3,980	1,090	5,070	8,000
Leeds City Council (LCC) (through InterACT)	-	6,857	6,857	3,215
Methodist Youth Activities	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Sir George Martin Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
St Matthew's Church	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Stainbeck United Reformed Church (URC)	3,809	-	3,809	5,100
The National Lottery Awards for All (AFA)	-	19,984	19,984	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
United Reform Church Synod	-	6,000	6,000	15,000
Wade's Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-
Charles and Elsie Sykes Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
Magic Little Grant	-	-	-	500
Yorkshire West District Advance Fund (DAF)	-	-	-	5,000
The Shepherd Building Group	-	-	-	1,000
The Cooperative Community Fund	-	-	-	1,792
Other small grants and donations	3,773	1,402	5,175	9,176
	<u>38,566</u>	<u>45,333</u>	<u>83,899</u>	<u>76,618</u>

<b>3 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Benefact Trust	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
CAMC Charity of the Year	4,000	1,090	-	-	5,090
Charles and Elsie Sykes	1,879	-	597	-	1,282
The Co-op	2,009	-	2,009	-	-
George Martin	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
LCC HAP (via InterACT)	3,215	-	3,215	-	-
Hey Neighbour	1,410	-	1,410	-	-
LCC Youth Build (via InterACT)	-	6,857	4,873	-	1,984
Leeds Faith In Schools	299	-	-	-	299
Leeds N and E Methodist Circuit	5,000	-	3,003	-	1,997
Local fundraising 12by12	-	1,152	-	-	1,152
MICE	143	-	137	-	6
National Lottery AFA	4,094	19,984	19,560	-	4,518
Shepherd Group	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
URC Youth Project	15,000	6,000	15,000	-	6,000
Wade's Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
WW Spooner - Youth Project	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Yorkshire West DAF	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
William Henry Read Charities	150	100	150	-	100
Chapel Allerton Educ. Found'n	100	150	250	-	-
Other small grants	903	-	903	-	-
	<u>50,202</u>	<u>45,333</u>	<u>67,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,428</u>

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# Thrive Leeds

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 31 August 2024

#### 3 Restricted funds continued

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
Arnold Clark	Towards the youth building
Benefact Trust	Towards the youth building
CAMC Charity of the Year	Towards the youth building
Charles and Elsie Sykes	Towards supporting young leaders
The Co-op	Towards the youth building
George Martin	Towards the youth building
LCC HAP (via InterACT)	Towards Youth project costs
Hey Neighbour	Towards the youth building
LCC Youth Build (via InterACT)	Towards the youth building costs and youth project running costs
Leeds Faith In Schools	Towards Youth project costs
Leeds N and E Methodist Circuit	Towards the youth building
Local fundraising 12by12	Towards youth project core costs
MICE	Towards community events
National Lottery AFA	Towards the youth building
Shepherd Group	Towards the youth building
URC Youth Project	Towards the youth building
Wade's Charity	Towards the youth building
WW Spooner - Youth Project	Towards the youth project running costs
Yorkshire West DAF	Towards the youth building
William Henry Read Charities	Towards residentials and transition work
Chapel Allerton Educ. Found'n	Towards residentials
Other small grants	Various small grants given towards the youth project

#### 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 £963 (2023: £900).

##### **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.