

YOUTH SHEDZ

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Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UK THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN MEET TO UNDERTAKE, JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND LEARN TO PASS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

Activities: Youth Shedz aims to develop a community to reach the most disconnected young people by providing safe spaces for young people aged 13 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. Each Youth Shed is co-produced by participants who are supported and facilitated to test ideas and concepts which help them to build healthier, fulfilling lives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£212,725	£219,240	-	-
2024-09-30	£209,419	£175,429	-	-
2023-09-30	£131,071	£101,681	-	-
2022-09-30	£81,160	£87,703	-	-
2021-09-30	£90,553	£79,860	-	-

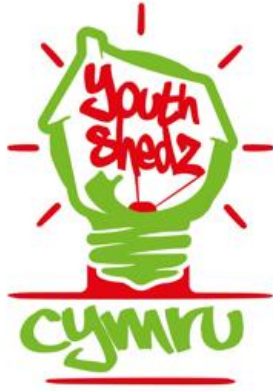
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Martin Harrison	Chair	2019-06-24
Alexander Thomas Webster		2020-02-12
Dr Anthony Jeremy		2019-06-24
Joanne Catherine Matthews		2023-02-14
Susan Hart Colman		2024-03-12

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Youth Shedz Cymru Mission

Youth Shedz Cymru is dedicated to fostering a nurturing and inclusive community where young minds are inspired, skills are honed, and potential is unleashed. Through collaboration, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, we aim to provide a supportive space where young people can grow, learn, and thrive as they embark on their unique journeys toward personal and collective success.

Youth Shedz Cymru Core Values

These values define who we are and guide us in our mission to empower the youth through Youth Shedz Cymru.

Empowerment. We believe in empowering young individuals to discover their strengths, passions, and potential, fostering a sense of agency and confidence in their abilities.

Inclusivity. We embrace diversity and ensure that all young people, regardless of background, gender, or abilities, feel welcomed, respected, and valued within our community.

Collaboration. We promote teamwork, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, creating an environment where young minds can learn from one another and collectively achieve greater outcomes.

Creativity. We encourage creative thinking and innovation, providing a space where young people can explore new ideas, experiment, and express themselves freely.

Respect. We cultivate a culture of respect for oneself, others, and the environment, nurturing empathy and positive relationships among our youth participants.

Learning. We are committed to continuous learning and skill development, offering opportunities for hands-on experiences and practical knowledge that prepares young people for a successful future.

Community. We foster a strong sense of community, where meaningful connections are formed, and young people are encouraged to contribute positively to society.

Safety. We prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants, maintaining a secure and supportive environment where everyone can explore, learn, and grow without fear.

Youth Shedz

Youth Shedz aims to reach the most disconnected young people by providing a safe space for young people aged 11 to 18 and 17 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. We also mentor young people aged 20 to 30 who have moved on from care or assisted accommodation and the associated support.

A key principle of the project is that there are no criteria to participation. This is underpinned by an asset based community development approach, leveraging the internal strengths within the community.

Each Youth Shed is co-produced by the participants who are supported and facilitated to test out a range of ideas and concepts which in turn help them to build healthier, fulfilling and more stable lives. Youth Shedz supports young people to develop resilience, improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce social isolation, and promote positive mental health and physical well-being.

Youth Shedz provides a nurturing, safe environment where young people can learn and test a range of both life and employability skills. These range from team working, planning, decision making, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship as well as a range of practical skills such as bike restoration and woodworking etc.

Who we work with and what are their needs

Youth Shedz is about helping individual disconnected young people in group social settings as well as in individual social settings. It is about helping individuals and groups of individuals to reconnect with society.

Youth Shedz is not a youth club; we work with vulnerable and disconnected young people who would often, initially, be excluded from a youth club. We provide one to one attention as well as group attention. Our Youth Shed models include operating in partnership with a Youth Club, a High School or with another youth based organisation.

The optimum size of a Youth Shed is 4 growing to 10 Shedders of either 13 to 18 year olds or 17 to 25 year olds. A full time Youth Shed Coordinator / manager can only realistically be involved with up to 4 sheds and 24 shedders. Above this number, they would be spread too thinly.

A lot of behaviour can be attributed to Adverse Childhood Experiences, so “bad behaviour” can be a trauma response to unprocessed grief, loss, dealing with family issues related to substance misuse, crime or poverty. We regard issues with an individual shedder or groups of shedders as opportunities for learning and training rather than a threat or a reason for exclusion. We look to help rather than to punish.

All trustees, staff and volunteers go through in-depth vetting and safeguarding to ensure that they are suitable to work with vulnerable young people.

Objectives and Outcomes

Youth Shedz does not have a formal set of objectives which we can measure, as most of our outcomes are either soft or result in something not happening, eg lack of anti-social behaviour or a young person not being excluded from the local school. We try to record the many pro-social activities that the shedders carry out. Please see our Facebook page for examples.

The Community Police, the High Schools and the local community will be the formal judges of the success, value and impact of the Youth Sheds and we work closely with them and other local partners to ensure that each Youth Shed is making a significant difference to the local young people.

The informal judges will be the shedders (young people) themselves as they continue to participate in the activities of their local Youth Shed and come to accept the Youth Shed Foundation Principles as their values in life.

Positive Partnerships

A lot of the young people we help are referred to us by the local high schools, Community Police, church groups, other youth services (such as Youth Justice, Young Offenders, or Young Carers Groups), or local Housing Associations. We work with these other agencies to make contact with the young people, and offer input and support around ideas of how to make a difference for them and the community.

Schools, homeless prevention units, police, parents, and carers consistently report that, over time, behavioural changes are positive, and that the young person is able to function in school or society more successfully following a time at Youth Shedz. We aim to develop excellent relationships and a good reputation across North Wales with these agencies and groups.

Staff (October 2025)

Scott Jenkinson - Founder/CEO

Alison Hill - Charity Manager, part time

Sian Jenkinson - Admin Support/Volunteers, part time

Sonia Nicholson - Assistant Coordinator, part time

Awards

National Crimebeat Award 2025

Virtual Revolutionary Award 2024

Street Games North Wales Mental Health and Wellbeing Award 2023

Street Games North Wales Doorstop Sports Project of the Year Award 2023

Street Games Wales Best Youth Lead Mental Health Award, National Inspire Awards 2022

High Sheriff Crime Beat 'Project of the Year' 2020

Your Community Your Choice awards in 2021 and 2022

Police and Crime Commission Rehabilitation Award 2019

Runner-up, Steve Morgan Foundation award for Changing Young Lives

UK Housing Award 2019 for Homeless Project of the Year

Clwyd High Sherriff Award 2019

Visits and Recognition

This year, Youth Shedz Cymru has welcomed a number of important visitors to our projects, reflecting the growing recognition of the impact our work is having with children and young people across North Wales. The most notable visit was from His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Prince William, who visited Youth Shedz in Mochdre in November 2025.

During his visit, he spent time meeting young people, hearing about their experiences, and learning more about how Youth Shedz creates safe, supportive spaces for those facing challenges such as exclusion, bullying and homelessness. His visit brought significant attention to the work of Youth Shedz and was a powerful affirmation of the value of community-based, relationship-led support for young people.

We have also continued to benefit from the support of Andy Dunbobbins, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, who has visited Youth Shedz on numerous occasions and remains a strong and consistent supporter of our work. His backing has helped champion our approach and underline the important role Youth Shedz plays in prevention, belonging and community safety. Public reporting has noted his support for the organisation's aims and ethos.

We have been pleased to welcome local elected representatives to see our work first-hand. Darren Millar MS and Janet Finch-Saunders MS visited Mochdre Youth Shed to hear directly about the difference the project is making in the lives of local young people. Their visit provided another important opportunity to showcase the strength of the Youth Shedz model and the positive outcomes that can be achieved when young people are given a place to belong, contribute and grow.

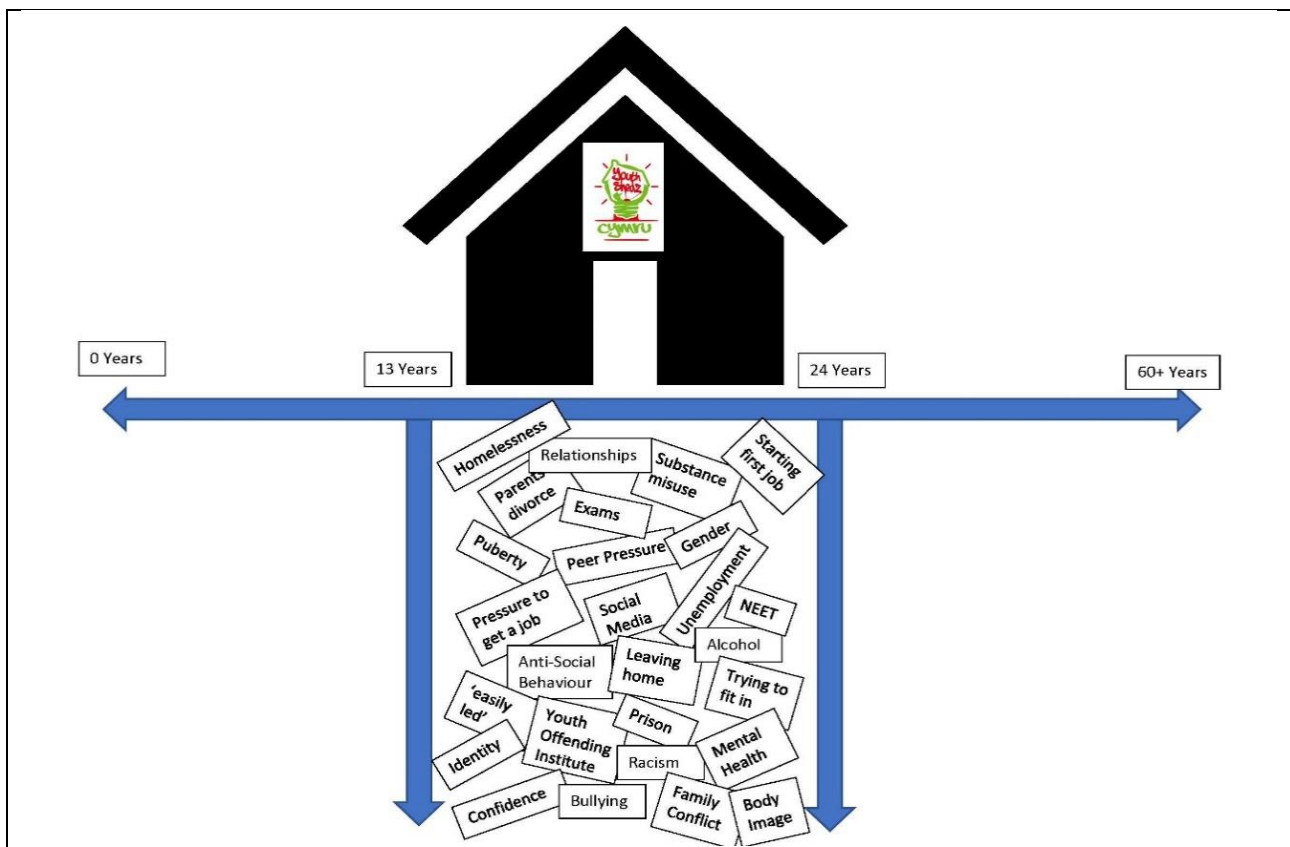
Together, these visits have not only raised the profile of Youth Shedz Cymru, but have also strengthened confidence in our work among decision-makers, partners and the wider public. They demonstrate that the impact of Youth Shedz is being recognised at local, regional and national level.



Youth Shedz Foundation Principles

Our Space, Our Place, Our Future!

- 1 We beg, we borrow, but we DO NOT steal
- 2 Everybody matters – everybody is valued
- 3 There has to be give and take, it's not a one way street
- 4 We live for the moment, but we plan for tomorrow
- 5 We accept and we are accepted
- 6 We create a safe and secure space where people can turn to
- 7 We leave a legacy for other young people to be a part of
- 8 We serve our community not just ourselves
- 9 We might not have skills – but we will learn the skills we need
- 10 We eat together, we BE together
- 11 We enjoy the journey together, the highs and the lows
- 12 No pressure doesn't mean no commitment



Review of activities undertaken for the Public Benefit, 2024 / 2025

Over the past year, Youth Shedz Cymru has continued to deliver meaningful, impactful activities designed to benefit young people and the wider community. At its core, the organisation has worked to create safe and supportive environments where young individuals, often facing personal and social challenges, can access opportunities for growth, learning, and connection.

Skill Development and Training

Youth Shedz Cymru has provided a range of workshops and training sessions aimed at equipping young people with practical skills. These have included woodworking, furniture upcycling, creative arts, and digital media projects. Participants have not only developed hands-on abilities but have also gained transferable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and project management.

Several members have leveraged these skills to secure employment or further education opportunities, highlighting the real-world value of these initiatives. Last year we expanded our creative opportunities to include 3D printing and laser etching as well as RC cars.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Recognising the importance of mental health, Youth Shedz Cymru has prioritised emotional wellbeing through its activities. Regular discussions, peer support groups, and partnerships with mental health organisations have created an environment where young people feel comfortable sharing their struggles. The Shedz have integrated mindfulness and self-care practices into their programmes, fostering resilience and confidence in participants. We have employed a sessional Counsellor who works with young people on a 1 to 1 basis.

Community Engagement

Community focused initiatives have remained a cornerstone of Youth Shedz Cymru's mission. Shed members have participated in local projects, such as refurbishing public spaces, creating furniture for community use, and volunteering at local events. These activities not only instil a sense of purpose and pride in participants but also enhance the quality of life for the wider community.

Examples include Hoodies With Hope, County Lines 4 Good, Homelessness Sleep Out, and making Fidget Spinners for schools.

Inclusive and Safe Spaces

Youth Shedz Cymru has continued to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for young people from all walks of life. By fostering a culture of respect and understanding, the organisation has enabled participants to build meaningful connections, reducing isolation and promoting a sense of belonging. We continue with projects in Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Denbigh, Llysfaen, Kinnel Bay, Buckley and Blaenau Ffestiniog. We have our central shed and resource in Mochdre (HQ).

Tackling Barriers

We have worked tirelessly to address barriers faced by young people, including unemployment, disengagement from education, and social exclusion. Through personalised support, mentorship, and advocacy, Youth Shedz Cymru has empowered its members to overcome challenges and pursue positive pathways. Our most effective work in this area this year has been with neurodiverse young people and with our school engagement projects.

National Crimebeat Award 2025

In 2025, Youth Shedz Cymru was honoured to win the National Crimebeat Award, a significant recognition of the impact of our work with young people across North Wales. This award reflects the commitment of our staff, volunteers, trustees and young people in creating safe, supportive spaces where young people can develop confidence, belonging and positive life pathways.

It also recognises our innovative and preventative approach to tackling issues such as crime, exploitation, poor mental health and disengagement, by building identity, purpose and community. Receiving this national award was a proud milestone for Youth Shedz and a powerful affirmation that our model is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the young people and communities we serve.

Organisation sample references

“A young person I have been supporting for the past eighteen months, has accessed counselling sessions through the Youth Shedz project. He has found the sessions extremely beneficial and supportive with addressing Trauma he has experienced throughout his life.

It has been encouraging to observe the young person be able to engage in counselling sessions, as his learning difficulties have been a barrier in the past to engaging with professionals.”

Amythyst Sexual Health Worker

Hi Scott

We were having lots of issues with certain youths in the area causing ASB generally. Since you have taken some of these youths on to the 1:1 system where they have had quality one to one time. This has been very beneficial to the youths and to Police and this had reduced ASB and other offences in the youths that prior to your sessions would be causing numerous issues in the area.

From PCSO Bev Owen, 93030, Local Policing

Denbigh High School has been accessing Youth Shedz for approximately three years, during which time Scott and his team have provided consistent, high-quality support that has made a significant positive impact on the pupils who attend.

Most recently in December, a young person currently in foster care—who has struggled to maintain stable working relationships in school—has benefited enormously from this provision. Access to Youth Shedz has contributed to a noticeable improvement in his behaviour, engagement, and ability to form positive relationships with staff and peers.

The structured sessions, along with the clear expectations and privilege of attending the Shedz provision, have given him a sense of stability and motivation. He looks forward to his weekly session and has now begun to access Youth Shedz outside of school hours, reflecting the trust and positive connection he has built with the team.

The support offered by Youth Shedz is invaluable for young people facing daily challenges in their lives. Their work provides a safe, relational, and empowering environment that complements the pastoral and behavioural strategies in school, helping our most vulnerable pupils develop resilience, consistency, and a sense of belonging.

Ellen Lawson, Denbigh High School, Pastoral Care

I am a key Worker in the charity GISDA in Blaenau Ffestiniog where the group Youth Shedz had been held in, I started at GISDA in March 2023 and I had never seen such a group growing up. In Blaenau Ffestiniog the area is a rural place and access to groups and clubs are dependent on public transport which is very unpredictable in such areas, which is why Youth Shedz has improved many young people's lives from introducing them to similar young minded people, to people completely different that they would have never thought they'd be friends with. Their confidence and social skills have improved immensely and it has brought them closer as a community.

From supporting many young people that attend Youth Shedz they have nothing but amazing things to say, the activities that they do gets them out the house and for young people who suffer from isolation this is a massive importance to them. The social aspect of the club is a massive deal for young people, they get to talk to each other over pizza and get to discuss anything and everything, they are surrounded by people who will listen to them and the freedom to discuss things such as their mental health, their sexuality or even just what they did that day is a benefit even knowing that they have that is such a help to them mentally.

Youth Shedz has improved so many young people's lives and improved their skills from fixing up bikes to getting involved in the community, it is a group that is cherished by many people and is needed in areas as rural as Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Thank You

Louls, Therapeutic Support Worker, GISDA.

Individual Youth Shedz

Mochdre Youth Shed. Our HQ and central shed resource in Mochdre is fully equipped with a tech area, a chilling area and a small 1 to 1 quiet room. Mochdre is used every day of the week and some evenings for small group work, visiting young people from other sheds, a local Mochdre Youth Shedz, 1 to 1 sessions and as a base for our administration.

Colwyn Bay Youth Shed was originally set up as a franchise youth shed run by Hannah. They have now amalgamated with Youth Shedz CIO and are based out of Mochdre.

Kinmel Bay Youth Shed is transitioning and will probably be taken over by Kinmel Bay Church (KBC) for their looked after children and other local young people. One of the cabins has been moved to Mochdre, Mountain View and the other cabin is being refurbished. We expect there will be a need for another Youth Shedz in Kinmel Bay after a break.

Llysfaen Youth Shed facility has been refurbished and equipped. The shed is presently being used for 1 to 1 sessions and as a facility for other sheds. We plan to start the PRU group before Christmas.

Denbigh Youth Shed, based in the Grwp Cynefin (Housing Association) assisted living building. The Hafod young people have now reengaged with the shed; there are now lots of activities and up to nine 18 to 25 year old shedders. The School group provision is also continuing strongly.

Blaenau Ffestiniog Youth Shed meets at GISDA in the town. There are up to nine 18 to 25 year old shedders. While it has become a fortnightly Pizza and VR nights, the shed is providing valuable support to vulnerable young people.

Llandudno Junction Youth Shed. During the summer this Youth Shed was based around outdoor activities, using our van, Betsi Mobile. We have been working with the community police helping 15 of the more vulnerable young people (aged 11 to 16) with 7 core shedders.

Betsi Mobile Youth Shed is being well used and is a major asset to us as it enables initial engagement and ongoing outreach activities with other voluntary organisations, mainly using VR. We are also doing joint activities with Youth Justice, Housing Associations and North Wales Police.

Buckley Youth Shed. We continue to work with the original cohort (three young people) referred by the Police. One of the containers from Blaenau has gone to Buckley and is currently being transformed by the young Shedderz.

Holyhead/ Cybi Shed has gone independent (four young people) and will be based in Holyhead. We have had interest from another organisation in Holyhead about setting up a franchised Youth Shed in Holyhead.

School work

Excluded High School pupils. Over the past year, we have helped small numbers of pupils from Eirias High School and Denbigh High School who are in danger of exclusion from the school. We have had success with increased school attendance and significant reduction in disruptive behaviour.

Licenced Youth Shedz

We have used our franchise toolkit for licenced Youth Shedz to good effect this year to realise our vision of "A Shed in Every Town, for Young People, by Young People."

This comprehensive toolkit can be shared with anyone interested in starting a Youth Shed, adhering to the ethos and principles created by the young people who initiated the movement in Denbigh in 2017.

This expansion strategy ensures that the impactful work of Youth Shedz can reach even more communities, fostering resilience and empowerment on a broader scale.

Rhyl. Brighter Futures continue to deliver Rhyl Youth Shed using our model.

Ysgol Tan y Gaer - residential school near Wrexham.

Our young people continue to really enjoy their sessions in Mochdre. We've made a conscious effort to vary our groups so that a range of ages can take part, from our youngest participant in Year 4 right through to a Year 11 student. This mix has worked well and they all get something different out of the experience.

Our 'First Night in Care' bags are also gaining momentum as our main project. We're now at the stage where we're looking to the wider community to help stock the bags and our young people will be leading on this next phase including visiting local businesses such as the Co-op to request donations.

Our on-site Shed is in daily use since we had the green light from Estyn to use it as a classroom. It has become an important part of our school day. We've got a wide range of craft items and tools available, though the glue gun seems to be the current favourite. Recently, the young people have been busy making bird feeders to brighten up our outdoor space.

We're proud to be part of the Youth Shedz community and Scott's lived experience has been a real asset to us as a school. He's able to connect with our young people in a way that feels genuine and relatable, particularly when they're finding things tough. Scott has also provided individual support when needed for example, taking one young person fishing when they were struggling to engage. That simple, hands-on time made a real difference.

Overall, the partnership continues to be a positive and meaningful part of school life giving our young people opportunities to build confidence, develop practical skills and experience belonging in a wider community.

Gavin Cass, Head of Education, Ysgol Tan Y Gaer

Ruthin Youth Shed (Artisan Market CIC) is in progress. Excellent turnout at second engagement session (pizza & DJ night). Young people selected their first community project - Christmas "Youth Shed Rave".

Cardiff. Good progress has been made this year in developing our franchise Youth Shed at Coleg y Cymoedd, with plans moving steadily towards a hoped-for launch in January 2026. This new provision promises to play a vital role in helping young people who have previously had difficult or negative experiences of education to settle into the college environment, build trust, and feel that they belong on campus.

By creating a familiar, supportive and relationship-led space, the Youth Shed will help ease the transition into further education and offer young people the encouragement and stability they need to engage and thrive.

Glan Clwyd Hospital Proposal: Drafted proposal for an in-hospital Youth Shed to support young people during stays (aimed at Occupational Therapy practitioners).

VR & Technology

The Virtual Reality (VR) projects are going well and are very popular with the shedders (and the trustees and volunteers). Youth Shedz is creating our own VR experience and has built an interactive VR meeting and activities suite as well as developing a strong Safeguarding policy and principles for use in the VR environment. Our VR projects aim to remove barriers to engagement of young people who may not be able to visit the traditional Youth Shed due to disability and other factors.

We have continued to expand our creative opportunities, particularly in the area of 3D design and printing. Mochdre Youth Shed has three advanced 3d printers that are used every day - often for participation in community projects.

JAMZ - Podcasting project.

Remote Control Cars & Drifters. RC cars in Youth Shedz have been very successful especially with our neurodiverse young people. The young people enjoy building them from scratch and learning how to repair as well as 'drift'. Each Youth Shed has a car so to encourage inter shed working and competition.

Outreach. We have continued our outreach bus 'Betsi'. This year we have focused on Llandudno Junction and have partnered with North Wales Housing to outreach into ASB hotspots on their estates. Activities carried out on the Bus include Arts and Craft, VR, Drone Flying, Football and other Sports.

Community

During the year, Youth Shedz Cymru delivered a wide range of community projects that created meaningful opportunities for young people to contribute positively to the lives of others. These included:

The development of our First Night in Care Packs, helping provide comfort and practical support for young people entering care.

Community garden reclaim in Mochdre, transforming neglected spaces into places of pride and use.

Street art projects that gave young people a creative voice while improving the local environment; involvement in the Denbigh Wild Crew.

VR film production exploring important social issues through digital creativity.

Participation in a Homeless Sleep Out to raise awareness and empathy around homelessness.

Our Hoodies With Hope initiative; and a number of community litter picks that encouraged civic pride and environmental responsibility.

Alongside these projects, young people also supported partners, including the local church, with their own community initiatives. Together, these activities reflect Youth Shedz Cymru's commitment to helping young people build identity, purpose and belonging through practical action that benefits their wider communities.

Partnership Work

Over the past year we have partnered with:

Conwy Youth Service
Prestatyn High School
North Wales Housing
Denbigh High School

Pemaenrhos Pupil Referral Unit
Anglesey Fishing and Sightseeing Tours
Conwy/Denbighshire Youth Justice

One-to-One Support & Pastoral Work

Our 1-to-1 provision offers tailored support for young people unable to attend mainstream school or participate in larger group settings. Designed to meet the needs of neurodiverse individuals and those with offending and/or challenging behaviours, this programme creates a safe and nurturing environment where each young person can develop trust, confidence, and essential skills at their own pace.

Each coordinator works closely with participants attached to their own Youth Shed, aiming to guide them towards transitioning from 1-to-1 sessions into group activities within the wider Youth Shedz community. By fostering personal growth and resilience, we help these young people build brighter futures and meaningful connections.

Youth Shedz Business Development/Internal Systems and IT/VIEWS

With thanks to funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation and Denbighshire Key Fund we have been able to develop an internal IT system with IT support for the next 2 years. The system is based on Office 365 which has SharePoint; we are now able to streamline our communications among the expanding team with all resources accessible to all.

We have also invested in the VIEWS monitoring and evaluation system; a high quality system used by the Ministry of Justice for recording all of our data, including: sessions, personal details, session notes and attendances.

Our Year in Numbers from VIEWS monitoring system

	2024	2025
Number of session/events over the 12 month period	699	643
Number of events with partner organisations	69	47
Aggregated contacts over the 12 month period	2909	2105
Unique attendances at sessions	243	176
Total percentage of attendance vs non-attendance	97.1 %	98%
Total number of young people registered with Youth Shedz this year	286	369

Volunteering at Youth Shedz

In the past 12 months the number of active volunteers has been around 12. Of these, 3 have completed their Level 2 Food Hygiene, 3 have completed Fire Safety Training and all have an enhanced DBS. We have a further 5 volunteers who are our Trustees.

The volunteers range from Fishing Buddies to "Veteran" Shedders ie young people who have been in Youth Shedz themselves, to general supporters for shed sessions. Two of the volunteers act as Shed Champions for Colwyn Bay and have undertaken their Level 2 Youth Work Course in partnership with Youth Shedz and Youth Services Conwy.

Feedback

We have had wonderful feedback and testimony from our shedders (and their parents) on how important Youth Shedz has been for them this year. The local community police have commented that the level of anti-social behaviour has significantly decreased. Various pupils are now attending High School full or part time, rather than being excluded.

Please see our website www.youthshedz.org.uk and our Facebook page @youthshedzcymru for pictures and more details.

Individual sample references

Feedback from Morgan on working with Sian - My experience in helping out Sian with the cooking - I loved every second of it - it helped me by boosting my confidence and it brings me joy and happiness and I love helping others and I did it because I wanted to help.

Feedback from Bailey on the tuck shop - School always tried to stop me selling things and Shedz giving me a space to do that makes me feel good, it makes me feel less nervous and surrounded by kindness and support.

Feedback from Ollie (collected by Isaac) - it's very good, seeing other people is especially nice and the people who run it are lovely.

Feedback from Hari (collected by Isaac) - It's pretty cool I especially like the food and eating together.

Quote from Holly's mum about her coming to Youth Shedz 'I see a positive and happier Holly when she's been to group'.

Quote from Iris' mum about coming to Youth Shedz 'Iris loves the group, it's become part of her routine, is an important social activity and she looks forward to it every week. Iris has increasingly found a lot of environments difficult recently but is at home at Youth Shedz. Thank you for your hard work and making her feel welcome.'

Quote from Ollie's mum about coming to Youth Shedz 'He's really enjoying it as is happy to be coming every week, I think it's really good for him, he is a bit shy'

Sources of funds

We have raised over £212,000 in grant funding, contracts, and awards. We have received various awards. On the 30 September 2025 we had £95,000 in the bank account with a budgeted annual expenditure of £188,000 in 2026.

Youth Shedz principal sources of funds at present are donations, grants, and contracts with Housing Associations and High Schools. We are looking in the future for at least 20% of funding to come from contracts, franchise fees and commercial activities.

Principal risks

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees meeting. We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure good safeguarding at all times.

Trustees and meetings

The charity trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the Youth Shedz constitution. The Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to carry out their responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibility

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Martin Harrison	Trustee and Chairman, Youth Shedz Board of Trustees
Anthony Jeremy	Trustee
Alex Webster	Trustee
Jo Mathews	Trustee
Sue Colman	Trustee
Scott Jenkinson	Director and CEO



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 18 March 2026



Youth Shedz Cymru

Three Year Strategic Plan

1 October 2025

This strategic plan sets out the overall vision for the development of Youth Shedz Cymru over the next 3 years. Details about our values, activities and individual sheds are given in the Trustees Annual Report.

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Youth Shedz has reached a crossroads in its development; most activities and people have had very good outcomes (resulting in the National Crimebeat Award 2025 etc) and some have not performed well enough to be continued. Some sheds and activities have also reached the end of their natural cycle (about 3 to 5 years) and need a rest before being restarted.

Over the past 7 years, Youth Shedz has had a massively beneficial impact on over 200 young people lives. Let's have the same impact over the next 7 years. What activities and outcomes would excite us and have the most impact over the next 7 years?

Review of present activities

We have reviewed the where, why and who has given the best impact for young people in North Wales. The activities and outcome for which we were awarded the National Crimebeat Award sum it up.

- The Mochdre unit works very well and is now fully utilised as a facility for all of Youth Shedz.
- Youth Shedz activities and sheds with very active partners and assistants, and with volunteers who have come up through Youth Shedz, have been much more successful than sheds where we have provided the Youth Shedz Coordinator from the centre. Using freelance support (counsellor, nutritionist, outdoor learning facilitator etc) gives good focused outcomes.
- Scott is now 51 and we have to ensure that his workload and energies are effectively used. This means being more based in and around Mochdre.
- Youth Shedz helps young people aged 14 to 18 and 16 to 25 with Aces and antisocial behaviours etc. Youth Shedz is about investing in young people and our focus has to be on their needs, not our needs.
- Attendance at a Youth Shed meeting or activity is totally voluntary on behalf of the young people. If we do not meet the young people's expectations, they don't come back, and the shed stops functioning.

Strategic Direction

Strategically, Youth Shedz will concentrate on the following major activities over the next 3 years:

- Run and develop the local Youth Shedz at Mochdre, Llysfaen, Denbigh and Llandudno Junction (Betsi). Help Hannah to develop Colwyn Bay. Move on from the other Youth Shedz and help them become licensed Youth Shedz - the young people from these Shedz will remain with us but will continue under partnership projects. Keep Mochdre as a facility for all Youth Shedz.
- Run and help with activities with other local Youth Based organisations, eg Youth Justice and the schools and continue with the one to one mentoring etc. This is mainly Mochdre based.
- Use the Youth Shed Toolkit to develop the franchised Youth Shedz.
- Develop the Education Enrichment model at Mochdre and potentially at Colwyn Bay.

Move on from the following Youth Sheds

The natural life of a Youth Shed is about 3 years before the shedders start to move on and the needs of the next generation take over. We understand and manage this churn. Sometimes the generations mix and there is a continual churn.

Blaenau has become a pizza and VR evening once a week based at Gisda, together with occasional visits to Mochdre to use our facilities. There are over 10 young people at Blaenau and they could become a licensed Youth Shed. We will continue to provide social media and Mochdre facilities for them, with occasional visits.

Kinmel Bay YS is transitioning and presently has no shedders. Kinmel Bay Church (KBC) has taken over responsibility and will decide on its future. We expect that there will be a need for another Youth Shedz in Kinmel Bay after a break.

Cybi has 4 active shedders and has gone independent. The £7k of equipment at Cybi has been transferred back to the funder (Holyhead Alliance).

Buckley. Bryn Tirion / Tan y Gaer want to take this shed (and the unit) over as a licensed Youth Shed. They presently visit Mochdre once a week and the current three young shedders will continue to be mentored by Scott.

Develop the following Youth Shedz

Mochdre. $10 + 6 + 6$ shedders plus 4 one to one = 26 shedders – plus outreach for Colwyn Bay.

Llysfaen. The facilities have been refurbished and are being used by various shedders. We expect a Youth Shed to be started at Llysfaen in the near future. There are 4 shedders from the local Pupil Referral Unit.

Denbigh. Presently 6 shedders + 4 at the school + 2 older shedders. Potential to grow.

Llandudno Junction (Betsi). Summer only, outdoor activities, lots of young people.

Colwyn Bay (with Hannah). 8 shedders + 5 shedders (Sonia). Lots of joint potential.

People

We have to ensure that Scott's workload and his energies are effectively used. His travel time, which can be 25% of his available time, needs to be significantly reduced and he needs to be more based at Mochdre.

Sonia is working 3 days per week with Youth Shedz. Her output is great and over the past 18 months she has set up Mochdre YS with up to 10 shedders meeting on Thursdays, another 4 shedders meeting on Tuesdays and a further 5 shedders meeting on Wednesdays in Colwyn Bay (with Hannah), as well as 4 one to one shedders sessions per week. Does she want to increase to 4 days per week? We should consider promoting Sonia from assistant to Youth Shedz Coordinator.

Sammy is working as a sessional YS Coordinator / Councilor on £20 / £25 per hour.

Todd Warden Owen - sessional outreach driver.

We need more sessional workers.

Sian is working 1.5 days per week managing safeguarding etc. We understand she wants to move on from these activities which would be taken over by the new administrator.

Alison works 1.5 days per week, mainly on strategy, senior management and grants.

We need to recruit a new administrator on say 2 days per week to take over most of the administration and the development and support for the franchised Youth Shedz. We have recruited a bookkeeper / accountant.

Work more with Hannah (Colwyn Bay Youth Shedz). We need more sessional YS coordinators.

Operationally, Youth Shedz will be back down to Scott and Sonia with help from Sammy, Todd and Hannah.

We have to decide whether recruiting YS Coordinators from the youth professionals has worked or whether we need to change our approach. Our method of delegated youth shedz development has not worked. There is a general shortage of youth professionals in the area (and across the UK).

Run and help with activities with other local Youth Based organisations

Youth Justice. We continue a good relationship with Youth Justice and provide opportunities for them to do reparation with their young people.

Schools. We continue to provide school engagement opportunities with Denbigh High School and Eirias High School, working closely with the engagement and behaviour teachers.

We will continue to set up the Mochdre unit as a facility for all Youth Shedz to use and we will consider expanding this facility.

Develop the Youth Shed Toolkit and the franchised Youth Shedz.

Develop and offer a program of ongoing activities and support.

Plan for 5 new licensed Youth Shedz per year.

Develop the Education Enrichment model at Mochdre and potentially at Colwyn Bay.

We will continue to provide 1 to 1 mentoring to 6 young people in Conwy and 4 in Denbigh.

We will raise grant funding for these activities, and avoid being in any way under the requirements and control of the local councils.

We will look at developing a program to take these young people to recognised qualifications, eg City and Guilds. Some of the young people might be suitable for workbook based qualifications like GCSE's in maths, English and IT, but it is likely that most of them will not be.

We will accept referrals from the Pupil Referral Unit, from High Schools, and Young people on reduced timetables. There are also the Youth Justice kids.

Compulsive attendance does not work with the Youth Shedz approach, we must have voluntary attendance for the young people.

Grants

The above plan fits in with our present grants. Our expansion will be via new licensed Youth Shedz.

Premises

Our present premises in Mochdre are fine for the next 2 years. We have a draft lease from the new landlords for a 3 year lease with a 2 year break clause. There is presently an informal option to buy the unit from our landlord.

The proposed Mochdre Primary School move is only feasible if we have control. A proposal is that Youth Shedz take over the entire premises and use 300 m² for our facilities and 300 m² including the Main Hall for community use, run by a separate local charity.

Budget 3 year	Youth Shedz CIO		Year end 30 September	
	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	Budget 2027	Budget 2028
Income				
Grants and donations (new)	£204,355	£180,000	£180,000	£195,000
Donations	£2,440	£2,562	£2,690	£2,825
Franchise income	£5,930	£6,800	£12,750	£17,000
Total new income	£212,725	£189,362	£195,440	£214,825
Income carried forward	£102,008	£95,493	£96,560	£95,239
Total income	£314,733	£284,855	£292,000	£310,064
Expenditure				
CEO / Scott	£38,304	£40,219	£42,230	£44,342
Charity Manager	£11,880	£12,474	£13,098	£13,753
Administrator & finance	£9,579	£17,000	£17,850	£18,743
Youth Shedz Coordinators	£33,000	£0	£0	£0
Youth Shedz Coordinator (p/t)	£21,736	£17,000	£17,850	£18,743
Assistant Coordinator	£15,606	£16,386	£17,206	£18,066
Assistant Coordinator		£7,000	£7,000	£7,000
Sessional workers	£7,825	£8,216	£8,627	£9,058
Subtotal staff costs	£137,930	£118,296	£123,861	£129,704
HQ expenses	£11,132	£16,000	£16,800	£17,640
Premises costs eg Mochdre	£14,000	£12,000	£12,600	£13,230
ICT, VR & equipment	£17,859	£12,000	£12,000	£12,600
Shed expenses	£38,319	£30,000	£31,500	£33,075
Total expenditure	£219,240	£188,296	£196,761	£206,249
Net income for the year	-£6,515	£1,066	-£1,320	£8,576
Net income carried forward	£95,493	£96,560	£95,239	£103,815
Bank balance 30 September	£95,493	£96,560	£95,239	£103,815
Fixed assets	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
Percentage increase		5%	5%	5%
Staff numbers full time equivalent	4	3	3.5	4
No of shedz	6	6	6	6
Av expenses per shed	£6,387	£5,000	£5,250	£5,513
No of licenced shedz	5	8	15	20

YOUTH SHEDZ

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

YOUTH SHEDZ CIO

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

History

Youth Shedz was started in 2017 by 4:28 Training (sole trader) / Scott Jenkinson as a training project and in October 2018 we set up the Youth Shedz Board of Trustees and Youth Shedz Ltd (company limited by guarantee). In June 2019 we became a registered charity and started operating as Youth Shedz CIO on the 3 September 2020. Youth Shedz Ltd is now a dormant company.

Our expenditure to September 2025 was £219,240 with up to 3 full time and 3 part time staff and contractors, up from £175,429 in 2024. We expect to decrease to £188,000 in 2026 with 1 full time and 4 part time staff and contractors.

The reason for the decrease is given in the 3 year strategic plan and is because we are refocusing our service provision on what we are good at and restricting our direct shed operations to Conwy and Denbighshire. Expansion across Wales will be via franchised Youth Shedz.

Status

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 28 June 2019, number 1184146

Principal address

37 Bryn Marl Road, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL28 5EA

Charity Objects

To advance in life and help young people in the UK through the provision of facilities in which they can meet to undertake, jointly or individually, creative, physical, or recreational activities and learn to pass on skills and knowledge so as to develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature, and responsible individuals.

Charity Trustees

Martin Harrison (Chairman)
Anthony Jeremy
Alex Webster
Jo Mathews
Sue Colman

Bankers

HSBC UK, Llandudno

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts to the Trustees of Youth Shedz

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Youth Shedz CIO (Charity No 1184146) for the 12 months to 30 September 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 and that:

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts did accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did 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.

Signature



Name: Fiona Smith

Date 18 February 2026

Qualifications: FCCA (Retired)

Address The Chalet, 54 Pen-y-Bryn Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 6AG

Youth Shedz CIO
Income & Expenditure

Financial Statements
1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sep 25	Total funds to 30 Sep 24
Income carried forward						
Grants & donations		£2,867		£7,471	£10,338	
Streetgames				£4,443	£4,443	
Moondance				£15,002	£15,002	
GYM				£15,276	£15,276	
Rhyl Flats windfarm				£10,000	£10,000	
KFC Hope Foundation				£2,007	£2,007	
Lloyds Bank Foundation			£28,205		£28,205	
Postcode Community Trust			£10,280		£10,280	
NFU			£6,458		£6,458	
Income carried forward	1	£2,867	£44,943	£54,198	£102,008	£68,018
New income during period						
Paul Hamlyn Foundation				£50,000	£50,000	
Neumark Foundation				£37,000	£37,000	
North Wales Police Commissioner				£10,000	£10,000	
Cloceanog windfarm				£10,000	£10,000	
Holyhead Alliance				£7,000	£7,000	
Waterloo Foundation				£12,500	£12,500	
CF in Wales CVSC				£10,000	£10,000	
GYM				£10,000	£10,000	
KFC Hope Foundation				£3,000	£3,000	
ILEP for Holland exchange				£10,312	£10,312	
Franchise fees			£5,930		£5,930	
Lloyds Bank Foundation		£25,000			£25,000	
National Crimebeat				£3,000		
Awards, donations & small grants		£1,120		£17,863	£18,983	
Sub total new income		£26,120	£5,930	£180,675	£212,725	£209,419
Expenditure in period						
HQ expenses		£14,802	£2,810	£7,519	£25,132	£14,567
Salaries and contractors		£12,456	£23,945	£101,529	£137,930	£104,592
ICT, VR & equipment		£75	£2,114	£15,670	£17,859	£19,008
Shed expenses		£0	£11,373	£26,946	£38,319	£37,261
Total expenditure in period		£27,333	£40,243	£151,664	£219,240	£175,429
Net income for the year		-£1,213	-£34,313	£29,011	-£6,515	£33,990
Net income carried forward	1	£1,654	£10,630	£83,209	£95,493	£102,008

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2025

		30-Sep-25	30-Sep-24
Cash At Bank		£95,493	£102,008
Total Assets		£95,493	£102,008
Restricted Reserves		£83,209	£54,198
Reserves	7	£12,284	£47,810
		£95,493	£102,008

Youth Shedz has no other realisable assets, creditors or debtors.

The designated funds are grants to be used for rent & other contractual cover & for shed activities between grants

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

- 1 The Financial Statements include all income and expenditure for the 12 months to 30 September 2025.
- 2 These accounts have been prepared in accordance with SORP FRS 102 regulations using the accrual basis which in our accounts is the same as the income and expenditure basis, see notes 3 and 4 below.
- 3 We have split our unrestricted funds into unrestricted funds and designated funds. This reflects the level of unrestricted funds that we have been given which have been allocated for specific projects, contracts and activities.
- 4 Youth Shedz has been given, either directly or via grant funding various assets with an estimated realisable value of £15,000. A separate Grant Asset Register has been issued and independently examined. These assets cannot be sold without written permission from the donor and any proceeds have to be used for charitable purposes.
- 5 Any other assets owned by Youth Shedz are of no significant realisable value. Youth Shedz's depreciation policy is to 100% depreciate all assets in the financial year in which they are brought and paid for.
- 6 Youth Shedz has no significant debtors or creditors at the end of each month and all financial transactions go through the main bank account. Youth Shedz does not take on any long term liabilities, loan, debts, or overdrafts.
- 7 Youth Shedz policy for holding reserves is to ensure that the cash reserves cover all liabilities in the event of closure. In September 2025, this is £12,000 made up of £2,300 rent etc, £9,000 monthly costs and expenses, and £700 redundancy. In 2026 this will increase to £25,000 due to the new 2 year unit lease.
- 8 Scott Jenkinson is the CEO of Youth Shedz and operates as a sole trader under the name 4:28 Training. During the year, the charity paid £70,128 to 4:28 Training for contracted services and expenses which are related party transactions. This arrangement was approved by the unconflicted trustees in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy. The services were provided on normal market terms. Scott was not involved in the decision-making or approval process relating to these payments.
- 9 Youth Shedz holds the restricted funds on behalf of the donors and ensures that these funds are only used for their intended and stated purpose. A separate Restricted Funding Report has been issued and independently examined.
- 10 These accounts will be independently examined and then approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Martin Harrison, Chairman.



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 2 December 2025

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Accounts



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Youth Shedz Cymru Mission

Youth Shedz Cymru is dedicated to fostering a nurturing and inclusive community where young minds are inspired, skills are honed, and potential is unleashed. Through collaboration, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, we aim to provide a supportive space where young people can grow, learn, and thrive as they embark on their unique journeys toward personal and collective success.

Youth Shedz Cymru Core Values

These values define who we are and guide us in our mission to empower the youth through Youth Shedz Cymru.

Empowerment. We believe in empowering young individuals to discover their strengths, passions, and potential, fostering a sense of agency and confidence in their abilities.

Inclusivity. We embrace diversity and ensure that all young people, regardless of background, gender, or abilities, feel welcomed, respected, and valued within our community.

Collaboration. We promote teamwork, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, creating an environment where young minds can learn from one another and collectively achieve greater outcomes.

Creativity. We encourage creative thinking and innovation, providing a space where young people can explore new ideas, experiment, and express themselves freely.

Respect. We cultivate a culture of respect for oneself, others, and the environment, nurturing empathy and positive relationships among our youth participants.

Learning. We are committed to continuous learning and skill development, offering opportunities for hands-on experiences and practical knowledge that prepares young people for a successful future.

Community. We foster a strong sense of community, where meaningful connections are formed, and young people are encouraged to contribute positively to society.

Safety. We prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants, maintaining a secure and supportive environment where everyone can explore, learn, and grow without fear.

Youth Shedz

Youth Shedz aims to reach the most disconnected young people by providing a safe space for young people aged 11 to 18 and 17 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. We also mentor young people aged 20 to 30 who have moved on from care or assisted accommodation and the associated support.

A key principle of the project is that there are no criteria to participation. This is underpinned by an asset based community development approach, leveraging the internal strengths within the community.

Each Youth Shed is co-produced by the participants who are supported and facilitated to test out a range of ideas and concepts which in turn help them to build healthier, fulfilling and more stable lives. Youth Shedz supports young people to develop resilience, improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce social isolation, and promote positive mental health and physical well-being.

Youth Shedz provides a nurturing, safe environment where young people can learn and test a range of both life and employability skills. These range from team working, planning, decision making, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship as well as a range of practical skills such as bike restoration and woodworking etc.

Who we work with and what are their needs

Youth Shedz is about helping individual disconnected young people in group social settings as well as in individual social settings. It is about helping individuals and groups of individuals to reconnect with society.

Youth Shedz is not a youth club; we work with vulnerable and disconnected young people who would often, initially, be excluded from a youth club. We provide one to one attention as well as group attention. Our Youth Shed models include operating in partnership with a Youth Club, a High School or with another youth based organisation.

The optimum size of a Youth Shed is 4 growing to 10 Shedders of either 13 to 18 year olds or 17 to 25 year olds. A full time Youth Shed Coordinator / manager can only realistically be involved with up to 4 sheds and 24 shedders. Above this number, they would be spread too thinly.

A lot of behaviour can be attributed to Adverse Childhood Experiences, so “bad behaviour” can be a trauma response to unprocessed grief, loss, dealing with family issues related to substance misuse, crime or poverty. We regard issues with an individual shedder or groups of shedders as opportunities for learning and training rather than a threat or a reason for exclusion. We look to help rather than to punish.

All trustees, staff and volunteers go through in-depth vetting and safeguarding to ensure that they are suitable to work with vulnerable young people.

Objectives and Outcomes

Youth Shedz does not have a formal set of objectives which we can measure, as most of our outcomes are either soft or result in something not happening, eg lack of anti-social behaviour or a young person not being excluded from the local school. We try to record the many pro-social activities that the shedders carry out.

The Community Police, the High Schools and the local community will be the formal judges of the success, value and impact of the Youth Sheds and we work closely with them and other local partners to ensure that each Youth Shed is making a significant difference to the local young people.

The informal judges will be the shedders (young people) themselves as they continue to participate in the activities of their local Youth Shed and come to accept the Youth Shed Foundation Principles as their values in life.

Positive Partnerships

A lot of the young people we help are referred to us by the local high schools, Community Police, church groups, other youth services (such as Youth Justice, Young Offenders, or Young Carers Groups), or local Housing Associations. We work with these other agencies to make contact with the young people, and offer input and support around ideas of how to make a difference for them and the community.

Schools, homeless prevention units, police, parents, and carers consistently report that, over time, behavioural changes are positive, and that the young person is able to function in school or society more successfully following a time at Youth Shedz. We aim to develop excellent relationships and a good reputation across North Wales with these agencies and groups.

Staff

Scott Jenkinson - Founder/CEO

Alison Hill - Charity Manager, part time

Sian Jenkinson - Admin Support/Volunteers, part time

Sonia Nicholson - Assistant Coordinator, part time

Cara Mortimer-Jones - Coordinator West, full time

Nathan Sarea - Coordinator East, full time

Awards

Virtual Revolutionary Award 2024

Street Games North Wales Mental Health and Wellbeing Award 2023

Street Games North Wales Doorstop Sports Project of the Year Award 2023

Street Games Wales Best Youth Lead Mental Health Award, National Inspire Awards 2022

High Sheriff Crime Beat 'Project of the Year' 2020

Your Community Your Choice awards in 2021 and 2022

Police and Crime Commission Rehabilitation Award 2019

Runner-up, Steve Morgan Foundation award for Changing Young Lives

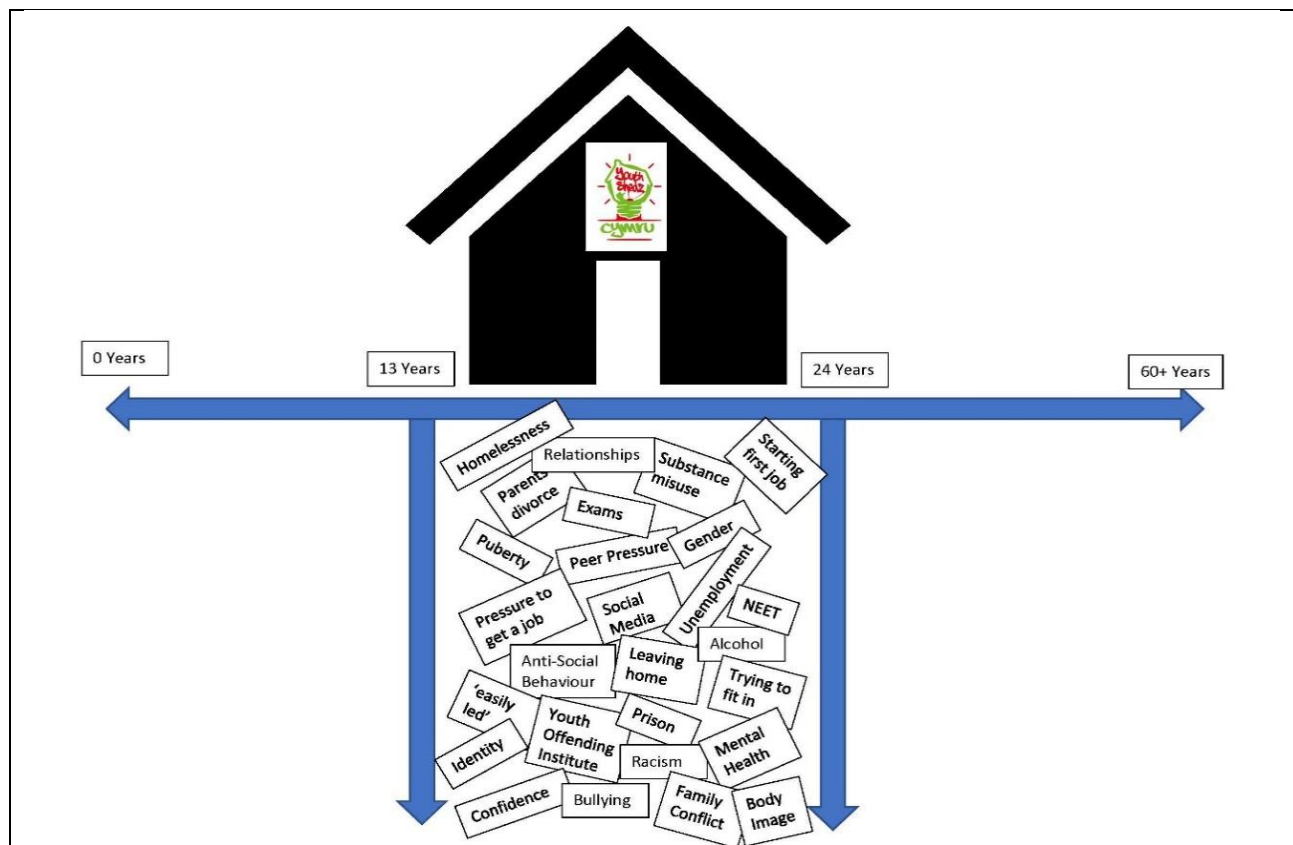
UK Housing Award 2019 for Homeless Project of the Year

Clwyd High Sherriff Award 2019

Youth Shedz Foundation Principles

Our Space, Our Place, Our Future!

- 1 We beg, we borrow, but we DO NOT steal
- 2 Everybody matters – everybody is valued
- 3 There has to be give and take, it's not a one way street
- 4 We live for the moment, but we plan for tomorrow
- 5 We accept and we are accepted
- 6 We create a safe and secure space where people can turn to
- 7 We leave a legacy for other young people to be a part of
- 8 We serve our community not just ourselves
- 9 We might not have skills – but we will learn the skills we need
- 10 We eat together, we BE together
- 11 We enjoy the journey together, the highs and the lows
- 12 No pressure doesn't mean no commitment



Review of activities undertaken for the Public Benefit, 2023 / 2024

Over the past year, Youth Shedz Cymru has continued to deliver meaningful, impactful activities designed to benefit young people and the wider community. At its core, the organisation has worked to create safe and supportive environments where young individuals, often facing personal and social challenges, can access opportunities for growth, learning, and connection.

Skill Development and Training

Youth Shedz Cymru has provided a range of workshops and training sessions aimed at equipping young people with practical skills. These have included woodworking, furniture upcycling, creative arts, and digital media projects. Participants have not only developed hands-on abilities but have also gained transferable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and project management.

Several members have leveraged these skills to secure employment or further education opportunities, highlighting the real-world value of these initiatives. This year we have expanded our creative opportunities to include 3D printing and laser etching.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Recognising the importance of mental health, Youth Shedz Cymru has prioritised emotional wellbeing through its activities. Regular discussions, peer support groups, and partnerships with mental health organisations have created an environment where young people feel comfortable sharing their struggles. The Shedz have integrated mindfulness and self-care practices into their programmes, fostering resilience and confidence in participants. We have employed a sessional Counsellor who works with young people on a 1 to 1 basis.

Community Engagement

Community focused initiatives have remained a cornerstone of Youth Shedz Cymru's mission. Shed members have participated in local projects, such as refurbishing public spaces, creating furniture for community use, and volunteering at local events. These activities not only instil a sense of purpose and pride in participants but also enhance the quality of life for the wider community.

Examples include Hoodies With Hope, County Lines 4 Good, Homelessness Sleep Out, and making Fidget Spinners for schools.

Inclusive and Safe Spaces

Youth Shedz Cymru has continued to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for young people from all walks of life. By fostering a culture of respect and understanding, the organisation has enabled participants to build meaningful connections, reducing isolation and promoting a sense of belonging. We continue with projects in Denbigh, Holyhead, Llysfaen, Kinnel Bay, Buckley and Blaenau Ffestiniog. We have also started new projects in Mochdre (HQ) and Shotton.

Tackling Barriers

We have worked tirelessly to address barriers faced by young people, including unemployment, disengagement from education, and social exclusion. Through personalised support, mentorship, and advocacy, Youth Shedz Cymru has empowered its members to overcome challenges and pursue positive pathways. Our most effective work in this area this year has been with neurodiverse young people and with our school engagement projects.

Sample references

Testimony from local Police PCSO Bev Owen

Hi Scott

Thanks for the meeting yesterday Tuesday 6th April, it was great to be able to work together to solve the ongoing issues in both Colwyn Bay/Rhos on Sea area and Llandudno where we are having major issues with youths causing ASB, Criminal Damage and Public Order.

It takes partnerships/multi-agency working to help with these ongoing issues. Youth Shedz have brought so much to the area being able to provide the youths with something to do, not only has it reduced crime and benefited the local community it has also given the youths something to do and it is clear that they have great respect for you and your team. It was also great to hear that Schools are now requesting help from you to intervene when their measures have not worked so that says a lot for the work that you do.

We will always support and help in any way we can to work with Youth Shedz, as it is very clear that the need for your services is vital to our Communities.

Keep up the good work, a great team effort from you all!!

Parent of a Shedder attending 'Wellbeing in the Woods' sessions.

She's a very busy, active child and we walk our dog in the woods, which she enjoys. She loved everything though to be honest. The woods, walking, cooking, games. She also knows Ellen from primary school and this did make it easier for her to take part.

She struggles joining into other community events because she is younger in mind than other children her age and sometimes vulnerable but this event and your staff were amazing with her and we cancelled other summer holiday plans (although nothing big) as she really wanted to attend this the two times it was on every week.

So thank you again.

Individual Youth Shedz

Denbigh Youth Shed, based in the Grwp Cynefin (Housing Association) assisted living building. Up to 6 residential, 8 non-residential 18 to 25 year old shedders. Part funded by Grwp Cynefin. Lots of activities going on (and lots of issues with the shedders). We will look at the Social Prescribing Model for future activities. The Denbigh Shed is now under the direction of Nathan who has continued to develop a good relationship with local schools, Police and Grwp Cynefin.

Kinmel Bay Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at Kinmel Bay Church (KBC). Now under the direction of Cara, the Shed have had a bit of a tidy up. Thanks to funding from KFC, they now have electricity; meaning that this year the sheds will be more useable and continue to serve the needs of a group of 8 looked after children.

Blaenau Ffestiniog Youth Shed. The old containers have now been relocated (to Buckley and Connah's Quay) and the Youth Shed group have moved their weekly meetings to GISDA in the town. The group of Shedderz continue to meet and organise community projects.

Llandudno Junction Youth Shed. During the summer this Youth Shed was based around outdoor activities, using our van, Betsi Mobile. We have been working with the community police helping 15 of the more vulnerable young people (aged 11 to 16) with 7 core shedders.

Betsi Mobile Youth Shed is being well used and is a major asset to us as it enables initial engagement and ongoing outreach activities with other voluntary organisations, mainly using VR. We are also doing joint activities with Youth Justice, Housing Associations and North Wales Police.

Buckley Youth Shed. Nathan has taken over coordinating Buckley. We continue to work with the original cohort referred by the Police. One of the containers from Blaenau has gone to Buckley and is currently being transformed by the young Shedderz.

Holyhead Youth Shed now has a home. Cara has secured a part of a community centre in the town which has been kitted out with 3D printer, Cricut machine, laser cutting machine, VR headsets - everything the kids wanted. This Shed has close ties with the high school and the local Police.

Mochdre Youth Shed. Our new HQ in Mochdre is now up and running and fully equipped, thanks to a grant from the Levelling Up Fund. The Youth Shed has a tech area, a chilling area and a small 1 to 1 quiet room. Mochdre is used every day of the week for small group work, a local Mochdre Youth Shedz, 1 to 1 sessions and as a base for our administration.

School work

Excluded High School pupils. Over the past year, we have helped small numbers of pupils from Holyhead High School and Eirias High School who are in danger of exclusion from the school. We have had success with increased school attendance and significant reduction in disruptive behaviour.

This year has seen us further develop our provision with Denbigh High School and the impact can be seen with his statement from the assistant head:

"I wanted to email you about MJ and the positive change in behaviour and attitude to learning since he has been working with Nathan at Youth Shedz.

He is really enjoying the sessions and we have certainly seen an improvement in his maturity and attitude to work, but perhaps more importantly in his overall emotional health and wellbeing.

It is really working well for him so thank you. We look forward to arranging more group and individual sessions to support our pupils if they become available."

Stuart Howson, Assistant Headteacher, Denbigh High School.

Toolkit and Website development and launch

A significant piece of work this year has been the development of our franchise toolkit for licenced Youth Shedz. Thanks to funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation, Youth Shedz has been able to develop a franchise package to realise its vision of "A Shed in Every Town, for Young People, by Young People."

This comprehensive toolkit can be shared with anyone interested in starting a Youth Shed, adhering to the ethos and principles created by the young people who initiated the movement in Denbigh in 2017.

This expansion strategy ensures that the impactful work of Youth Shedz can reach even more communities, fostering resilience and empowerment on a broader scale.

Licenced Youth Shedz

Rhyl. Brighter Futures continue to deliver Rhyl Youth Shed using our model.

Llandudno Kings Road. Friends of Mostyn Street - in initial development stage.

Colwyn Bay. Continues to meet weekly, delivered by Hannah and Kene under Next Gen Youth.

Ysgol Tan y Gaer - residential school near Wrexham. See feedback from the headteacher:

Our journey with Youth Shedz has been great. From the moment we got involved, the project has been a shining example of building positive relationships and fostering real community spirit.

We started by reaching out to our local community to help stock our shed with practical tools and materials. We have had some amazing donations that has sparked interest and curiosity in our young people.

Through regular visits, we've built fantastic relationships with Scott and his team of Sheddors. Their guidance, expertise, and passion have been invaluable, not only in terms of practical skills but also in inspiring our young people to dream big and work hard.

One of the standout experiences, so far, has been developing business skills through a 3D printing project. This hands-on approach has been instrumental in teaching young people about creativity, problem-solving, and entrepreneurship. The use of VR headsets has also opened up a world of opportunities, offering immersive experiences that spark imagination and innovation.

Being part of the Youth Shedz community has shown us the power of connection, collaboration, and shared purpose. We're proud to be part of this journey and excited about what the future holds. Thank you, Youth Shedz, for helping us grow, learn, and thrive together.

Gavin Cass, Head of Education, Ysgol Tan Y Gaer

VR & Technology

The Virtual Reality (VR) projects are going well and are very popular with the shedders (and the trustees and volunteers). Youth Shedz is creating our own VR experience and has built an interactive VR meeting and activities suite as well as developing a strong Safeguarding policy and principles for use in the VR environment. Our VR projects aim to remove barriers to engagement of young people who may not be able to visit the traditional Youth Shed due to disability and other factors.

This year we have expanded our creative opportunities, particularly in the area of 3D design and printing. Mochdre Youth Shed has three advanced 3d printers that are used every day - often for participation in community projects.

JAMZ - Podcasting project. Nathan and a small group of young people have set up a podcasting project with funding from FCVS and South Wales Police. Two volunteers have attended a 10 week podcasting and production course and we have bought mobile recording equipment.

Remote Control Cars & Drifters. Nathan has brought his passion for RC cars into Youth Shedz and these have been very successful especially with our neurodiverse young people. The young people enjoy building them from scratch and learning how to repair as well as 'drift'. Each Youth Shed has a car so to encourage inter shed working and competition. Testimony from School:

We are hopeful that the recent remote control car project will be a truly transformative experience for our young people. It has all started with an exciting experience session where they got the chance to race the cars, ask questions, and build relationships with the Youth Shedz team. During this session, it was clear this was something that was going to be great.

We saw children, who often struggle in a traditional classroom setting, engage for longer than they typically can. The joy and curiosity sparked by the cars was amazing. It wasn't just about fun – it was about igniting a passion for learning, creativity, and teamwork.

This initial spark has inspired us to develop this into a sustained project where our young people can design, build, and create their own remote control cars. It's an opportunity for them to explore engineering, problem-solving, and hands-on learning in a way that truly captures their imagination.

This project perfectly complements our curriculum and reinforces that not all learning takes place in a classroom. It's about providing unique, meaningful experiences that inspire our young people to think differently, try new things, and discover their potential.

Thank you, Youth Shedz, for helping us create moments that matter and opening the door to endless possibilities.

Gavin Cass, Head of Education, Ysgol Tan Y Gaer

Outreach

We have continued our outreach bus 'Betsi'. This year we have focused on Llandudno Junction and have partnered with North Wales Housing to outreach into ASB hotspots on their estates. Activities carried out on the Bus include Arts and Craft, VR, Drone Flying, Football and other Sports.

Community

The ethos of helping our local communities continues and we have supported Youth Shedderz in their projects to reach the community. Community projects have included but not been limited to:

'Bags of Kindness' Mochdre Sheddres designed and printed little gifts and placed them in a bag with a message of hope and planted in the community for people to find.

‘Winter Warm Packs’ Blaenau Shedderz raised money to create 20 packs that included items to keep warm (hat, gloves, Oodie etc) which were given to people in need in the community.

‘Hoodies with Hope’ Blaenau Shedderz designed and printed hoodies with messages of hope on.

‘Homeless Care Packs’ Joint Shed venture. Shedderz did a sponsored sleep out and made money to make care packs. These were given to a shelter in Rhyl.

Youth Shedz Unplugged - therapeutic outdoor activities including Fit & Fed

We have carried out a range of outdoor activities with the specific aim of getting young people outside away from the Xbox.

Denbigh Youth Shed piloted a fantastic ‘Wellbeing in the Woods’ project as part of Fit and Fed funding provision over the school holidays. Every Tuesday and Friday during school breaks saw the team deliver Forrest School activities at Cai Dai wilderness park. The sessions were fully populated every week with 20 young people taking part.

Other outdoor activities throughout the year included Coarse Fishing, Sea Fishing, Wreck Fishing, Golf Driving Range, Walks, Camping and Abseiling with Eagle House.

Partnership Work

Over the past year we have partnered with:

Dangerpoint – Knife crime VR
Conwy Youth Service
PigTown CIC
FoodShare North Wales
Prestatyn High School
North Wales Housing

Pemaenrhos Pupil Referral Unit
Anglesey Fishing and Sightseeing Tours
Conwy/Denbighshire Youth Justice
Holyhead High School
Denbigh High School
Red Squirrel Trust

1 to 1 Provision

Our 1-to-1 provision offers tailored support for young people unable to attend mainstream school or participate in larger group settings. Designed to meet the needs of neurodiverse individuals and those with offending and/or challenging behaviours, this programme creates a safe and nurturing environment where each young person can develop trust, confidence, and essential skills at their own pace.

Each coordinator works closely with participants attached to their own Youth Shed, aiming to guide them towards transitioning from 1-to-1 sessions into group activities within the wider Youth Shedz community. By fostering personal growth and resilience, we help these young people build brighter futures and meaningful connections.

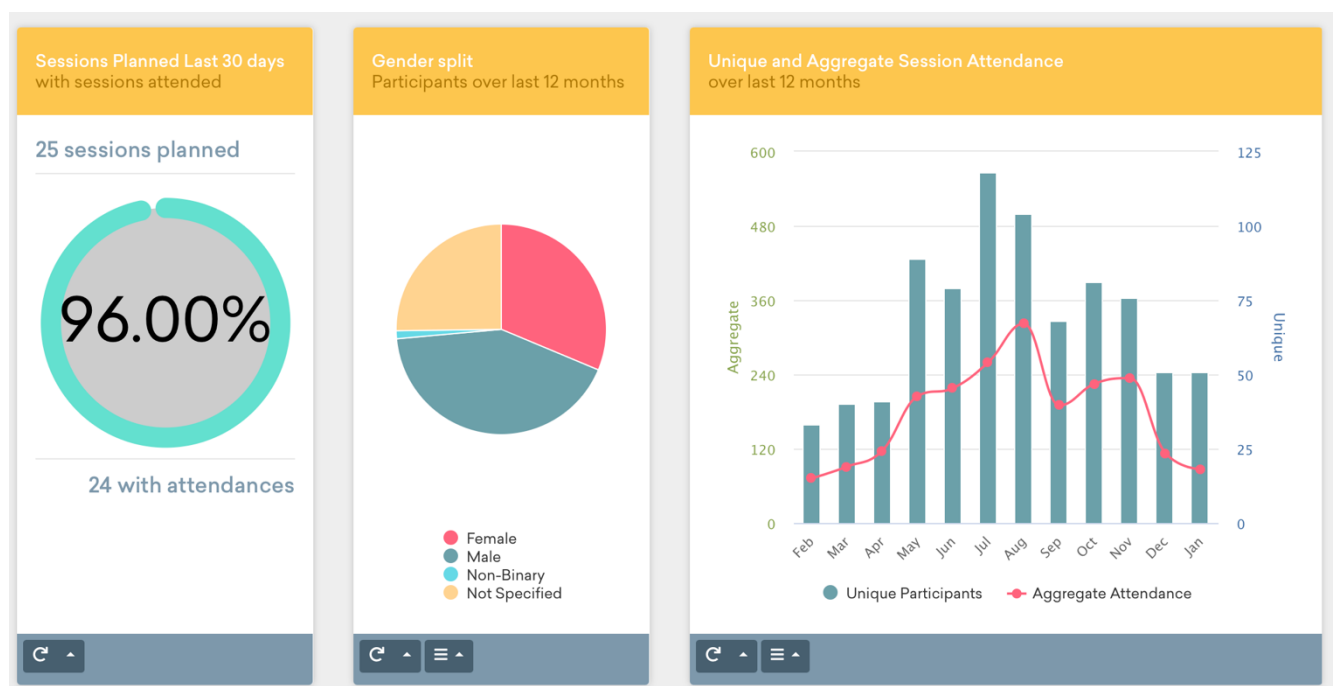
Youth Shedz Business Development/Internal Systems and IT/VIEWS

With thanks to funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation and Denbighshire Key Fund we have been able to develop an internal IT system with IT support for the next 2 years. The system is based on Office 365 which has SharePoint; we are now able to streamline our communications among the expanding team with all resources accessible to all.

We have also invested in the VIEWS monitoring and evaluation system; a high quality system used by the Ministry of Justice for recording all of our data, including: sessions, personal details, session notes and attendances.

Our Year in Numbers from VIEWS monitoring system

Number of session/events over the 12 month period	699
Number of events with partner organisations	69
Aggregated contacts over the 12 month period	2909
Unique attendances at sessions	243
Total percentage of attendance vs non-attendance	97.1 %
Total number of young people registered with Youth Shedz this year	286



Volunteering at Youth Shedz

In the past 12 months the number of active volunteers has doubled from 6 to 12. Of these, 3 have completed their Level 2 Food Hygiene, 3 have completed Fire Safety Training and all have a basic DBS. We have a further 6 volunteers who are our Trustees.

The volunteers range from Fishing Buddies to "Veteran" Shedders ie young people who have been in Youth Shedz themselves, to general supporters for shed sessions. Two of the volunteers act as Shed Champions for Colwyn Bay and have undertaken their Level 2 Youth Work Course in partnership with Youth Shedz and Youth Services Conwy.

Feedback

We have had wonderful feedback and testimony from our shedders (and their parents) on how important Youth Shedz has been for them this year. The local community police have commented that the level of anti-social behaviour has significantly decreased. Various pupils are now attending High School full or part time, rather than being excluded.

Please see our new website www.youthshedz.org.uk and our Facebook page @youthshedzcymru for pictures and more details.

Sample references

My name is Dr Claire Owen, a psychologist with a PhD in child development and a post-graduate certificate in family therapy. I work with young people and their families, addressing the complexities and underlying causes of challenging child behaviour in a compassionate, collaborative approach aimed at fostering positive change and improving long-term outcomes.

In my experience, pathologising young people based solely on their behavioural presentations may not create lasting change. One young person I worked with, who had undergone years of medical intervention such as medication, psychiatry, and psychological input - found far greater benefit from attending Youth Sheds. This initiative provided a space for him to grow towards his own preferred reality, offering a sense of belonging and empowerment that medical settings couldn't replicate.

The team at Youth Shedz, including Scott, Nathan, and Cara, have been instrumental in this transformative process. They helped this young person externalize his difficulties, moving away from a negative, internalized sense of self that kept him stuck in a cycle of psychopathology. As a result, he has been discharged from mental health services and no longer requires medication to manage his symptoms. Not only is he growing, but he is also now actively supporting other young people facing similar challenges.

This kind of community work is essential. Rather than continuing to medicalize young people's experiences, initiatives like Youth Sheds highlight the power of connection and empowerment in fostering growth and resilience. I strongly advocate for additional funding to support this invaluable initiative, as it offers a more holistic and effective alternative to traditional treatment approaches.

Dr Claire Owen
Ph.D. in Applied Psychology
Assistant Psychologist
Systemic Practitioner
Tim Integredig Teuluoedd Lleol/Local Integrated Family Team (LIFT)
Ymyrraeth, Ataliaeth, Iechyd a Lles / Intervention, Prevention, Health and Wellbeing
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol/Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board

I recently contacted Scott at Youth Shedz regarding some boys who were disengaged in school and a couple of the boys were getting into trouble in the community, Scott invited the boys to attend sessions every Friday.

The courses aim is to reduce/educate on ASB/knife crime awareness and county lines, this opportunity has been very beneficial to the boys and they look forward to attending sessions every week. During the sessions they have attended so far, they have built up a really good rapport with Scott and I can see a definite improvement in all pupils.

One of the pupils wrote

“Going to Youth Shedz has helped me gain confidence through speaking to Scott, I enjoy going there because he’s not afraid to tell us the truth and he has real life experience.”

Stuart Howson, Pennaeth Cynorthwyol / Assistant Headteacher, Ysgol Uwchradd Dinbych, Ffordd Rhuthun

Sources of funds

We have raised over £209,000 in grant funding, contracts, and awards. We have received various awards. On the 30 September 2024 we had £102,000 in the bank account with a budgeted annual expenditure of £218,000.

Youth Shedz principal sources of funds at present are donations, grants, and contracts with Housing Associations and High Schools. We are looking in the future for at least 20% of funding to come from contracts and commercial activities.

Principal risks

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees meeting. We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure good safeguarding at all times.

Trustees and meetings

The charity trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the Youth Shedz constitution. The Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to carry out their responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibility

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Martin Harrison	Trustee and Chairman, Youth Shedz Board of Trustees
Peter Caldwell	Trustee
Anthony Jeremy	Trustee
Alex Webster	Trustee
Jo Mathews	Trustee
Sue Colman	Trustee

Scott Jenkinson	Director and CEO
Task Accounting	Independent Financial Examiner



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 28 January 2025



Youth Shedz Cymru

Three Year Strategic Plan

1 October 2024

This strategic plan sets out the overall vision for the development of Youth Shedz Cymru over the next 3 years. Details about our values, activities and individual sheds are given in the Trustees Annual Report.

Youth Shedz aims to reach the most disconnected young people by providing a safe space for young people aged 11 to 18 and 17 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. We also mentor young people aged 20 to 30 who have moved on from care or assisted accommodation and the associated support.

Overall strategic plan

There is a massively increased need across the UK for Youth Shedz and the services we offer. Our main role is to concentrate on the mental health needs of the individual young person in a social setting rather than the needs of the many.

The overall concept for the future growth of Youth Shedz is the licenced Youth Shedz model, with 6 to 8 local Youth Shedz managed by the centre and at least an additional 5 licenced Youth Shedz per year across the UK managed by other charities and youth based organisations. No two Youth Shedz are the same as they develop based on the needs of the young people or 'Shedders'.

In addition to the 6 local Youth Shedz managed by the centre, we might manage up to 2 local Youth Shedz prior to them becoming licenced Youth Shedz or if existing licenced Youth Shedz get into difficulties. We presently have 6 licenced Youth Shedz fully operational, 3 about to start in 2025, and advanced enquiries from a further 12 youth based organisations to set up Youth Shedz in their location. These are across Wales and the North of England.

We have started to set up 3 organisational Youth Shedz Hubs across North Wales: West (Holyhead), Central (Colwyn Bay/Mochdre) and East (Denbigh). The purpose of the hubs is to locate Youth Shedz coordinators in these areas (normally at existing Youth Shedz), so that they have a full understanding of the needs of the local area and can assist with the development of local licenced Youth Shedz.

In 2024 we set up the Community Youth Shed in Mochdre / Colwyn Bay in a leased main street shop unit (1,000 sq ft). This shed is now fully operational and is being used 5 days per week by us and by other local youth based organisations. Our administrative office, equipment store and electrical workshop are located here which gives us an extensive facility for all the local Youth Shedz to use.

The natural life of a Youth Shed is about 3 years before the shedders start to move on and the needs of the next generation take over. We understand and manage this churn. Sometimes the generations mix and there is a continual churn.

Income, expenditure and budget

Budget 3 year	Youth Shedz CIO		Year end 30 September	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
	2024	2025	2026	2027
Income				
Grants and donations (new)	£207,419	£170,000	£215,000	£236,500
Donations	£2,000	£2,100	£2,205	£2,315
Franchise income	£0	£2,550	£4,250	£5,950
Membership income	£0	£1,260	£3,360	£6,300
Total new income	£209,419	£175,910	£224,815	£251,065
Income carried forward	£68,018	£102,008	£72,168	£75,199
Total income	£277,437	£277,918	£296,983	£326,264
Expenditure				
CEO / Scott	£36,177	£38,304	£40,219	£42,230
Charity Manager	£7,200	£11,880	£12,474	£13,098
Administrator & finance	£7,970	£9,579	£13,000	£13,650
Youth Shedz Coordinator	£31,360	£32,928	£34,574	£36,303
Youth Shedz Coordinator (p/t)	£10,868	£21,736	£17,287	£36,303
Assistant Coordinator	£11,017	£15,606	£16,386	£17,206
Assistant Coordinator		£4,092	£16,386	£17,206
Subtotal staff costs	£104,592	£134,125	£150,327	£175,995
HQ expenses	£14,567	£16,000	£16,800	£17,640
Premises costs (Mochdre + Cybi)	£10,000	£12,000	£12,600	£13,230
ICT, VR & equipment	£19,008	£15,000	£12,000	£12,600
Shed expenses	£27,262	£28,625	£30,056	£31,559
Total expenditure	£175,429	£205,750	£221,784	£251,025
Net income for the year	£33,990	-£29,840	£3,031	£41
Net income carried forward	£102,008	£72,168	£75,199	£75,240
Bank balance 30 September	£102,008	£72,168	£75,199	£75,240
Fixed assets	£16,100	£16,100	£16,100	£16,100
Percentage increase		5%	5%	5%
Staff numbers full time equivalent	4	4.2	4.2	4.2
No of shedz	6	6	6	6
Av expenses per shed	£4,544	£4,771	£5,009	£5,260
No of licenced shedz	0	3	8	15

Our expenditure to September 2024 was £175,429 with 3 full time and 3 part time staff. We expect to grow to £250,000 by 2027 with 3 full time and 4 part time staff and then stay at around this level (plus inflation). This equates to at least 22 person days per week for paid manager / coordinators / assistants / administrator supported by 12 person days per week of volunteers' time.

We expect the funding to be split £176,000 in grants, £60,000 in contracts (schools and housing associations etc), £3,000 in awards and donations and £12,000 in licenced Youth Shedz income. We will apply for larger grants spread over two years or more, as well as some smaller grants.

Trustees and Organisational Chart

The Youth Shedz organisational chart and responsibilities include:

Chairman, volunteer, strategy, income and grants, finance, TAR.

Trustee Treasurer, volunteer, finance, approval of major expenditures, accounts, bank signature.

Trustee Safeguarding, volunteer, Jo.

Operations Director, Scott. General management, activities, and licenced Youth Shedz.

Charity Manager (finance), 1 days per week. General administration, grants, financial.

Administrator, 3 days per week. Safeguarding, people HR, volunteers, accounts, office, H&S.

Youth Shedz Coordinator, full time. Coordinate the existing and new shedz, East Hub.

Youth Shedz Coordinator, full time. Coordinate the existing and new shedz, West Hub.

Youth Shedz Assistant, 3 days per week. Youth Shedz projects and office activities.

Youth Shedz Assistant, 1 day per week. Youth Shedz projects and sheds.

The Youth Shedz governance is controlled by the Board of Trustees. We presently have 5 trustees. We will appoint two additional trustees. We expect all trustees to be local and actively involved in Youth Shedz activities. The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

The Board of Trustees will:

- Elect a new Chairperson as Martin is resigning and moving to Cardiff (grandchildren).
- Appoint a Treasurer who should be a Trustee. The Treasurer's role is financial oversight, eg review and approve the accounts, bank statements, expenses, grants, expenditure, and financial processes once a quarter.

We will build up an active group of volunteers and include them as part of our team. We will fully support our volunteers with training, involvement, recognition, and tee shirts with our logo etc

We hold staff management meetings once a week, strategy meetings once a month and Board meetings once a quarter. We will arrange an annual Shedfest for all present and past shedders.

Services

We expect our services to be split: 45% with the 11 to 18 aged shedders, 50% with the older 17 to 25 aged shedders and 5% with the older 20 to 30 aged ex-shedders. We have started to recognise an increase in need for those who have moved on from temporary accommodation and/or care, and the support that comes with it. We hope to offer more wrap around care and targeted access to volunteering and employability. The age range is 20 to 30 year olds.

We will continue to develop the following services:

- Youth Shedz at more housing association supported accommodation units and in prisons
- Engagement programs and employability skills training with Career Wales
- Helping High Schools with pupils in danger of exclusion

We have been gifted, by Grwp Cynefin, a large Vauxhall Movano van which has been fully fitted out as a mobile meeting room with a diesel heater. This is our Betzi Mobile Youth Shedz which is very useful when setting up new Youth Shedz. We use Betzi about 3 times per week.

We will continue to develop the Community Youth Shed in Mochdre / Colwyn Bay as a resource for our Youth Shedz, the local licenced Youth Shedz and other local youth based organisations.

We have a significant amount of equipment which has been grant funded. We will ensure that this equipment is fully itemised, utilised and maintained. We have set up a workshop in our new Community Youth Shed in Mochdre and in our Cybi Youth Shedz in Holyhead. We will set up the equivalent resource in our east Hub when it is established.

We will develop close working relationships with other organisations, including Youth Services. We will develop the partnership model and aim to have an active partner at each Youth Shed. We will set up and help fund joint venture projects and activities with other youth organisations.

Our activities with the shedders are roughly be split into 7 areas.

Outdoor activities including golf, fishing, cycling, camping, DoE, etc.

Creative activities including writing, art, music, drama etc.

Digital and VR activities. Drone and camera equipment.

Community activities.

Workshop activities including tee shirts, 3d printing, bikes etc.

One to one support.

Food, cooking, eating, health and wellbeing, budgeting.

We will continue to develop the Youth Shedz Online activities including Facebook and zoom meetings etc. We expect that about 10% of Youth Shedz activities will take place online rather than physically meeting. We have issued the Youth Shedz Online Policy.

We will continue to develop the VR experience as this is a very popular way of interacting with the young people. We will start to charge for the VR activities, when the receiving organisation can afford it, eg schools.

We have been carrying out mobile outreach to the community and providing 1 to 1 support for those shedders that need it. This 1 to 1 support is vitally needed and is now a significant part of our activities.

Licenced Youth Shedz

We have a significant responsibility as the licensor to support the licensed Youth Shedz including:

- Issuing and updating the Youth Shedz Franchise Toolkit, Model Policies and Procedures, Risk Assessments and Method Statements, and Safeguarding processes.
- Ensuring that the Youth Shedz Principles are embedded and conducting a yearly audit of them.
- Helping with and moderating as appropriate with Social Media.
- Running the annual Shedfest for all of the sheds.
- Being available to mentor the licenced Youth Shedz and to take a more active role if need be.

General

Youth Shedz does not have a formal set of objectives which we can measure, as most of our outcomes are either soft or result in something not happening, eg lack of anti-social behaviour or a young person not being excluded from the local school. The Community Police, the local community and the shedders themselves and their parents and guardians will be the formal judges of the success, value, and impact of the Youth Sheds. and we work closely with them and other local partners to ensure that each Youth Shed is making a significant difference to the local young people.

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees and management meeting. We will continue to develop and follow all of our policy documents and to engage with 31:8.

We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure the following at all times:

- Good safeguarding
- Appropriate and relevant risk assessments and method statements
- Good health and safety and hygiene attitudes and practices
- Transparent financial controls

We aim to get at least two awards each year. We aim to get very positive feedback from the local communities, police, and schools etc on the progress our shedders have made.

YOUTH SHEDZ

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered charity No: 1184146**

www.youthshedz.org.uk

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

YOUTH SHEDZ CIO

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

History

Youth Shedz was started in 2017 by 4:28 Training (sole trader) / Scott Jenkinson as a training project and in October 2018 we set up the Youth Shedz Board of Trustees and Youth Shedz Ltd (company limited by guarantee). In June 2019 we became a registered charity and started operating as Youth Shedz CIO on the 3 September 2020. Youth Shedz Ltd is now a dormant company.

Our expenditure to September 2024 was £175,429 with 3 full time and 3 part time staff, up from £101,681 in 2023. We expect to grow to £206,000 in 2025 with 3 full time and 3 part time staff.

Status

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 28 June 2019, number 1184146

Principal address

37 Bryn Marl Road, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL28 5EA

Charity Objects

To advance in life and help young people in the UK through the provision of facilities in which they can meet to undertake, jointly or individually, creative, physical, or recreational activities and learn to pass on skills and knowledge so as to develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature, and responsible individuals.

Charity Trustees

Martin Harrison (Chairman)

Peter Caldwell

Anthony Jeremy

Alex Webster

Jo Mathews

Sue Colman

Bankers

HSBC UK, Llandudno

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts to the Trustees of Youth Shedz

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Youth Shedz CIO (Charity No 1184146) for the 12 months to 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 and that:

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts did accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did 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.

Signature



Name Jamie Northcott

Date 28th July 2025

Qualifications FFA FIPA

Address Task Accounting Limited, Commodore House, 51 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay,
Conwy, LL29 7AW.

**Youth Shedz CIO
Income & Expenditure**

**Financial Statements
1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024**

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 24	Total funds to 30 Sept 23
Income carried forward						
Awards & donations		£11,521	£20,000	£12,825	£44,347	
Moondance				£23,671	£23,671	
Income carried forward	1	£11,521	£20,000	£36,496	£68,018	£38,628
New income during period						
Awards, donations & small grants		£1,078		£6,884	£7,962	
Conwy Council UKSPS				£18,388	£18,388	
Streetgames				£4,000	£4,000	
Neumark Foundation				£32,087	£32,087	
South Wales Police Aces				£3,750	£3,750	
North Wales Police Commissioner				£12,186	£12,186	
Cloceanog windfarm				£10,000	£10,000	
Neumark Foundation, Danger point				£7,037	£7,037	
GYM				£25,000	£25,000	
Rhyl Flats windfarm				£10,000	£10,000	
DVSC IT Levelling up fund				£20,000	£20,000	
PACT / YCYC				£2,500	£2,500	
Lloyds Bank Foundation		£15,000	£10,000		£25,000	
Postcode Community Trust			£25,000		£25,000	
NFU			£6,509		£6,509	
Sub total new income		£16,078	£41,509	£151,832	£209,419	£131,071
Expenditure during period						
HQ expenses		£14,567	£0	£0	£14,567	£24,236
Salaries and contractors			£8,419	£4,100	£92,073	£104,592
ICT, VR & equipment		£1,745	£408	£16,855	£19,008	£5,983
Shed expenses		£0	£12,058	£25,203	£37,261	£15,214
Total expenditure during period		£24,732	£16,566	£134,130	£175,429	£101,681
Net income for the year		-£8,654	£24,943	£17,702	£33,990	£29,390
Net income carried forward	1	£2,867	£44,943	£54,198	£102,008	£68,018

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 24	Total funds to 30 Sept 23
Net income carried forward	1, 2	£2,867	£44,943	£54,198	£102,008	£68,018
Cash in bank		£2,867	£44,943	£54,198	£102,008	£68,018
Fixed assets	4			£16,100	£16,100	£13,800

Youth Shedz has no other realisable assets, creditors or debtors.

The Designated Funds are Unrestricted Funds used for working capital and for shed activities between grants

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

- 1 The Financial Statements include all income and expenditure for the 12 months to 30 September 2024.
- 2 These accounts have been prepared in accordance with SORP FRS 102 regulations using the accrual basis which in our accounts is the same as the income and expenditure basis, see notes 3 and 4 below.
- 3 We have split our unrestricted funds into unrestricted funds and designated funds. This reflects the level of unrestricted funds that we have been given which have been allocated for specific projects and activities.
- 4 Youth Shedz has been given, either directly or via grant funding various fixed assets with an estimated realisable value of £16,100. A separate Fixed Asset Register has been issued and independently examined. These assets cannot be sold without written permission from the donor and any proceeds have to be used for charitable purposes.
- 5 Any other assets owned by Youth Shedz are of no significant realisable value. Youth Shedz has no significant debtors or creditors at the end of each month and all financial transactions go through the main bank account.
- 6 Youth Shedz policy for holding reserves is to ensure that the cash reserves after all liabilities do not drop below 3 months expenditure or £40,000 and that Youth Shedz does not take on any long term liabilities, loan, debts, or overdrafts.
- 7 Scott Jenkinson is the CEO of Youth Shedz and operates as a sole trader under the name 4:28 Training. During the year, the charity paid £71,375 to 4:28 Training for contracted services and expenses which are related party transactions. This arrangement was approved by the unconflicted trustees in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy. The services were provided on normal market terms. Scott was not involved in the decision-making or approval process relating to these payments.
- 8 Youth Shedz holds the restricted funds on behalf of the donors and ensures that these funds are only used for their intended and stated purpose. A separate Restricted Funding Report has been issued and independently examined.
- 9 These accounts will be independently examined and then approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Martin Harrison, Chairman.



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 24 July 2025

YOUTH SHEDZ

England & Wales - Charity number 1184146

Accounts



Youth Shedz

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

Youth Shedz Cymru Mission

Youth Shedz Cymru is dedicated to fostering a nurturing and inclusive community where young minds are inspired, skills are honed, and potential is unleashed. Through collaboration, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, we aim to provide a supportive space where young people can grow, learn, and thrive as they embark on their unique journeys toward personal and collective success.

Youth Shedz Cymru Core Values

These values define who we are and guide us in our mission to empower the youth through Youth Shedz Cymru.

Empowerment. We believe in empowering young individuals to discover their strengths, passions, and potential, fostering a sense of agency and confidence in their abilities.

Inclusivity. We embrace diversity and ensure that all young people, regardless of background, gender, or abilities, feel welcomed, respected, and valued within our community.

Collaboration. We promote teamwork, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, creating an environment where young minds can learn from one another and collectively achieve greater outcomes.

Creativity. We encourage creative thinking and innovation, providing a space where young people can explore new ideas, experiment, and express themselves freely.

Respect. We cultivate a culture of respect for oneself, others, and the environment, nurturing empathy and positive relationships among our youth participants.

Learning. We are committed to continuous learning and skill development, offering opportunities for hands-on experiences and practical knowledge that prepares young people for a successful future.

Community. We foster a strong sense of community, where meaningful connections are formed, and young people are encouraged to contribute positively to society.

Safety. We prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants, maintaining a secure and supportive environment where everyone can explore, learn, and grow without fear.

Youth Shedz

Youth Shedz aims to reach the most disconnected young people by providing a safe space for young people aged 11 to 18 and 17 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. We also mentor young people aged 20 to 30 who have moved on from care or assisted accommodation and the associated support.

A key principle of the project is that there are no criteria to participation. This is underpinned by an asset based community development approach, leveraging the internal strengths within the community.

Each Youth Shed is co-produced by the participants who are supported and facilitated to test out a range of ideas and concepts which in turn help them to build healthier, fulfilling and more stable lives. Youth Shedz supports young people to develop resilience, improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce social isolation, and promote positive mental health and physical well-being.

Youth Shedz provides a nurturing, safe environment where young people can learn and test a range of both life and employability skills. These range from team working, planning, decision making, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship as well as a range of practical skills such as bike restoration and woodworking etc.

Who we work with and what are their needs

Youth Shedz is about helping individual disconnected young people in a group social settings as well as in an individual social settings. It is about helping individuals and groups of individuals to reconnect with society.

Youth Shedz is not a youth club; we work with vulnerable and disconnected young people who would often, initially, be excluded from a youth club. We provide one to one attention as well as group attention. Our Youth Shed models include operating in partnership with a Youth Club, a High School or with another youth based organisation.

The optimum size of a Youth Shed is 4 growing to 10 Sheddors of either 13 to 18 year olds or 17 to 25 year olds. A full time Youth Shed Coordinator / manager can only realistically be involved with up to 4 sheds and 24 shedders. Above this number, they would be spread too thinly.

A lot of behaviour can be attributed to Adverse Childhood Experiences, so “bad behaviour” can be a trauma response to unprocessed grief, loss, dealing with family issues related to substance misuse, crime or poverty. We regard issues with an individual shedder or groups of shedders as opportunities for learning and training rather than a threat or a reason for exclusion. We look to help rather than to punish.

All trustees, staff and volunteers go through in-depth vetting and safeguarding to ensure that they are suitable to work with vulnerable young people.

Objectives and Outcomes

Youth Shedz does not have a formal set of objectives which we can measure, as most of our outcomes are either soft or result in something not happening, eg lack of anti-social behaviour or a young person not being excluded from the local school. We try and record the many pro-social activities that the shedders carry out.

The Community Police, the High Schools and the local community will be the formal judges of the success, value and impact of the Youth Sheds and we work closely with them and other local partners to ensure that each Youth Shed is making a significant difference to the local young people.

The informal judges will be the shedders (young people) themselves as they continue to participate in the activities of their local Youth Shed and come to accept the Youth Shed Foundation Principles as their values in life.

Positive Partnerships

A lot of the young people we help are referred to us by the local high schools, Community Police, church groups, other youth services (such as Youth Justice, Young Offenders, or Young Carers Groups), or local Housing Associations. We work with these other agencies to make contact with the young people, and offer input and support around ideas of how to make a difference for them and the community.

Schools, homeless prevention units, police, parents, and carers consistently report that over time, behavioural changes are positive, and that the young person is able to function in school or society more successfully following a time at Youth Shedz. We aim to develop excellent relationships and a good reputation across North Wales with these agencies and groups.

Awards

Street Games North Wales Mental Health and Wellbeing Award 2023

Street Games North Wales Doorstop Sports Project of the Year Award 2023

Street Games Wales Best Youth Lead Mental Health Award, National Inspire Awards 2022

High Sheriff Crime Beat 'Project of the Year' 2020

Your Community Your Choice awards in 2021 and 2022

Police and Crime Commission Rehabilitation Award 2019

Runner-up, Steve Morgan Foundation award for Changing Young Lives

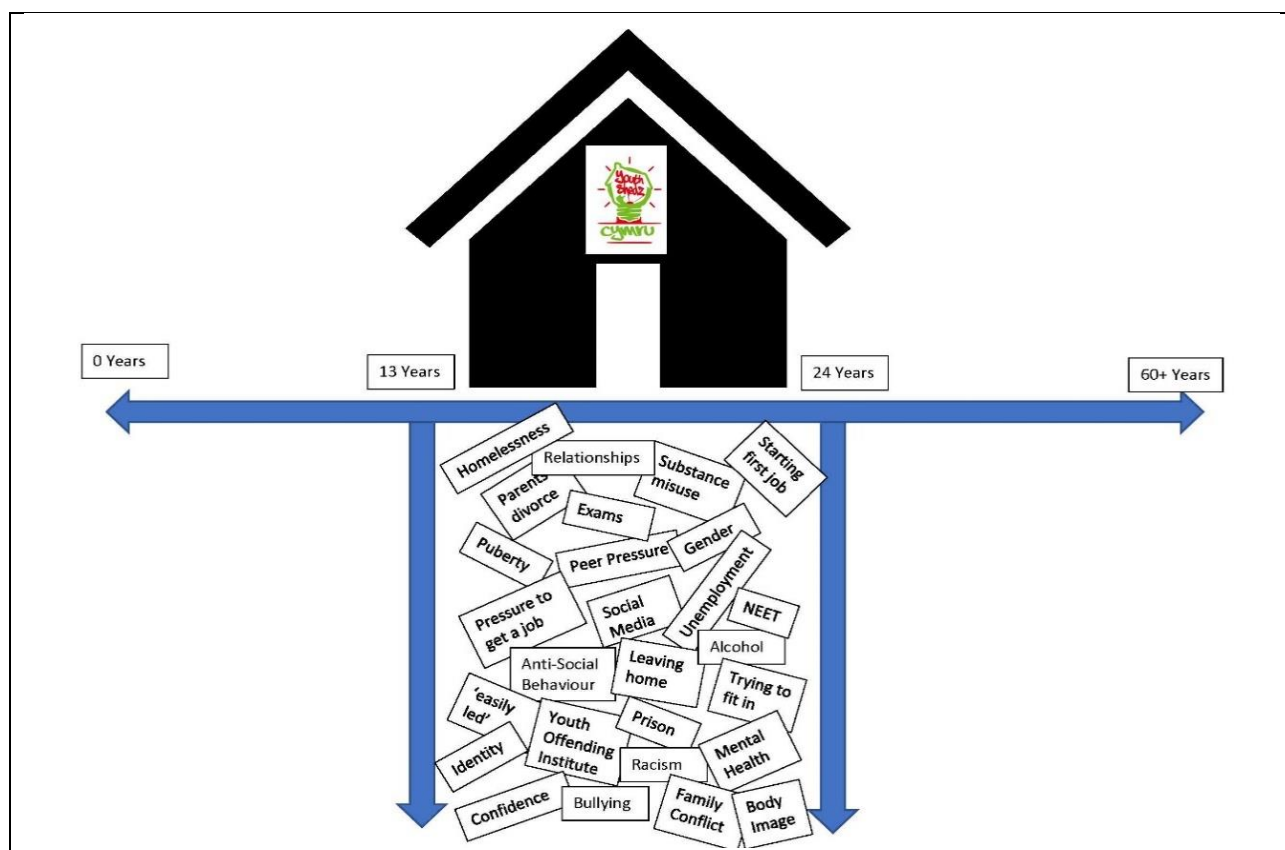
UK Housing Award 2019 for Homeless Project of the Year

Clwyd High Sherriff Award 2019

Youth Shedz Foundation Principles

Our Space, Our Place, Our Future!

- 1 We beg, we borrow, but we DO NOT steal
- 2 Everybody matters – everybody is valued
- 3 There has to be give and take, it's not a one way street
- 4 We live for the moment, but we plan for tomorrow
- 5 We accept and we are accepted
- 6 We create a safe and secure space where people can turn to
- 7 We leave a legacy for other young people to be a part of
- 8 We serve our community not just ourselves
- 9 We might not have skills – but we will learn the skills we need
- 10 We eat together, we BE together
- 11 We enjoy the journey together, the highs and the lows
- 12 No pressure doesn't mean no commitment



Review of activities undertaken for the Public Benefit, 2022 / 2023

This past year has presented Youth Shedz with enormous opportunities to really make a difference to the young people in Wales and to help them to grow during these challenging times. The biggest issue with young people is mental health and Youth Shedz has helped considerably with this.

The main purpose of Youth Shedz is to support those Young People who are being rejected by or cannot cope with mainstream society, normally because of adverse childhood experiences.

We have carried out a review of what has happened to the original 21 shedders we first started to help 5 years ago. At least 18 of them are now either back at college or are in full time or part time employment. Most of these shedders were referred to us by the community police or the housing associations.

We have now moved onto the next generation of shedders, while still keeping in touch with the original shedders and supporting them when there is a need. The feedback that we have received indicates that Youth Shedz has had a significant and life changing effect on these young people and enabled them to re-join and cope with normal society, with a strong set of life principles.

We have gone mobile. We have been gifted, by Grwp Cynefin, a large Vauxhall Movano van which has been fully fitted out as a mobile meeting room with a diesel heater. This is our Betsi Mobile Youth Shedz.

We have gone down the licenced Youth Shedz route and have issued the Youth Shedz Toolkit. We now have 6 licenced Youth Shedz fully up and running including:

- Llysfaen (Llysfaen Football Club)
- Rhyl (Brighter Futures)
- Abergele (Abergele Community Action)
- Prestatyn High
- Ynyswen Primary School
- Colwyn Bay (Together4Colwyn Bay).

We have an additional 3 licenced Youth Shedz at an advanced development stage and a further 10 serious enquiries for licenced Youth Shedz across Wales and the rest of the UK.

Individual Youth Shedz

Denbigh Youth Shed, based in the Grwp Cynefin (Housing Association) assisted living building. Up to 6 residential, 8 non-residential 18 to 25 year old shedders. Part funded by Grwp Cynefin. Lots of activities going on (and lots of issues with the shedders). We need to look at the Social Prescribing Model for future activities. There is a massive anti-social behaviour problem in Denbigh at this time.

Kinmel Bay Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at Kinmel Bay Church (KBC). The original shedders now have jobs and the Youth Shed is moving onto the next generation, while continuing to support the original shedders. The sheds are being used by KBC and others for their local youth and looked after children activities, in conjunction with Youth Shedz. We are providing 4 shedders with weekly one to one mentoring after referrals from the local police and schools. We want to grow this shed as there is significant local need.

Blaenau Ffestiniog Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at the Community Centre and run in conjunction with Gisda. This is a Welsh language shed and the 12 to 15 shedders (aged 18 to 25) are passionate about their local community and are delivering community based activities. We will need more local Welsh speaking volunteers.

Llandudno Junction Youth Shed. During the summer this Youth Shed was based around outdoor activities, using our van, Betsi Mobile. We have been working with the community police helping 15 of the more vulnerable young people (aged 11 to 16) with 7 core shedders.

Betsi Mobile Youth Shed is being well used and is a major asset to us as it enables initial engagement and ongoing outreach activities with other voluntary organisations, mainly using VR. We are also doing joint activities with Youth Justice, Housing Associations and North Wales Police.

School work

Excluded High School pupils. Over the past year, we have helped small numbers of pupils from various local High Schools who are in danger of exclusion from the school. We have had some good successes with increased school attendance and significant reduction in disruptive behaviour. We are looking to expand this service to other high schools in the area. One of our newest licenced Youth Shedz is based in Prestatyn High School.

County Lines and Knife Crime. This is about drugs and gangs among young people. We have been active in various schools across North Wales and the Northwest of England. Last year our Shedderz have made a VR interactive film about County Lines which was a great success and this year we are partnering with Safety Centre - DangerPoint to develop more VR interactive films covering knife crime, bullying and mental health.

Licenced Youth Shedz

Abergele Youth Shed is run under licence by Abergele Community Action (Itaca). There are up to 40 shedders as a youth club model attached to the High School, 13 to 18 years old.

Holyhead High School. This has been a 2 hour session once a week for 4 disruptive year 9 pupils. The outcomes have been good. The school is funding our involvement. We want this shed to become a licenced Youth Shed and to be run by the school. We are also discussing a potential Holyhead Youth Shed in the town, to be run under licence.

Llysfaen Youth Shed is run under licence by Llysfaen Football Club. The shed is now very active.

Coleg y Cymoedd has started two Shedz on different campuses in South Wales. We recently went down in Betsi to present Shedderz and Staff with their hoodies. It has been agreed to support via regular Zoom meetings as they establish themselves.

Ynyswen Primary School has started to meet with small groups of youngsters identified as having significant ACES. This shed is at the early stages of development with ongoing zooms going forward.

Rhos on Sea Youth Shedz continues with weekly Betsi outreach whilst Creating Enterprise tries to secure land for a physical shed.

Rhyl. A new shed plant this year in partnership with Brighter Futures. Meeting weekly with a small group of youngsters, this shed is delivered by one of our former volunteers from Kinnel Bay.

Flintshire (Buckley, Broughton and Connors Quay). We have been organising meetings with local councillors, Police and potential partnership organisations who have expressed an interest in establishing their own licenced Youth Shed using the toolkit. This is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Andy Dunbobbin. Buckley meets fortnightly with PCSO and Youth Shedz Staff.

Colwyn Bay. A new shed plant this year in partnership with Together 4 Colwyn Bay, meeting fortnightly to support a small group of youngsters who have struggled to attend their Next Gen Youth Club.

Activities Report

The Virtual Reality (VR) projects are going well and are very popular with the shedders (and the trustees and volunteers). Youth Shedz is creating our own VR experience and has built an interactive VR meeting and activities suite as well as developing a strong Safeguarding policy and principles for use in the VR environment. Our VR projects aim to remove barriers to engagement of young people who may not be able to visit the traditional Youth Shed due to disability and other factors.

We are looking to expand our creative arts activities, including writing and art. We have purchased digital sign making equipment and a 3D digital printer in order to encourage the creative abilities of our shedders. Our shedders are now also making all of their own merchandise, printing Youth Shedz mugs and hoodies etc, creating enterprise, and developing employability skills. We have purchased a drone and camera equipment to expand the range of creative opportunities.

We have been carrying out mobile outreach to the community and providing 1 to 1 support for those shedders that need it. This 1 to 1 support is vitally needed and is now a major part of our activities.

The ethos of helping our local communities continues and we have supported Youth Shedderz in their projects to reach the community, including fund raising activities. Shedderz have chosen to fund raise for the homeless this year, they have carried out numerous 'tidy up' activities around their communities, and they have restored old bicycles to give to children who don't have them including those displaced by the war in Ukraine.

We have carried out a range of outdoor activities with the specific aim of getting young people outside away from the Xbox. These include evening football matched and barbeques, fishing, sailing, and paddle boarding at the local sailing club, etc. We are organising another Shedfest for March 2024 which will be a day of mainly outdoor activities for over 60 shedders.

January to March this year we piloted a project 'Don't Get Sent Off' in partnership with StreetGames Wales and the Ministry of Justice. 'Don't Get Sent Off' used a new theory of change model developed by Loughborough University. This was a targeted intervention aimed at youngsters considered in the 2nd tier of offending behaviour and intervention. This was hugely successful and resulted in us winning an award for our work.

As part of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners office for the Futures Without Violence agenda we have been working closely with Youth Justice and Police delivering targeted interventions to youngsters involved in knife crime and County Lines. As part of this work we have created a

campaign called #prosocialbehaviour - using social media to promote the good things these kids have been doing for their community to help develop their pro social sense of identity.

We are hoping that this year we will be able to focus on the Employability Skills delivery as a Traineeship, especially for the 17 to 25 age range.

We have raised over £131,000 in grant funding, contracts, and awards. We have received various awards. On the 30 September 2023 we had £68,000 in the bank account with a budgeted annual expenditure of £161,000.

We now employ or contract the Youth Shedz Director, two excellent part time staff who started as volunteers and 10 active volunteers. One of our staff started as a Youth Shedder. We have recruited a new Youth Shedz Coordinator who started on the 1 October 2023 and is funded by a grant from the Neumark Foundation. We are looking to extend their work and to recruit two more youth workers, as well as a Charity Manager.

We have had wonderful feedback and testimony from our shedders (and their parents) of how important Youth Shedz has been for them this year. The local community police have commented that the level of anti-social behaviour has significantly decreased. Various pupils are now attending High School full or part time, rather than being excluded.

Please see our website www.youthshedz.com and our Facebook page @youthshedzcymru for pictures and more details.

Sample references

When I first started in Holyhead as Community Beat Manager we had major problems of ASB with a group of males. I was aware they had started working with you at youth shedz and sat with them one afternoon showing the face book posts about their sponsored bike ride and their issue of named hoodies. I told them I was so proud of them and expected more of their good behaviour in the community.

This helped with my engagement with them and to this date I have to say there has been a vast improvement, they are absolutely fantastic. They engage with my talks about knife crime in the local Hive, they take time to speak with me when out on patrol and we have just been discussing the possibility of a youth hub which they will assist in setting up, decorating and running, (obviously with supervision).

I now have the task of another large group taking over Holyhead, there are approximately 8-10 causing absolute mayhem, all are approximately 12 years old. I am hoping to work with you and the team in engaging with these youths who need to find respect in themselves before addressing respect in the community.

Keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you,

Lisa

Lisa Jane Thomas
Cwnstabl Heddlu/Police Constable 214
Tîm Plismona Cymdogaeth/Neighbourhood Policing Team
Gorsaf Heddlu Holyhead Police Station
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Denbigh Youth Project referred HS to Youth Shedz as he was low in self-esteem and had been permanently excluded from school due to some issues with his mental health and anger. HS worked with Youth Shedz and moved school.

His attendance improved and he sat some GCSEs, his mental health improved and he was more motivated, confident and happy.

HS has now left school and gone onto military training college and he has the option to continue with our support as well as Youth Shedz. The joint working allowed us to support HS in a way that was meaningful for him and gave him a space to develop and build his self esteem back up.

Rachel Jones
Family and Young Person Liaison Worker

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Youth Shedz has been an invaluable partner in our efforts to engage and enrich the lives of our community's youth. Sonia and the VR headsets have been a game-changing addition to our monthly gaming club, and I personally have learned a lot from Sonia through her experience working with young people.

The gaming club is a space where kids (who often have difficulties interacting with others) can come and be themselves, at the same time as being exposed to cutting-edge technology that they may not have otherwise had access to.

The county lines game designed and created by Youth Shedz has been a particular hit, with participants eager to experience the immersive and educational gameplay. We are grateful for Youth Shedz's dedication to our community and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Georgia Coleman Together for Colwyn Bay

Sources of funds

Youth Shedz principal sources of funds at present are donations, grants, and contracts with Housing Associations and High Schools. We are looking in the future for at least 20% of funding to come from contracts and commercial activities.

Principal risks

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees meeting. We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure good safeguarding at all times.

Trustees and meetings

The charity trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the Youth Shedz constitution. The Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to carry out their responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibility

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Martin Harrison	Chairman, Youth Shedz Board of Trustees
Peter Caldwell	Trustee
Anthony Jeremy	Trustee
Alex Webster	Trustee
Jo Mathews	Trustee
Scott Jenkinson	Director
	Independent Financial Examiner



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 3 June 2024



Youth Shedz Cymru

Three Year Strategic Plan

1 October 2023

This strategic plan sets out the overall vision for the development of Youth Shedz Cymru over the next 3 years. Details about our values, activities and individual sheds are given in the Trustees Annual Report.

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Overall strategic plan

There is a massively increased need across the UK for Youth Shedz and the services we offer. Our main role is to concentrate on the mental health needs of the individual young person in a social setting rather than the needs of the many.

The overall concept for the future growth of Youth Shedz is the licenced Youth Shedz model, with 6 local Youth Shedz managed by the centre and at least an additional 5 licenced Youth Shedz per year across the UK managed by other charities and youth based organisations. No two Youth Shedz are the same as they develop based on the needs of the young people or 'Shedders'.

In addition to the 6 local Youth Shedz managed by the centre, we might manage up to 2 local Youth Shedz prior to them becoming licenced Youth Shedz or if existing licenced Youth Shedz get into difficulties. We presently have 3 licenced Youth Shedz fully operational, 3 about to start in 2024, and advanced enquiries from a further 18 youth based organisations to set up Youth Shedz in their location. These are across Wales and the North of England.

We will set up 3 organisational Youth Shedz Hubs across North Wales, West (Holyhead), Central (Colwyn Bay/Mochdre) and East (Denbigh). The purpose of the hubs is to locate Youth Shedz staff in these areas (normally at existing Youth Shedz), so that they have a full understanding of the needs of the local area and can assist with the development of local licenced Youth Shedz.

We are in the process of setting up a Community Youth Shed in Mochdre / Colwyn Bay in a main street shop unit (500 + 500 sq ft). This will give us a facility to further develop the Youth Shedz service models as well as enable us to provide more one to one services in a private setting. Our administrative office and equipment store will be located here.

The natural life of a Youth Shed is about 3 years before the shedders start to move on and the needs of the next generation take over. We understand and manage this churn. Sometimes the generations mix and there is a continual churn.

Income, expenditure and budget

Our expenditure to September 2023 was £101,681 with 1 full time and 2 part time staff. We expect to grow to £230,000 by 2026 with 2 full time and 4 part time staff and then stay at around this level (plus inflation). This equates to at least 20 person days per week for paid manager / coordinators / assistants / administrator supported by 10 person days per week of volunteers' time.

We expect the funding to be split £200,000 in grants, £10,000 in awards and donations and £20,000 in contracts (schools and housing associations etc). We will apply for larger grants spread over two years or more, as well as some smaller grants.

Budget 3 year	Youth Shedz CIO		Year end 30 September	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Income				
Income carried forward	£38,628	£68,018	£72,594	£76,259
Grants and donations (new)	£131,071	£170,000	£205,000	£230,000
Total income	£169,699	£238,018	£277,594	£306,259
Expenditure				
HQ expenses and Mochdre unit	£8,124	£12,000	£12,720	£13,483
HQ & Shed salaries and contractors	£56,248	£111,371	£134,657	£148,832
Van, Betzi	£1,011	£1,071	£1,136	£1,204
ICT, VR & equipment	£5,984	£6,343	£6,723	£7,127
Shed expenses	£15,214	£19,969	£25,160	£26,418
Licenced shedz and partners	£15,101	£14,670	£20,938	£27,931
Total expenditure	£101,681	£165,424	£201,335	£224,994
Net income for the year	£29,390	£4,576	£3,665	£5,006
Net income carried forward	£68,018	£72,594	£76,259	£81,265
Bank balance 30 September	£68,018	£72,594	£76,259	£81,265
Fixed assets	£13,800	£13,800	£13,800	£13,800
Percentage increase		6%	6%	6%
Staff numbers full time equivalent	1.8	3.3	3.8	4
Average staff costs	£31,249	£33,749	£35,436	£37,208
No of shedz	4	5	6	6
Av expenses per shed	£3,804	£3,994	£4,193	£4,403
No of licenced shedz	3	7	12	17
Av expenses per licenced shed	£1,034	£1,096	£1,162	£1,231
Partner / JV expenses	£12,000	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000

Trustees and Organisational Chart

The Youth Shedz organisational chart and responsibilities include:

Chairman, volunteer, Martin. Strategy, finance, approval of major expenditures, TAR.

Trustee Treasurer, volunteer, approval of accounts.

Trustee Safeguarding, Jo.

Youth Shed Director, Scott. General management, activities, and licenced Youth Shedz.

Charity Manager (finance), 3 days per week. General administration, grants, financial, office, H&S.

Charity Manager (people), 1.5 days per week, Sian. Safeguarding, people, volunteers, licenced YS.

Youth Shedz Coordinator, full time, Cara. Coordinate the existing and new shedz, creative arts.

Youth Shedz Assistant, 3 days per week, Sonia. Youth Shedz projects and office activities.

Youth Shedz Coordinator, 3 days per week. Coordinate the existing and new shedz.

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The Youth Shedz governance is controlled by the Board of Trustees. We presently have 5 trustees. We will appoint two additional trustees. We expect all trustees to be local and actively involved in Youth Shedz activities. The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

The Chairman Youth Shedz Board of Trustees will continue in the CEO role, including the bank signature responsibilities and approval of all grants and expenditures for later ratification by the board. We will appoint a Treasurer who should be a Trustee. The Treasurer's role is financial oversight, eg review and approve the accounts, bank statements, expenses, grants, expenditure, and financial processes once a quarter.

We will build up an active group of volunteers and include them as part of our team. We will fully support our volunteers with training, involvement, recognition, and tee shirts with our logo etc

Services

We expect our services to be split: 45% with the 11 to 18 aged shedders, 50% with the older 17 to 25 aged shedders and 5% with the older 20 to 30 aged ex-shedders. We have started to recognise an increase in need for those who have moved on from temporary accommodation and/or care, and the support that comes with it. We hope to offer more wrap around care and targeted access to volunteering and employability. The age range is 20 to 30 year olds.

We will hold minuted management meetings once a week and Board meetings once a quarter. We will arrange an annual Shedfest for all present and past shedders.

We will continue to develop the following services:

- Youth Shedz at more housing association supported accommodation units and in prisons
- Engagement programs and employability skills training with Career Wales
- Helping High Schools with pupils in danger of exclusion

We have been gifted, by Grwp Cynefin, a large Vauxhall Movano van which has been fully fitted out as a mobile meeting room with a diesel heater. This is our Betzi Mobile Youth Shedz which is very useful when setting up new Youth Shedz. We use Betzi about 3 times per week.

We will work out of one office, based in Mochdre. This office/shop front will be 1,000 sq ft, made up of 250 sq ft office, 200 sq ft storage, 250 sq ft open workshop, and 300 sq ft meeting area / Youth Community Centre. We will have the appropriate insurance for our activities.

We have a significant amount of equipment which has been grant funded. We will ensure that this equipment is fully itemised, utilised and maintained. We will set up a workshop in our new offices so that shedders can use the equipment as required.

We will develop close working relationships with other organisations, including Youth Services. We will develop the partnership model and aim to have an active partner at each Youth Shed. We will set up and help fund joint venture projects and activities with other youth organisations.

Our activities with the shedders are roughly be split into 7 areas.

Outdoor activities including golf, fishing, cycling, camping, DoE, etc.

Creative activities including writing, art, music, drama etc.

Digital and VR activities. Drone and camera equipment.

Community activities.

Workshop activities including tee shirts, 3d printing, bikes etc.

One to one support.

Food, cooking, eating, health and wellbeing, budgeting.

We will continue to develop the Youth Shedz Online activities including Facebook and zoom meetings etc. We expect that about 10% of Youth Shedz activities will take place online rather than physically meeting. We will issue the Youth Shedz Online Policy.

We will continue to develop the VR experience as this is a very popular way of interacting with the young people. We will start to charge for the VR activities, when the receiving organisation can afford it, eg schools.

We have been carrying out mobile outreach to the community and providing 1 to 1 support for those shedders that need it. This 1 to 1 support is vitally needed and is now a major part of our activities.

We have a significant responsibility as the licensor to support the licensed Youth Shedz including:

- Issuing and updating the Youth Shedz Franchise Toolkit, Model Policies and Procedures, Risk Assessments and Method Statements, and Safeguarding processes.
- Ensuring that the Youth Shedz Principles are embedded and conducting a yearly audit of them.
- Helping with and moderating as appropriate with Social Media.
- Running the annual Shedfest for all of the sheds.
- Being available to mentor the licenced Youth Shedz and to take a more active role if need be.

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The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees and management meeting. We will continue to develop and follow all of our policy documents and to engage with 31:8.

We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure the following at all times:

- Good safeguarding

- Appropriate and relevant risk assessments and method statements

- Good health and safety and hygiene attitudes and practices

- Transparent financial controls

We aim to get at least two awards each year. We aim to get very positive feedback from the local communities, police, and schools etc on the progress our shedders have made.

YOUTH SHEDZ

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered charity No: 1184146**

www.youthshedz.com

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

YOUTH SHEDZ CIO

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

History

Youth Shedz was started in 2017 by 4:28 Training (sole trader) / Scott Jenkinson as a training project and in October 2018 we set up the Youth Shedz Board of Trustees and Youth Shedz Ltd (company limited by guarantee). In June 2019 we became a registered charity and started operating as Youth Shedz CIO on the 3 September 2020. Youth Shedz Ltd is now a dormant company.

Our expenditure to September 2023 was £101,681 with 1 full time and 2 part time staff, up from £87,703 in 2022. The £14k increase was due to joint expenditure with the licenced Youth Shedz and other partners. We expect to grow to £161,000 in 2024 with 2 full time and 3 part time staff.

Status

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 28 June 2019, number 1184146

Principal address

37 Bryn Marl Road, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL28 5EA

Charity Objects

To advance in life and help young people in the UK through the provision of facilities in which they can meet to undertake, jointly or individually, creative, physical, or recreational activities and learn to pass on skills and knowledge so as to develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature, and responsible individuals.

Charity Trustees

Martin Harrison (Chairman)
Peter Caldwell
Anthony Jeremy
Alex Webster
Jo Mathews

Bankers

HSBC UK, Llandudno

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts to the Trustees of Youth Shedz

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Youth Shedz CIO (Charity No 1184146) for the 12 months to 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 and that:

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts did accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did 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.

Signature



Name Mr Jamie Richard Northcott

Date 3rd June 2024

Qualifications FFA FIPA

Address Task Accounting Limited, Commodore House, 51 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay,
Conwy, LL29 7

Youth Shedz CIO

Financial Statements

1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

Income & Expenditure

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 23	Total funds to 30 Sept 22
Income carried forward					
Awards & donations		£14,846	£602	£15,448	
Gwynt y Mor Community Fund			£10,000	£10,000	
Comic Relief			£9,975	£9,975	
Other grants and donations			£3,205	£3,205	
Income carried forward	1	£14,846	£23,782	£38,628	£45,170
New income during period					
Awards & donations		£1,605		£1,605	
Lloyds Bank Foundation		£5,000	£20,000	£25,000	
Streetgames Wales			£29,295	£29,295	
South Wales Police Commissioner			£11,800	£11,800	
North Wales Police Commissioner			£6,462	£6,462	
Moondance			£26,800	£26,800	
Cloceanog windfarm			£9,980	£9,980	
CWYVS			£7,500	£7,500	
YNYS MON Anglesey			£4,500	£4,500	
Grwp Cynefin			£2,500	£2,500	
Other grants and donations			£5,630	£5,630	
Sub total new income		£6,605	£124,466	£131,071	£81,160
Expenditure during period					
HQ expenses	4	£8,124		£8,124	£11,599
HQ & Shed salaries & contractors		£822	£55,426	£56,248	£54,072
Van, Betzi		£101	£909	£1,011	
ICT, VR & equipment	4	£685	£5,298	£5,984	£2,776
Shed expenses		£106	£15,108	£15,214	£18,255
Licenced Shedz & partners	5	91	£15,010	£15,101	£1,000
Total expenditure during period		£9,930	£91,752	£101,681	£87,703
Net income for the year		-£3,325	£32,714	£29,390	-£6,542
Net income carried forward	1	£11,521	£56,496	£68,018	£38,628

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 23	Total funds to 30 Sept 22
Net income carried forward	1, 2	£11,521	£56,496	£68,018	£38,628
Cash in bank		£11,521	£56,496	£68,018	£38,628
Fixed assets	3		£13,800	£13,800	£12,500

Youth Shedz has no other realisable assets, creditors or debtors.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

- 1 The Financial Statements include all income and expenditure for the 12 months to 30 September 2023.
- 2 These accounts have been prepared in accordance with SORP FRS 102 regulations using the accrual basis which in our accounts is the same as the income and expenditure basis, see notes 3 and 4 below.
- 3 Youth Shedz has been given, either directly or via grant funding various fixed assets with an estimated realisable value of £13,800. A separate Fixed Asset Register has been issued and independently examined. These assets cannot be sold without written permission from the donor and any proceeds have to be used for charitable purposes.
- 4 The Van and ICT, VR & Equipment expenditures have been split in 2023. Further, more of the IT equipment has been allocated to ICT etc, rather than HO expenses as it was paid for from Restricted Funds.
- 5 The expenditure for Licenced Shedz and partners increased by £14k in 2023. We expect this to significantly increase in the future as we carry out more joint venture projects and services.
- 6 Any other assets owned by Youth Shedz are of no significant realisable value. Youth Shedz has no significant debtors or creditors at the end of each month and all financial transactions go through the main bank account.
- 7 Youth Shedz policy for holding reserves is to ensure that the cash reserves after all liabilities does not drop below 2 months expenditure or £30,000 and that Youth Shedz does not take on any long term liabilities, loan, debts, or overdrafts.
- 8 Youth Shedz holds the restricted funds on behalf of the donors and ensures that these funds are only used for their intended and stated purpose. A separate Restricted Funding Report has been issued and independently examined.
- 9 These accounts were independently examined and then approved by the Board of Trustees on the 3 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by Martin Harrison, Chairman.



YOUTH SHEDZ

England & Wales - Charity number 1184146

Accounts



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

Youth Shedz

Youth Shedz aims to reach the most disconnected young people by providing a safe space for young people aged 11 to 18 and 17 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models. We also mentor young people aged 20 to 30 who have moved on from care or assisted accommodation and the associated support.

A key principle of the project is that there are no criteria to participation. This is underpinned by an asset based community development approach, leveraging the internal strengths within the community.

Each Youth Shed is co-produced by the participants who are supported and facilitated to test out a range of ideas and concepts which in turn help them to build healthier, fulfilling and more stable lives. Youth Shedz supports young people to develop resilience, improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce social isolation, and promote positive mental health and physical well-being.

Youth Shedz provides a nurturing, safe environment where young people can learn and test a range of both life and employability skills. These range from team working, planning, decision making, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship as well as a range of practical skills such as bike restoration and woodworking etc.

Who we work with and what are their needs

Youth Shedz is about helping individual disconnected young people in a group social settings as well as in an individual social settings. It is about helping individuals and groups of individuals to reconnect with society.

Youth Shedz is not a youth club; we work with vulnerable and disconnected young people who would often, initially, be excluded from a youth club. We provide one to one attention as well as group attention. One of our Youth Shed models is to operate in partnership with a Youth Club.

The optimum size of a Youth Shed is 4 growing to 10 Shedders of either 13 to 18 year olds or 17 to 25 year olds. A full time Youth Shed Coordinator / manager can only realistically be involved with up to 4 sheds and 24 shedders. Above this number, they would be spread too thinly.

A lot of behaviour can be attributed to Adverse Childhood Experiences, so “bad behaviour” can be a trauma response to unprocessed grief, loss, dealing with family issues related to substance misuse, crime or poverty. We regard issues with an individual shedder or groups of shedders as opportunities for learning and training rather than a threat or a reason for exclusion.

All trustees, staff and volunteers go through in-depth vetting and safeguarding to ensure that they are suitable to work with vulnerable young people.

Objectives and Outcomes

Youth Shedz does not have a formal set of objectives which we can measure, as most of our outcomes are either soft or result in something not happening, eg lack of anti-social behaviour or a young person not being excluded from the local school.

The Community Police and the local community will be the formal judges of the success, value and impact of the Youth Sheds and we work closely with them and other local partners to ensure that each Youth Shed is making a significant difference to the local young people.

The informal judges will be the shedders (young people) themselves as they continue to participate in the activities of their local Youth Shed and come to accept the Youth Shed Foundation Principles as their values in life.

Positive Partnerships

A lot of the young people we help are referred to us by the local high schools, Community Police, church groups, other youth services (such as Youth Justice, Young Offenders, or Young Carers Groups), or local Housing Associations. We work with these other agencies to make contact with the young people, and offer input and support around ideas of how to make a difference for them and the community.

Schools, homeless prevention units, police, parents, and carers consistently report that over time, behavioural changes are positive, and that the young person is able to function in school or society more successfully following a time at Youth Shedz. We aim to develop excellent relationships and a good reputation across North Wales area with these agencies and groups.

Awards

Clwyd High Sherriff Award 2019

UK Housing Award 2019 for Homeless Project of the Year

Runner-up, Steve Morgan Foundation award for Changing Young Lives

Police and Crime Commission Rehabilitation Award 2019

Your Community Your Choice awards in 2021 and 2022

High Sheriff Crime Beat ‘Project of the Year’ 2020

Street Games Wales Best Youth Lead Mental Health Award, National Inspire Awards 2022

Youth Shedz Foundation Principles

Our Space, Our Place, Our Future!

- 1 We beg, we borrow, but we DO NOT steal
- 2 Everybody matters – everybody is valued
- 3 There has to be give and take, it's not a one way street
- 4 We live for the moment, but we plan for tomorrow
- 5 We accept and we are accepted
- 6 We create a safe and secure space where people can turn to
- 7 We leave a legacy for other young people to be a part of
- 8 We serve our community not just ourselves
- 9 We might not have skills – but we will learn the skills we need
- 10 We eat together, we BE together
- 11 We enjoy the journey together, the highs and the lows

Review of activities undertaken for the Public Benefit, 2021 / 2022

This past year has presented Youth Shedz with enormous opportunities to really make a difference to the young people in Wales and to help them to grow during these challenging times. The biggest issue with young people is mental health and Youth Shedz has helped considerably with this.

The main purpose of Youth Shedz is to support those Young People who are being rejected by or cannot cope with mainstream society, normally because of adverse childhood experiences.

We have carried out a review of what has happened to the original 21 shedders we first started to help 4 years ago. Most of these shedders were referred to us by the community police or the housing associations.

- The 5 Kinnel Bay shedders have now all left school and all have got full or part time jobs.
- The 6 Denbigh shedders are now in independent accommodation. Two are at college and 1 is starting an electrician's apprenticeship and 1 has a part time job. These original shedders are still involved with Youth Shedz as volunteers and recently helped at the Shedfest.
- Of the 5 Blaenau Ffestiniog shedders, 2 are in college, 1 has moved away and 2 are in part time jobs.
- Of the 5 original Abergele shedders, 2 are in college and 3 have part time jobs. One of the original shedders is now working for Youth Shedz and is obtaining counselling qualifications.

We have now moved onto the next generation of shedders, while still keeping in touch with the original shedders and supporting them when there is a need. The feedback that we have received indicates that Youth Shedz has had a significant and life changing effect on these young people and enabled them to re-join and cope with normal society, with a strong set of life principles.

We have gone mobile. We have been gifted, by Grwp Cynefin, a large Vauxhall Movano van which has been fully fitted out as a mobile meeting room with a diesel heater. This is our Betsi Mobile Youth Shedz.

We have gone down the licenced Youth Shedz route and have issued the Youth Shedz Toolkit. Llysfaen Youth Shed is now fully up and running. We have 3 licenced Youth Shedz at an advanced development stage and a further 10 serious enquiries for licenced Youth Shedz across Wales and the rest of the UK.

Individual Youth Shedz

Denbigh Youth Shed, based in the Grwp Cynefin (Housing Association) assisted living building. Up to 6 residential, 8 non-residential 18 to 25 year old shedders. Part funded by Grwp Cynefin. Lots of activities going on (and lots of issues with the shedders). We need to look at the Social Prescribing Model for future activities. There is a massive anti-social behaviour problem in Denbigh at this time.

Kinnel Bay Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at Kinnel Bay Church (KBC). The original shedders now have jobs and the Youth Shed is moving onto the next generation, while continuing to support the original shedders. The sheds are being used by KBC and others for their local youth and looked after children activities, in conjunction with Youth Shedz. We are providing 4 shedders with weekly one to one mentoring after referrals from the local police and schools. We want to grow this shed as there is significant local need. We now have funding from January 2023 for 12 months.

Blaenau Ffestiniog Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at the Community Centre and run in conjunction with Gisda. This is a Welsh language shed and the 12 to 15 shedders (aged 18 to 25) are passionate about their local community and are delivering community based activities. We will need more local Welsh speaking volunteers.

Llandudno Junction Youth Shed. During the summer this Youth Shed was based around outdoor activities, using our van, Betsi Mobile. We have been working with the community police helping 15 of the more vulnerable young people (aged 11 to 16) with 7 core shedders.

Betsi Mobile Youth Shed is being well used and is a major asset to us as it enables initial engagement and ongoing outreach activities with other voluntary organisations, mainly using VR. We are also doing joint activities with Youth Justice in Rhos and Prestatyn.

School work

Excluded High School pupils. Over the past year, we have helped small numbers of pupils from various local High Schools who are in danger of exclusion from the school. We have had some good successes with increased school attendance and significant reduction in disruptive behaviour. We are looking to expand this service to other high schools in the area.

County Lines. This is about drugs and gangs among young people. We have been active in various schools across North Wales and the Northwest of England. We are currently creating a VR interactive film with a small group of young people as part of our County Lines 4 Good project.

Licenced Youth Shedz

Abergele Youth Shed is run under licence by Abergele Community Action (Itaca). There are up to 40 shedders as a youth club model attached to the High School, 13 to 18 years old.

Holyhead High School. This has been a 2 hour session once a week for 4 disruptive year 9 pupils. The outcomes have been good. The school is funding our involvement. We want this shed to become a licenced Youth Shed and to be run by the school. We are also discussing a potential Holyhead Youth Shed in the town, to be run under licence.

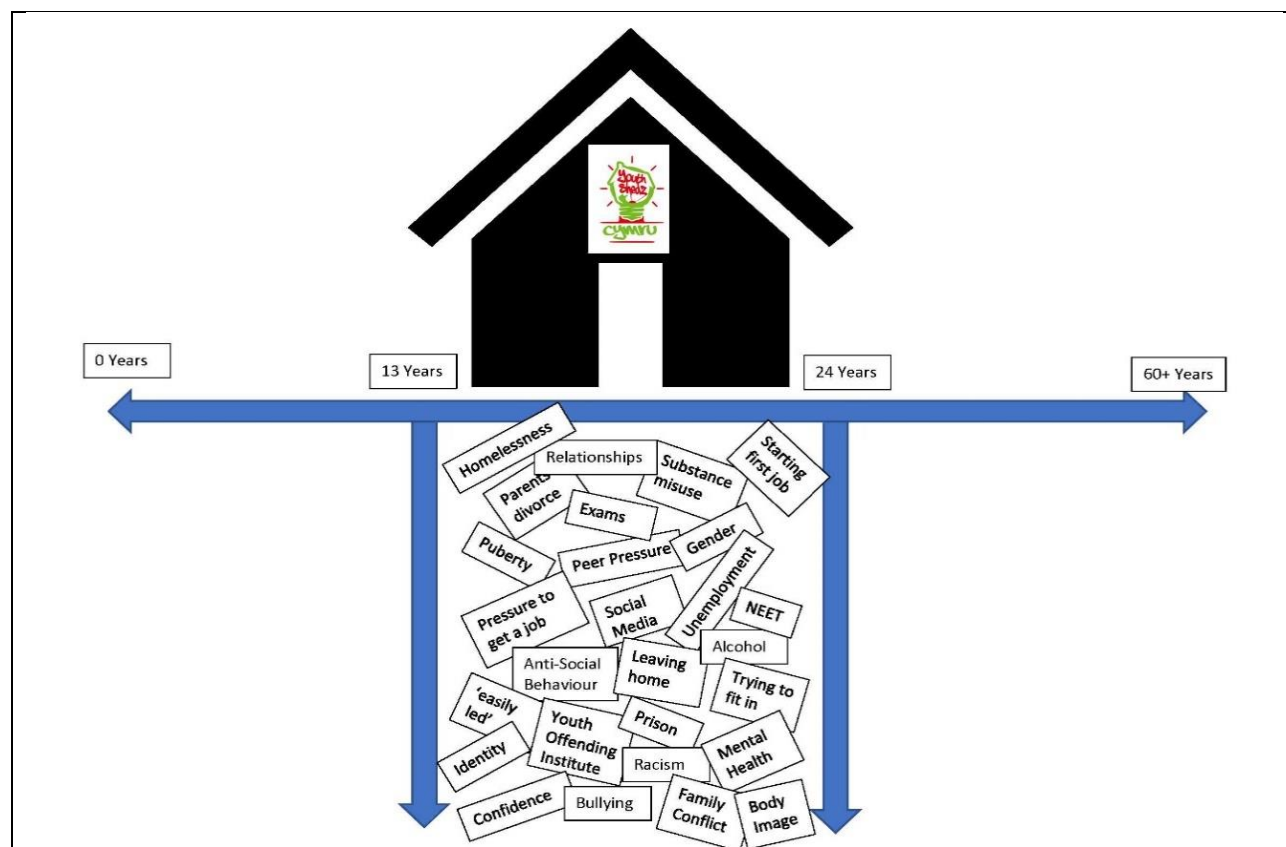
Llysfaen Youth Shed is run under licence by Llysfaen Football Club. The shed is now very active.

Coleg y Cymoedd has started two Shedz on different campuses in South Wales. We recently went down in Betsi to present Shedderz and Staff with their hoodies. It has been agreed to support via regular Zoom meetings as they establish themselves.

Treorchy Primary School has started to meet with small groups of youngsters identified as having significant ACES. This shed is at the early stages of development with ongoing zooms going forward.

Rhos on Sea – Youth Shedz continues with weekly Betsi outreach whilst Creating Enterprise tries to secure land for a physical shed.

Flintshire (Buckley, Broughton and Connors Quay). We have been organising meetings with local councillors, Police and potential partnership organisations who have expressed an interest in establishing their own licenced Youth Shed using the toolkit. This is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Andy Dunbobbin.



Activities Report

The Virtual Reality (VR) projects are going well and are very popular with the shedders (and the trustees and volunteers). Youth Shedz is creating our own VR experience and has built an interactive VR meeting and activities suite as well as developing a strong Safeguarding policy and principles for use in the VR environment. Our VR projects aim to remove barriers to engagement of young people who may not be able to visit the traditional Youth Shed due to disability and other factors.

The Creative Writing project was very popular with the 12 participating shedders as they learnt to express themselves in poetry and prose. We are looking to expand this into other creative arts and activities.

We have purchased digital sign making equipment and a 3D digital printer in order to encourage the creative abilities of our shedders. Our shedders are now also making all of their own merchandise, printing Youth Shedz mugs and hoodies etc, creating enterprise, and developing employability skills. We have purchased a drone and camera equipment to expand the range of creative opportunities.

We have been carrying out mobile outreach to the community and providing 1 to 1 support for those shedders that need it. This 1 to 1 support is vitally needed and is now a major part of our activities.

The ethos of helping our local communities continues; we have supported Youth Shedderz in their projects to reach the community, including fund raising activities, creating Winter Warm packs for youngsters living in temporary accommodation and a new Free Bicycle Lights project and security marking in Llandudno Junction in partnership with North Wales Police.

We have carried out a range of outdoor activities with the specific aim of getting young people outside away from the Xbox. These include evening football matched and barbeques, fishing, sailing, and paddle boarding at the local sailing club, etc. We are organising another Shedfest for March 2023 which will be a day of mainly outdoor activities for over 60 shedders.

We are hoping that this year we will be able to focus on the Employability Skills delivery as a Traineeship, especially for the 17 to 25 age range.

We have raised over £81,000 in grant funding, contracts, and awards, including £5,000 from the Your Community Your Choice award. We have received various awards. On the 30 September 2022 we had £38,000 in the bank account with a budgeted annual expenditure of £87,000.

We now employ or contract the Youth Shedz General Manager, two excellent part time staff who started as volunteers and 10 active volunteers. One of our staff started as a Youth Shedder. We are looking to extend their work and to recruit an additional two more youth workers.

We have had wonderful feedback and testimony from our shedders (and their parents) of how important Youth Shedz has been for them this year. The local community police have commented that the level of anti-social behaviour has significantly decreased. Various pupils are now attending High School full or part time, rather than being excluded.

A recent email from the school Deputy Head has this to say:

“Having reviewed our first full term with Youth Shedz we could not be happier with the effect the provision has had on the pupils overall behaviour and wellbeing. The pupils identified for the project were at risk of exclusion from school, and the vast majority of them have a sibling who was excluded from the setting, but are now looking to push forward on the back of this brief spell of success and become active and responsible member of our school and community.”

Tristian Griffiths, Associate Assistant Headteacher and Transition Co-ordinator

Street Games Wales has awarded us the Best Youth Lead Mental Health Award in their National Inspire Awards for the Mental Health Football Tournament held this year.

Please see our website www.youthshedz.com and our Facebook page @youthshedzcymru for pictures and more details.

Youth Shedz Cymru - Objectives for the next 12 months from 1 October 2022

There is a massively increased need across the UK for Youth Shedz and the services we offer. Our main role is to concentrate on the mental health needs of the individual young person in a social setting rather than the needs of the many.

The overall concept for the future growth of Youth Shedz is the licenced Youth Shedz model, with six local Youth Shedz managed by the centre and at least an additional ten licenced Youth Shedz per year across the UK managed by other charities and youth based organisations. No two Youth Shedz are the same as they develop based on the needs of the young people or ‘Shedders’.

The 6 local Youth Shedz managed by the centre are our four local sheds plus two local Youth Shedz which we are managing prior to them becoming licenced Youth Shedz. We presently have two licenced Youth Shedz fully operational, two about to start in early 2023, and advanced enquiries from a further eight youth based organisations to set up Youth Shedz in their location.

Our expenditure to September 2022 was £87,703 with 1 full time and 2 part time staff. We expect to grow to £120,000 in 2023 with 1 full time and 4 part time staff. This equates to at least 20 person days per week for paid manager / coordinators / assistants / administrator supported by 10 person days per week of volunteers’ time.

We expect the funding to be split £100,000 in grants, £10,000 in awards and donations and £10,000 in contracts (schools and housing associations etc). We will apply for some larger grants spread over two years or more, as well as some smaller grants.

We will continue to develop the following services:

- Youth Shedz at more housing association supported accommodation units and in prisons
- Engagement programs and employability skills training with Career Wales
- Helping High Schools with pupils in danger of exclusion

We will develop close working relationships with other organisations, including Youth Services. We will develop the partnership model and aim to have an active partner at each Youth Shed.

We will continue to develop the Youth Shedz Online activities including Face Book and zoom meetings etc. We expect that about 20% of Youth Shedz activities will take place online rather than physically meeting. We will issue the Youth Shedz Online Policy.

We will continue to develop the VR experience as this is a very popular way of interacting with the young people.

We have a large responsibility as the licensor to support the licensed Youth Shedz including:

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- Being available to mentor the licenced Youth Shedz and to take a more active role if need be.

We have started to recognise an increase in need for those who have moved on from temporary accommodation and/or care, and the support that comes with it. We hope to offer more wrap around care and targeted work including access to volunteering and employability. The age range is 20 to 30 year olds.

Sources of funds

Youth Shedz principal sources of funds at present are donations, grants, and contracts with Housing Associations. We are looking in the future for at least 30% of funding to come from contracts and commercial activities.

Principal risks

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees meeting. We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the need to ensure good safeguarding at all times.

Trustees and meetings

The charity trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the Youth Shedz constitution. The Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to carry out their responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibility

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Martin Harrison	Chairman, Youth Shedz Board of Trustees
Peter Caldwell	Trustee
Anthony Jeremy	Trustee
Alex Webster	Trustee

Scott Jenkinson	General Manager
Michaela Margreaves	Independent Financial Examiner



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 14 February 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts to the Trustees of Youth Shedz

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Youth Shedz CIO (Charity No 1184146) for the 12 months to 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 and that:

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Signature 

Name Michaela Margreaves

Date 13th February 2023

Qualifications HND in Business and Finance, AAT, and Diploma in Internal Auditing (PIIA)

Address 4 Dinerth Park, Rhos on Sea, Conwy, LL28 4EZ

Youth Shedz CIO**Financial Statements****1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022****Income & Expenditure**

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 22
Income carried forward				
Awards & donations		£13,464	£8,917	£22,381
Gwynt y Mor Community Fund			£9,240	£9,240
Moondance			£9,572	£9,572
Other grants and donations			£3,977	£3,977
Net income carried forward	1	£13,464	£31,706	£45,170
New income during period				
Awards & donations		£12,981		
Steve Morgan Foundation			£6,667	£6,667
South Wales Police Commissioner			£10,000	£10,000
Gwynt y Mor Community Fund			£10,000	£10,000
Your Community Your Choice			£5,000	£5,000
North Wales Police Commissioner			£3,230	£3,230
Comic Relief			£9,975	£9,975
Streetgames Wales			£8,397	£8,397
Other grants and donations			£14,910	£14,910
Sub total new income		£12,981	£68,179	£81,160
Total income		£26,445	£109,885	£126,330
Expenditure during period	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 22
HQ expenses		£11,599		£11,599
HQ & Shed salaries and contractors			£54,072	£54,072
Van, ICT, VR & equipment			£2,776	£2,776
Shed expenses			£18,255	£18,255
Transfers to licenced Shedz			£1,000	£1,000
Total expenditure		£11,599	£76,103	£87,703
Net income carried forward	1	£14,846	£23,782	£38,628

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 22
Net income carried forward	1, 2	£14,846	£23,782	£38,628
Cash in bank		£14,846	£23,782	£38,628
Fixed assets	3		£12,500	

Youth Shedz has no other realisable assets, creditors or debtors.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

- 1 The Financial Statements include all income and expenditure for the 12 months to 30 September 2022.
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- 7 These accounts were independently examined and then approved by the Board of Trustees on the 14 February 2023 and signed on their behalf by Martin Harrison, Chairman.

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YOUTH SHEDZ

England & Wales - Charity number 1184146

Accounts



Youth Shedz

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021

Youth Shedz

Youth Shedz aims to develop a community to reach the most disconnected young people by providing safe spaces for young people aged 13 to 25 to explore their identity and develop pro-social relationships, alongside positive role models.

Each Youth Shed is co-produced by participants who are supported and facilitated to test ideas and concepts which help them to build healthier, fulfilling and more stable lives.

Youth Shedz provides a nurturing, safe environment where young people can learn and test both life and employability skills. These range from team working, planning, decision making, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship as well as practical skills.

Review of activities undertaken for the Public Benefit, 2020 / 2021

This past year in lockdown has presented Youth Shedz with enormous opportunities to really make a difference to the young people in Wales and to help them to grow during these challenging times. The biggest issue with lockdown with young people is mental health and Youth Shedz has helped considerably with this.

The main purpose of Youth Shedz is to support those Young People who are being rejected by or cannot cope with mainstream society, normally because of adverse childhood experiences.

We have carried out a review of what has happened to the original 21 shedders we first started to help 3 years ago. Most of these shedders were referred to us by the community police or the housing associations.

- The 5 Kinmel Bay shedders have now all left school and all have got full or part time jobs.
- The 6 Denbigh shedders are now in independent accommodation. Two are at college and 1 is starting an electrician's apprenticeship and 1 has a part time job. These original shedders are still involved with Youth Shedz and volunteers and recently help at the Shedfest.

- Of the 5 Blaenau Ffestiniog shedders, 2 are in college, 1 has moved away and 2 are in part time jobs.
- Of the 5 original Abergele shedders, 3 have part time jobs and 2 are in college. Sonia is now working for Youth Shedz and is looking to obtain counselling qualifications.

We have now moved onto the next generation of shedders, while still keeping in touch with the original shedders and supporting them when need be. The feedback that we have received indicates that Youth Shedz has had a significant and life changing effect on these young people and enables them to re-join and cope with normal society, with a strong set of life principles.

We have gone mobile. We have been gifted, by Grwp Cynefin, a large Vauxhall Movano van which has been fully fitted out as a mobile meeting room with a diesel heater. This is our Betsi Mobile Youth Shedz.

We have also moved out of our homes into an office in Llandudno which we rent from another charity.

Youth Shedz Foundation Principles

Our Space, Our Place, Our Future!

- 1 We beg, we borrow, but we DO NOT steal
- 2 Everybody matters – everybody is valued
- 3 There has to be give and take, it's not a one way street
- 4 We live for the moment, but we plan for tomorrow
- 5 We accept and we are accepted
- 6 We create a safe and secure space where people can turn to
- 7 We leave a legacy for other young people to be a part of
- 8 We serve our community not just ourselves
- 9 We might not have skills – but we will learn the skills we need
- 10 We eat together, we BE together
- 11 We enjoy the journey together, the highs and the lows

Individual Youth Shedz

Denbigh Youth Shed, based in the Grwp Cynefin (Housing Association) assisted living building. Up to 6 residential, 8 non-residential 18 to 25 year old shedders. Funded by Grwp Cynefin. Reopened in July 2021. Continue to operate and expand. Lots of activities going on (and lots of issues with the shedders).

Abergele Youth Shed 1. Franchise with Abergele Community Action (Itaca). Up to 25 shedders as a youth club model attached to the High School, 13 to 18 years old.

Excluded High School pupils. We are helping 3 pupils from Abergele High School who are in danger of exclusion using the Abergele YS facilities. We are looking to expand this service to other

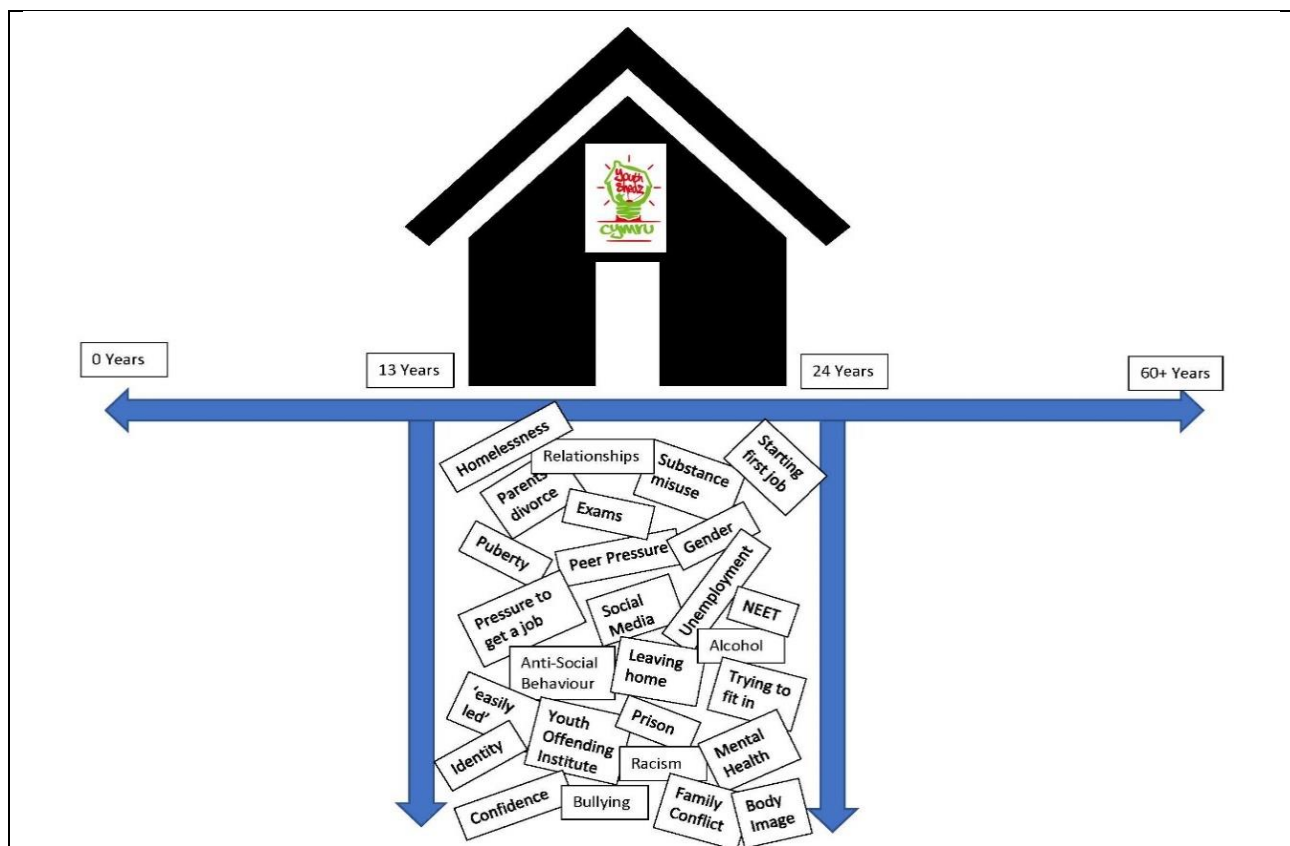
high schools in the area. Funded by Gwynt y Mor. We are also helping 3 pupils from the High School in Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Kinmel Bay Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at Kinmel Bay Church (KBC) and funded by Gwynt y Mor. The original shedders now have jobs and the Youth Shed is moving onto the next generation, while continuing to support the original shedders. The sheds being used by KBC and others for their local youth and looked after children activities, in conjunction with Youth Shedz. We expect the Kinmel Bay Youth Shed to move to a franchise model. We are doing some 1 to 1 youth counselling.

Blaenau Ffestiniog Youth Shed. Based in two sheds at the Community Centre, funded by Bangor University and with a local Welsh speaking coordinator. This Youth Shed is moving to the next generation of shedders and is looking to expand the Welsh speaking sheds into Capel Curig and Holyhead. We will need more local Welsh speaking volunteers. Winter activities will be mainly 1 to 1 counselling and working in the High Schools.

Llandudno Junction Youth Shed. During the summer this Youth Shed was based around outdoor activities and using our van, Betsi Mobile. We have been working with the community police helping 15 of the more vulnerable young people (aged 11 to 16 years old) with 6 core shedders. We are now moving into winter activities.

Betsi Mobile Youth Shedz. Expand the Mobile Youth Shedz concept and model. We are looking to use the van for 4 days per week. We will use the van to establish more Youth Shedz across North Wales and to do outreach activities with other voluntary organisations, mainly using VR.



Activities Report

The Virtual Reality (VR) projects are going well and are very popular with the shedders (and the trustees and volunteers). Youth Shedz is creating our own VR experience and is looking to build an interactive VR meeting and activities suite as well as developing a strong Safeguarding policy and principles for use in the VR environment. Our VR projects aims to remove barriers to engagement of young people who may not be able to visit the traditional Youth Shed due to disability and other factors.

The Creative Writing project is very popular with the 12 participating shedders as they learn to express themselves in poetry and prose. We are looking to expand this into other creative arts and activities.

We have purchased digital sign making equipment and a 3D digital printer in order to encourage the creative abilities of our Shedders. Our Youth Shedderz are now also making all of their own merchandise, creating enterprise, and developing employability skills. We have purchased a drone and camera equipment to expand the range of creative opportunities.

We have been carrying out mobile outreach to the community and providing 1 to 1 support for those shedders that need it. This socially distanced 1 to 1 support is vitally needed and is now a major part of our activities.

The ethos of helping our local communities continues; Youth Shedz assisted with organising food parcels, and helping young and older people move accommodation, manned our Soup and Sox van over the year providing outreach to the local homeless community; and the Shedderz created opportunities for outreach to a local school and nursing homes over Christmas.

We have supported Youth Shedderz in their projects to reach the community, including the Snap Band project that was a collaboration from Shedderz from 4 different towns - reaching 700 children with their Snap Bands during Lockdown, and the bike light project for 30 young people in Blaenau Ffestiniog.

We have carried out a range of outdoor activities with the specific aim of getting young people outside away from the Xbox. These include evening football matched and barbeques, fishing, sailing, and paddle boarding at the local sailing club, etc. We are organising a Shedfest for November which will be a day of mainly outdoor activities for over 60 shedders.

We have started to develop our commercial income streams to give us future sustainability. We are printing Youth Shedz mugs and hoodies etc and selling them. We are hoping that this year we will be able to focus on the Employability Skills delivery as a Traineeship.

We have raised over £87,000 in grant funding, contracts, and awards, including £5,000 from the Your Community Your Choice award. We have received various awards. On the 30 September 2021 we had £45,000 in the bank account with a budgeted annual expenditure of £75,000.

We now employ or contract the Youth Shedz General Manager, three excellent staff part time who started as volunteers and 5 active volunteers. One of our staff started as a Youth Shedder. We are looking to extend their work.

We have had wonderful feedback and testimony from our Young Shedderz (and their parents) of how important Youth Shedz has been for them this year. The local community police have commented that

the level of anti-social behaviour has significantly decreased. Various pupils are now attending High School full or part time, rather than being excluded.

Please see our website www.youthshedz.com and our facebook page @youthshedzcymru for pictures and more details.

Youth Shedz Cymru - Objectives for the next 12 months from 1 September 2021

The overall situation is that Youth Shedz is starting to come out of lockdowns and covid restrictions and is emerging into a changed environment. Covid 19 will be with us for at least the next 5 years and we have to adapt and learn to operate safely with the new social and legal environment.

There will be a massively increased need for Youth Shedz and the services we offer. Our main role is to concentrate on the mental health needs of the individual young person in a social setting rather than the needs of the many.

We expect our funding needs for the next 12 months to be £70,000 of which we already have £45,000 in the bank. We aim to raise at least an addition £50,000 in large grants and £20,000 in small grants. We need to replace the SMF funding (£20k pa) which ends in February 2022.

Over the next 24 months we will make a concerted effort to develop revenue streams so that at least 50% of our ongoing core funding comes from 'contract chargeable services' rather than grants. It is presently about 10% from the housing associations. However these organisations are having their budgets squeezed which makes the needs for the Youth Shedz services even more needed.

We will develop the following chargeable services:

- Youth Shedz at more housing association supported accommodation units and in prisons
- Engagement programs and employability skills training with Career Wales
- Helping High Schools with pupils in danger of exclusion

We will develop close working relationships with other organisations, including Youth Services. We will develop the partnership model and aim to have an active partner at each Youth Shed.

We will issue the Youth Shedz Franchise Toolkit and aim to have at least 3 franchise Youth Shedz operating with the next 24 months. The first franchise Youth Shedz is starting in January 2022 in Llysfaen with 12 young people.

Individual Shed Activity Funding is ongoing and is and needs to be about 15% of our income. We will expand (and trademark protect) our merchandising activities and aim to develop similar fund raising activities for each shed.

We will develop and expand our Mobile Youth Shedz concept and aim to use the van at least 4 times per week for Youth Shedz meetings and activities.

We will develop other Youth Shedz across North Wales as appropriate, reacting to the needs of the local communities, the community police, and the housing associations.

We aim to recruit, induct, safeguard, and train a bank of up to 20 volunteers of which 10 will be committing at least 4 hours per week.

We will continue to develop the Youth Shedz Online activities including Face Book, and a dedicated zoom meetings etc. We expect that about 20% of Youth Shedz activities will take place online rather than physically meeting. We will issue the Youth Shedz Online Policy.

We will continue to develop the VR experience as this is a very popular way of interacting with the young people.

We estimate that we will need at least 15 person days per week for paid coordinators / assistants / administrator and initially up to 24 hours per week of volunteers time.

Sources of funds

Youth Shedz principal sources of funds at present are donations, grants, and contracts with Housing Associations. We are looking in the future for at least 50% of funding to come from contracts and commercial activities.

Principal risks

The principal risks facing Youth Shedz are based around safeguarding which we discuss at each trustees meeting. We train all trustees, staff, and volunteers on the needs of ensuring good safeguarding at all times.

Trustees and meetings

The charity trustees are appointed by the existing trustees in accordance with the Youth Shedz constitution. The Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to carry out their responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibility

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Martin Harrison	Chair of Board of Trustees
Peter Caldwell	Trustee
Anthony Jeremy	Trustee
Alex Webster	Trustee
Scott Jenkinson	General Manager
Michaela Margreaves	Independent Financial Examiner



Signature of the Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 28 February 2022

YOUTH SHEDZ

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Date 25 February 2022

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Youth Shedz CIO**Financial Statements
1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021****Income & Expenditure**

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Other grants and donations			£2,674	£2,674
Net income carried forward	1	£910	£33,567	£34,477
New income during period				
Awards & donations		£7,391		£7,391
Steve Morgan Foundation			£20,833	£20,833
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HMRC Furlough			£1,712	£1,712
Bangor University			£7,000	£7,000
Grwp Cynefin			£6,000	£6,000
Your Community Your Choice			£5,030	£5,030
Shedfest			£3,823	£3,823
Other grants and donations			£10,764	£10,764
Sub total new income		£16,391	£74,162	£90,553
Total income		£17,301	£107,729	£125,030

Expenditure during period	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds to 30 Sept 21
HQ expenses		£3,606		£3,606
HQ & Shed salaries and contractors			£51,386	£51,386
Van and equipment			£7,866	£7,866
Shed expenses			£17,003	£17,003
Total expenditure		£3,606	£76,254	£79,860
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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021

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