



Youth Shedz

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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 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 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

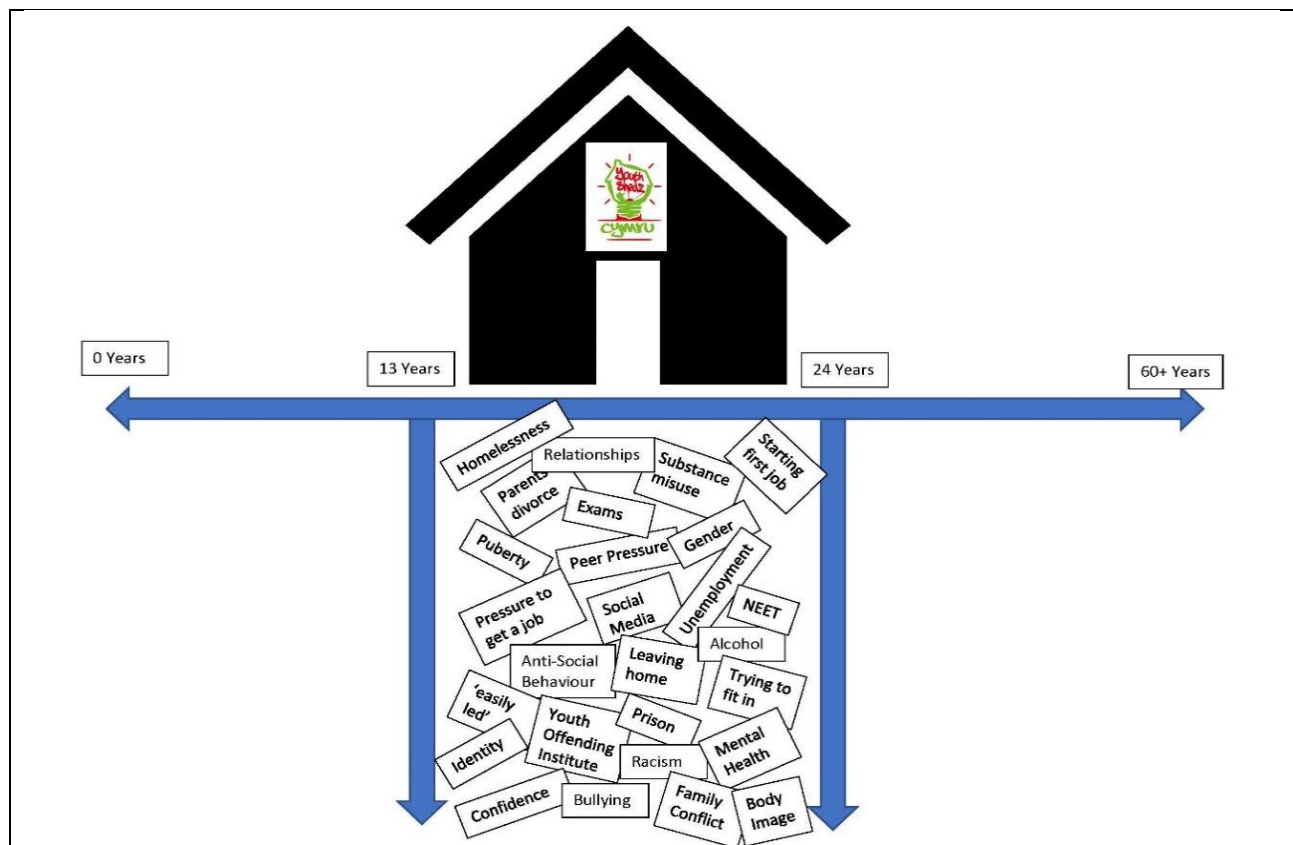
UK Housing Award 2019 for Homeless Project of the Year

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

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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.

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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

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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.

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.

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

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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,
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Youth Shedz CIO

Financial Statements

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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.

