

# Youth Shedz

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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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 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 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 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 Dunbobbin, 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.

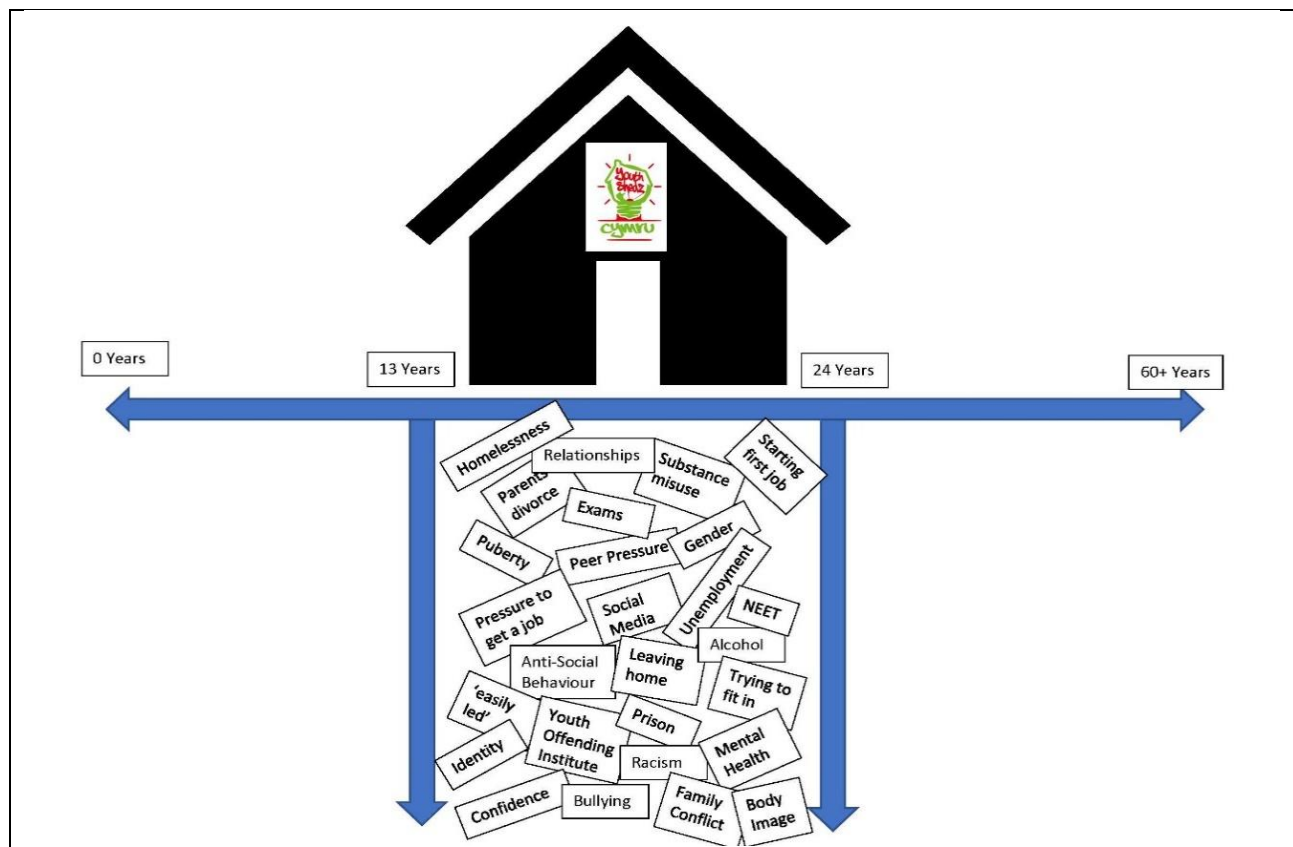
Together, these visits have not only raised the profile of Youth Shedz Cymru, but have also strengthened confidence in our work among decision-makers, partners and the wider public. They demonstrate that the impact of Youth Shedz is being recognised at local, regional and national level.



## 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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
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](http://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 m<sup>2</sup> for our facilities and 300 m<sup>2</sup> 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
<b>Income</b>				
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
<b>Total new income</b>	<b>£212,725</b>	<b>£189,362</b>	<b>£195,440</b>	<b>£214,825</b>
Income carried forward	£102,008	£95,493	£96,560	£95,239
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£314,733</b>	<b>£284,855</b>	<b>£292,000</b>	<b>£310,064</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
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
<b>Subtotal staff costs</b>	<b>£137,930</b>	<b>£118,296</b>	<b>£123,861</b>	<b>£129,704</b>
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
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£219,240</b>	<b>£188,296</b>	<b>£196,761</b>	<b>£206,249</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>-£6,515</b>	<b>£1,066</b>	<b>-£1,320</b>	<b>£8,576</b>
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**

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

**[www.youthshedz.org.uk](http://www.youthshedz.org.uk)**

## **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
<b>Income carried forward</b>						
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	
<b>Income carried forward</b>	1	<b>£2,867</b>	<b>£44,943</b>	<b>£54,198</b>	<b>£102,008</b>	£68,018
<b>New income during period</b>						
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	
<b>Sub total new income</b>		<b>£26,120</b>	<b>£5,930</b>	<b>£180,675</b>	<b>£212,725</b>	£209,419
<b>Expenditure in period</b>						
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
<b>Total expenditure in period</b>		<b>£27,333</b>	<b>£40,243</b>	<b>£151,664</b>	<b>£219,240</b>	£175,429
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>-£1,213</b>	<b>-£34,313</b>	<b>£29,011</b>	<b>-£6,515</b>	£33,990
<b>Net income carried forward</b>	1	<b>£1,654</b>	<b>£10,630</b>	<b>£83,209</b>	<b>£95,493</b>	£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