



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

30

03

2023

To

Period end date

29

03

2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Youth Link Networks

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1185081

Charity's principal address Flat 5 82 Parchmore Road

Croydon

Postcode

CR7 8LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charisma Jones			
2	Naomi Grossett			
3	Karla Simpson			
6	Rochelle Ampomah-Ababio			
7	Jessica Richmond			
8	Porsche Thompson Haughton			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed By

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects with long-term sustainable methodology. To act as a resource for young people by providing advice, assisting and organising programmes of education and other activities as a means of:

- *a) Developing their skills, capacities and capabilities;*
- *b) Advancing education;*
- *c) Relieving unemployment’.*

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Pretty Box Apprenticeship programme

This financial year saw a continuation of the Pretty Box Programme bringing it to the first year of completion in July 2023.

For context,

13 NEET (not in education employment or training) girls were inducted on an apprenticeship in July of the previous financial year to teach them sewing skill. They were provided with an introductory awareness of sustainable fashion and business education which would help them to develop knowledge and confidence to create their own businesses utilising the skills attained on the course.

The apprenticeship course was designed to operate in 6-month implementation periods. December 2022 saw the first 6 girls’ completion in Cohort 1 and July 2023 a further 7 completed in Cohort 2.

Initially we had inducted 6 girls onto cohort 2 but was able to make a slight monthly budget increase and to provide some financial balancing to include an anxiously awaiting 7th girl onto the course.

At the end of the course, the girls were awarded with a business starter package containing a sewing machine, fabrics, tools and oils to get them encouraged and started on an exciting business venture to build sustainable futures and create economic growth. We have the Kwanda Community to thank for this (<https://kwanda.co/>) as they played an instrumental part on the contribution of the girls’ development post project completion by financing the packages for all girls.

Open Mic Night 1

YLN in partnership with Prince of Peckham (utilising their venue) gathered young people from London to initiate an evening of the arts through music, spoken word and poetry. The event took place on November 12 2023 and was the foundation to cultivate space for Youth Link Networks in London.

Open Mic Night 2

A second event was arranged due to the success of the first event and positive relationship with the partnership at Prince of Peckham.

Networking with the British Council

Week commencing March 12 2024, 3 members of our team in Uganda attended Creative Economy week in Kampala where the British Council hosted a full week of events around Arts and Culture. This was a great networking opportunity for the team to connect with people working within the sector and delivering on creating innovations that support the UNs work to mitigate climate change through repurposing materials and using creativity to challenge ideas and press for consumer and spectator contributions towards a lower Co2 environment. The team also benefitted with the extended invitation being available for two of our Pretty Box apprentice alumnmis who attended a sustainable fashion show and was inspired by the exposure of fashion designers making garments from local materials which mitigates carbon footprint in sourcing.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Pretty Box Apprenticeship Programme

7 girls successfully completed the **Pretty Box Apprenticeship programme** within this financial year which makes a grand total of 13 girls successfully completed the Pretty Box Apprentice programme within the last two financial years.

All were given a tools gift box with equipment as a gift as an injection and encouragement to utilize the skill in private and think about economic generation and how this could support their futures with more stability.

Open Mic Night 1

The evening was a successful with a total of 71 attendees including performers and a total ticket sales of

£775 on ticket sales and £215 on raffle tickets when combined totaling £990.

Open Mic Night 2

This event took place on 4 Feb 2024 with a total of 40 attendees. The number was lower than the first event due to team capacity being very low throughout marketing and promotion of the event. We made a total income of £312.88 from this event and were unable to do a raffle so this was not included.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The £500 reserve fee remains unchanged.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

This was a very challenging financial year for the charity as we saw a strong start in the Pretty Skills Apprenticeship from July 2022. Although the project completed successfully, it was a struggle to fundraise the remaining project amount and as a result, since completion in July 2023, our project has seized operation due to lack of funds.

The charity heavily relies on donations from the general public to achieve its goals and has struggled with monthly donations and general fundraising due to team capacity also being low and unable to maintain a consist online presence, but we hope for things to improve in the new financial year.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Karla Simpson

Naomi Grossett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Acting Chair of Trustees

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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	30.03.2023	To	29.03.2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Montly and 1-off donations	3,139	-	-	3,139	-
JustGiving fundraisers	1,315	-	-	1,315	-
Amazon Smile	339	-	-	339	-
Corporate donations	-	1,346	-	1,346	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,793	1,346	-	6,139	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,793	1,346	-	6,139	-
A3 Payments					
PrettyBox Project outgoings	3,014	1,000	-	4,014	-
Donorbox	10	-	-	10	-
Fundraising materials	41	-	-	41	-
Marketing & promotion	247	-	-	247	-
Postbox renewal in Uganda	53	-	-	53	-
Admin and office fees	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,615	1,000	-	5,615	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,615	1,000	-	5,615	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	178	346	-	524	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	178	346	-	524	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	178	346	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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		Naomi Grossett	06 / 11 / 2024	

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