

# Northern Gospel Project

England & Wales · Charity number 1189459

## Details

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**Other names** NORTHERN GOSPEL POWERHOUSE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-05-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN GREATER MANCHESTER AND THE NORTH OF ENGLAND THROUGH ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING NEW GOSPEL CHURCHES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: - RAISING AWARENESS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE NEED FOR NEW CHURCHES THROUGH MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, PRINT AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS; - PROVIDING TRAINING, COACHING AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN PLANTING NEW CHURCHES; - PROVIDING SEED FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SET UP OF NEW CHURCH PLANTS.

**Activities:** Training church planters  
Coaching church planters  
Caring for church planters and their families  
Funding the planting of churches in Manchester

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£26,983	£21,607	-	-
2023-08-31	£79,205	£11,090	-	-
2022-08-31	£150	£5	-	-
2021-08-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Paul Rettie		2020-05-13
Matt Waldock		2023-06-20
Rachel Senior		2023-06-20
Timothy Simmonds		2020-05-13

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# Accounts

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Report and Accounts  
Year ended August 2024

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated: 8th July 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1189459
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Dr Paul Rettie Rachel Senior Timothy Simmonds Matt Waldock
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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## **Northern Gospel Project**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

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#### **Objects of the Charity**

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A broad range of churches across the region, united in our desire to see the North transformed. We need more healthy, thriving churches so we provide Training, Funding and Care to make that happen.

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

##### **Training**

We had Krish Kandiah, Tim Chester and Richard Coekin lead Pastor's Days. These were well-attended (14-17) pastors from across tribes and denominations) and covered Welcoming the Stranger, Augustine's Confessions and teachings on Leadership and Pathway Analysis.

The second cohort of church planters started the Incubator Course in January of 2024. We have eight planters in the cohort planting in Leeds, Manchester, Warrington, Keighley, Derby and Larbert. There are three instructors: Pete Evans, Eric Duong and Andy Weatherley (seconded from Grace Church Stirchley). Andy has been training Eric and Pete this year and will step back next year. The planters are enjoying Incubator. In future years, we would like to have more Manchester based planters.

##### **Funding**

We did not receive any applications to the fund. We plan to publicise the fund again next year with applications closing in May 2025. We anticipate applications from those currently in the Incubator course who intend to plant in the next few years. We're also planning a Planter Launchpad event for those interested in planting in Manchester in early 2025 which may see applicants.

## **Care**

Gospel Coaching was provided for planters enrolled on the City to City Incubator using coaches trained and accredited by Church Multiplication Ministries. A number of other church planters throughout the UK were also coached by coaches working through the Northern Gospel Project and Jon Cawsey is now our Coaching Coordinator.

Prayer for Church Planting was hosted by our Prayer Coordinator Duncan Bell 3 times within the year. It's an opportunity to pray specifically for more churches to be planted in Manchester with church and movement leaders from across the denominational/church-style spectrum. We saw an increase in attendance and engagement over the course of the year.

We saw 20-50 Christians gathering daily to pray for our city from 12.00pm-1.00pm each weekday throughout January. Noon-time prayer was birthed out of prayer meetings last year and it was such a thrill to see believers from across tribes and denominations come together to pray that God would save 100,000 in Manchester and enable gospel churches to be planted across our great city.

The Manchester Planters Collective continued to meet in person. The Planters Collective continues to be a great source of support for the seven planters who attend. It has been running for five years now. The hope is to launch a second Collective led by Ralph and Colin Baron in 2025.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## **Financial Review**

During the year income decreased by £52,222 to £26,983 and expenditure increased by £10,517 to £21,607. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £5,376 to £73,636, of which £37,275 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £3,071 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £37,275 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## **Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on Jun 13, 2025 .....

Signed on behalf by Trustee *T Simmonds*  
T.Simmonds (Jun 13, 2025 13:58 GMT+1) .....

Printed Name: Timothy Simmonds

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### Northern Gospel Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Northern Gospel Project ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 6 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Sarah Crispin*

Sarah Crispin (Jun 18, 2025 14:27 GMT+1)

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Stewardship  
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Date: Jun 18, 2025

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		144	-	-	144	1,117
Gift aid receipts		325	-	-	325	-
Bank Interest		-	-	361	361	-
Income from courses, events and training		-	1,166	-	1,166	3,010
Income from Churches US		-	9,302	-	9,302	-
Income from Churches UK and Europe		12,286	-	-	12,286	21,000
Transfer from Partner Church		3,400	-	-	3,400	54,078
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>16,155</b>	<b>10,468</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>79,205</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	10,171	11,436	-	21,607	11,090
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>10,171</b>	<b>11,436</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,607</b>	<b>11,090</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		5,983	(968)	361	5,376	68,115
Transfers between funds	3	(14)	14	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>5,969</b>	<b>(953)</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>68,115</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		15,208	17,052	36,000	68,260	145
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>21,177</b>	<b>16,099</b>	<b>36,361</b>	<b>73,636</b>	<b>68,260</b>

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds			2024	2023
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds		
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	21,177	16,099	36,361	73,636	68,260
	<u>21,177</u>	<u>16,099</u>	<u>36,361</u>	<u>73,636</u>	<u>68,260</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	-	-	-	-	274
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Taxes due	180	-	-	180	79
Fee for Independent Examination	-	-	-	-	600
	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>679</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>679</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

T. Simmonds

T. Simmonds (Jun 13, 2025 13:58 GMT+1)

Timothy Simmonds

Date: Jun 13, 2025

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	5,493	-	-	5,493	4,400
Secondment to City Church	-	9,087	-	9,087	
Legal and Professional Fees	1,740	-	-	1,740	1,000
Staff and Volunteers Hospitality	450	349	-	799	1,214
Speakers Fees	600	2,000	-	2,600	1,125
Administrative Costs	851	-	-	851	1,370
Accommodation and Travel Expenses	623	-	-	623	437
Advertising and Promotional	14	-	-	14	459
Event Space Hire	400	-	-	400	-
Conference materials e.g. name tags, banners	-	-	-	-	1,085
	<u>10,171</u>	<u>11,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,607</u>	<u>11,090</u>

**3 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	15,208	16,155	(10,171)	(14)	21,177
Designated funds					
Incubator Fund	7,479	1,166	(2,349)		6,297
Conference Fund	(14)	-	-	14	-
Director Fund	9,587	9,302	(9,087)		9,802
	<u>17,052</u>	<u>10,468</u>	<u>(11,436)</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16,099</u>
Restricted funds					
City Renewal Fund	36,000	361	-	-	36,361
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,361</u>
Total funds	<u>68,260</u>	<u>26,983</u>	<u>(21,607)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,636</u>

Designated Funds

Incubator Fund - expenses related to Incubator training course  
Conference Fund - expenses related to annual conferences  
Director Fund - expenses related to Director Role and general payroll

Restricted Funds

City Renewal Fund - restricted to funds for new church plants

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A broad range of churches across the region, united in our desire to see the North transformed. We need more healthy, thriving churches so we provide Training, Funding and Care to make that happen.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

**Training**

The Northern Gospel Project initiative has continued to train church planters and encourage church regulars to think about joining a plant team. Our launch Conference was held in November 2022 and saw more than 25 different churches represented and over 130 attendees between Friday and Saturday with 100% of those who provided feedback stating they'd attend another Northern Gospel Project event.

At the beginning of March, Landon Paul led a Music Ministry Training Day that equipped music teams on how they can think intentionally about leading music in worship services. There will be more Hive events like this in the future.

We had Pete Dray, Bob Letham and Ray Evans lead Pastor's Days. These were well-attended (12-20 pastors from across tribes and denominations) and covered Evangelism, Systematic Theology and church leadership. More conservative pastors tend to attend the theological days while more charismatic pastors attend the leadership and mission days. A good number of pastors attended all three.

The Incubator Course provides a rigorous church planter training course for those planting churches in the north of England with modules that begin with theological foundations of gospel ministry and move toward increasingly complex leadership topics that follow the

typical lifecycle of a new church. Pete Evans and Eric Duong have now been trained and will co-lead the upcoming Incubator course alongside Andy Weatherley.

### **Funding**

Last year We did not receive any applications to the fund. We plan to publicise the fund again next year with applications closing in May 2024. We do not currently know of any new church plants this year (and this is reflected in the cohort for Incubator) that was due to start September 2023 but was postponed until January 2024.

### **Care**

Gospel Coaching was provided for planters enrolled on the City to City Incubator using coaches trained and accredited by Church Multiplication Ministries. A number of other church planters throughout the UK were also coached by coaches working through the Northern Gospel Project and Jon Cawsey is now our Coaching Coordinator.

Prayer for Church Planting was birthed out of seeing the momentum building to plant churches and that focused prayer was the next step. It's an opportunity to pray specifically for more churches to be planted in Manchester with church and movement leaders from across the denominational/church-style spectrum led by our Prayer Coordinator Duncan Bell.

The idea for Noon Time Prayer was also birthed out of the prayer meetings given the desire to pray for our city. This will take place 12:00-13:00 every weekday in January 2024.

The Manchester Planters Collective continued to meet in person. Eight church planters were involved and it was an invaluable resource for training, encouragement and mutual accountability. We are praying for the Planters Collective to grow in the next few years.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Rachel Senior and Matt Waldock were appointed as trustees to lend their skills and expertise to the Northern Gospel Project. Ralph Cunnington resigned as trustee and started as Director in September 2023.

### **Financial Review**

Funds previously held in Designated and Restricted Funds by City Church Manchester CIO were transferred to Northern Gospel Projects bank account during this financial year. Funds transferred totalled £54,078.12.

During the year income increased by £24,976.75 to £25,126.75 and expenditure increased by £11,164.09 to £11,169.09. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £68115 to £68260, of which £32,260 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £3071 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £15,129 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ..... Jun 24, 2024

Signed on behalf by Trustee .....   
TsIMMONDS (Jun 24, 2024 16:41 GMT+1)

Printed Name: Timothy Simmonds

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Sarah Crispin (Jun 25, 2024 10:54 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA  
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Date: Jun 25, 2024

Northern Gospel Project

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2023	2022	
	General Funds	Designated Funds				
	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations	1,117	-	-	1,117	150	
Income from courses and events	-	3,010	-	3,010	-	
Income from Churches	12,000	-	9,000	21,000	-	
Transfer from Partner Church	11,191	15,887	27,000	54,078	-	
	<u>24,308</u>	<u>18,897</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>79,205</u>	<u>150</u>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>24,308</u>	<u>18,897</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>79,205</u>	<u>150</u>	
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	6,765	4,324	-	11,089.69	-
Cost of Generating Funds						5
		<u>6,765</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,090</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>6,765</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,090</u>	<u>5</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		17,543	14,572	36,000	68,115	145
Transfers between funds	3	-	2,480	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>15,063</u>	<u>17,052</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>68,115</u>	<u>145</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		145	-	-	145	-
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>15,208</u>	<u>17,052</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>68,260</u>	<u>145</u>

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**Northern Gospel Project**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £	2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	15,208	17,052	36,000	68,260	145
	<u>15,208</u>	<u>17,052</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>68,260</u>	<u>145</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	274	-	-	274	-
	<u>274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Taxes due	79	-	-	79	-
Fee for Independent Examination	600	-	-	600	-
	<u>679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>-</u>

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

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*T SIMMONDS*  
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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs (see note 4)	4,400	-	-	4,400	-
Legal and Professional Fees	900	100	-	1,000	-
Staff and Volunteers Hospitality		1,214	-	1,214	-
Speakers Fees		1,125	-	1,125	-
Administrative Costs	1,370	-	-	1,370	-
Accommodation and Travel Expenses	12	425	-	437	-
Advertising and Promotional	84	375	-	459	-
Conference materials e.g. name tags, banners		1,085	-	1,085	-
	<u>6,765</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,090</u>	<u>-</u>

**3 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £	
General funds	145	24,308	-	6,765	2,480	15,207.92
Designated funds						
Incubator Fund		7,479	-			7,479
Conference Fund		1,830	-	4,324	2,480	-
Director Fund		9,587				9,587
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>17,052.25</u>
Restricted funds						
City Renewal Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>145</u>	<u>79,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,260</u>

Designated Funds

Incubator Fund - expenses related to Incubator training course  
Conference Fund - expenses related to annual conferences  
Director Fund - expenses related to Director Role and general payroll

Restricted Funds

City Renewal Fund - restricted to funds for new church plants

**Northern Gospel Project**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189459

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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

# **NORTHERN GOSPEL PROJECT**

**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Charity Registration No: 1189459**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1189459
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	13th May 2020
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st September 2021
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st August 2022
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST AUGUST 2021</b>	Ralph Cunnington Timothy Simmonds Paul Rettie
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	CIO - Foundation Reg 13th May 2020

**OBJECTS**

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in Greater Manchester and the North of England through establishing and supporting new gospel churches, in particular but not exclusively by: raising awareness of the Christian faith and the need for new churches through meetings, conferences, print and online publications; providing training, coaching and ongoing support for those involved in planting new churches; providing seed funding and resources to support the set-up of new church plants.

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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# **NORTHERN GOSPEL PROJECT**

## **(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

In June 2022 the trustees agreed to change the name of the charity from Northern Gospel Powerhouse to Northern Gospel Project.

City Church Manchester CIO (Charity Reg No 1157448) continued to hold and disburse funds related to the Northern Gospel Project initiative during this financial year. The funds were held in a restricted fund and the accounts for this period will be submitted by City Church Manchester CIO. A bank account for Northern Gospel Project was opened in July 2022. For the next financial year the restricted fund held by City Church Manchester CIO will be closed and all funds will be transferred to the Northern Gospel Project account. Northern Gospel Project will work with Connect Supply Limited to ensure correct accounting records for the CIO starting September 2022.

Northern Gospel Project appointed a Project Manager in February 2022 on an initial one year 0.2 contract to aid the public launch of the Northern Gospel Project and the launch conference. The Project Manager salary was paid out of the restricted fund held by City Church Manchester CIO. The launch conference will take place in November 2022.

#### **Training**

The Northern Gospel Project initiative has continued to train church planters. The City to City Incubator completed its first cohort of church planter training. It was possible for the cohort to meet in-person on a number of occasions.

The Manchester Planters Collective returned to meeting in-person. Nine church planters were involved and it was an invaluable resource for training, encouragement and mutual accountability.

#### **Caring**

Gospel Coaching was provided for planters enrolled on the City to City Incubator using coaches trained and accredited by Church Multiplication Ministries. A number of other church planters throughout the UK were also coached by coaches working through the Northern Gospel Project.

#### **Funding**

The trustees are finalising the criteria for the award of grants from the City Renewal Fund (funds currently held by City Church Manchester CIO). It is anticipated that these will be agreed at a Trustees Meeting before the end of 2022 and the first grants will be made in June 2023.

**NORTHERN GOSPEL PROJECT**  
**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on .....10/02/2023.....



Signed on behalf by Trustee .....

Printed Name: Ralph Cunningham

**NORTHERN GOSPEL PROJECT**  
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

	<b>TOTAL 2021/2022</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	
<b>Incoming Resources and Generated Funds</b>	
Donations, Grants and Legacies	150
Charitable Activities	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<hr/> 150 <hr/>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>	
Cost of Charitable Activities	0
Cost of Generating Funds	5
Governance Costs	0
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<hr/> 5 <hr/>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<hr/> <b>145</b> <hr/>

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# **NORTHERN GOSPEL POWERHOUSE**

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# **NORTHERN GOSPEL POWERHOUSE**

**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

### **Covid Disruption**

The Covid-19 pandemic significantly disrupted the activities of the charity. The main high street banks were not opening new charity bank accounts during the lockdown and so City Church Manchester CIO (Charity Reg No 1157448) continued to hold and disburse funds related to the Northern Gospel Powerhouse initiative during this financial year. The funds were held in a restricted fund and the accounts for this period will be submitted by City Church Manchester CIO. It is anticipated that Northern Gospel Powerhouse will open a bank account in the financial year ending 31st August 2022 and the restricted fund held by City Church Manchester CIO will be closed.

The pandemic also prevented us from holding the launch conference that we had planned for May 2021. The launch conference will now take place in 2022.

### **Training**

The Northern Gospel Powerhouse initiative has continued to train church planters throughout the pandemic. The City to City Incubator entered its second year with six church planters completing the course. Most training sessions were delivered over Zoom but it was possible for the cohort to meet in-person on a number of occasions.

The Manchester Planters Collective continued to meet online or in-person throughout the pandemic. Nine church planters were involved and it was an invaluable resource for training, encouragement and mutual accountability.

### **Caring**

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### **Funding**

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**NORTHERN GOSPEL POWERHOUSE**  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**


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Approved by the Trustees on ..... 19/05/22 .....

Signed on behalf by Trustee .....  .....

Printed Name: Ralph Cunningham

**NORTHERN GOSPEL POWERHOUSE**  
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

**TOTAL 2020/2021**

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

**Incoming Resources and Generated Funds**

Donations, Grants and Legacies

0

Charitable Activities

0

**TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES**

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0

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**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**Costs of Generating Funds**

Cost of Charitable Activities

0

Cost of Generating Funds

0

Governance Costs

0

**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

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0

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**NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES**

0

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

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