

Ignite Penrith
Trustee Report and Financial Statements
Period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021

Charity number 1191128

Ignite Penrith

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021

1. Reference and administrative details

Name: Ignite Penrith

Charity number: 1191128, registered in England and Wales

Address: 3 King Street, Penrith, CA11 7AR

Charity trustees:

Brian Davis (Chair)

Rhona King

Carl Mimmack (deceased 4 January 2022)

Elizabeth Mimmack (appointed 9 February 2022)

Michael Yoxon (Treasurer)

2. Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Ignite Penrith is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on the formation of the CIO on 3 September 2020.

Trustees

The charity is governed and managed by the Trustees. Under the constitution, there must be at least 3 trustees and a maximum of 12. The first Trustees were appointed for the following terms:

Carl Mimmack for 4 years

Rhona King and Brian Davis for 3 years

Michael Yoxon for 2 years.

New Trustees are selected by existing trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. They are appointed for a term of 3 years.

Previous Unincorporated Association

Ignite Penrith started on 15 April 2018 as an Unincorporated Association (UA). It became clear to the Trustees that a CIO would be a more effective form of organisation to support the objectives and plans for the youth work in Penrith and the raising of funds for future developments. Until 31 December 2020, all the activity was carried out by the UA and the CIO had no activity in 2020. On 1 January 2021, after a resolution by the members of the UA, the CIO accepted all the assets of the UA and took over all its activity.

3. Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are to help young people under a Christian ethos, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

The main activity of the charity, continuing from the Unincorporated Association, has been the provision of The Gathering café and activities based in it. This has provided a safe place for young people from the whole Penrith area to meet and learn to create groups of friends and explore what Jesus means in peoples' lives. These activities were organised and led by Carl Mimmack with substantial input from 8 volunteers. The Gathering used to be a commercial café and has catering facilities which the young people learn to use. The two floors of the café are provided with a pool table, games and computing equipment, including games consoles and a small stage equipped with music and lighting facilities. Meals are provided and the Young People eat together with the leaders.

After Covid the numbers of young people who came regularly to The Gathering dropped at first but gradually increased so that 25 to 30 young people were attending regularly at the end of 2021. The Youth Café was opened on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for a free time of pool, table tennis, video games and crafts followed by a structured time of learning about Jesus from interactive teaching sessions of readings, videos, dramas, music and games about what Jesus means in people's lives. Monday was designed for an older group (15-17yrs), Tuesday was a younger group (10-14yrs) and on Wednesday, there was a mixed group, some taking free music lessons from instructors hired by Ignite (guitar and keyboard) and others with free time and supervised activities.

Ignite has retained a good relationship with both of the secondary schools in Penrith and, by invitation, Carl had regular pastoral contact at school with students.

Another objective is to develop young leaders. Carl ran a leadership course with the some of the older group through which they gained certificates of leadership. He trained them how to run the café and help to supervise the younger children. To expand their experience, he took them on a residential weekend Mission Course to work with refugees in Leeds. Three of those trained leaders have come back and are helping us to run the Gathering

During the summer, the young people enjoyed a Saturday outdoor event 'Converge' which we organised. They joined with other Christian Youth Groups to enjoy a barbeque, craft stalls, obstacle course races and a youth led worship time.

Trustee and Project Leader, Carl Mimmack, collapsed and died suddenly on 4 January 2022. He was fit and well and was fell walking with one his sons. It was completely unexpected - he was 56 years old. Since then the activities of the charity have been continued by our volunteers and we are in the process of recruiting a new leader as a joint venture with the Carlisle Diocese of the Church of England. A tribute to Carl follows this report.

The trustees consider that the activities described above meet our charity's purpose for the public benefit and that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the

guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

4. Financial review

The transfer of £23,832 from the Ignite Penrith Unincorporated Association started the year. A new bank account was opened with CAF Bank which enabled electronic banking, dual authorisation of electronic payments and much-improved administration arrangements.

The significant grant-raising efforts in the autumn of 2020 bore fruit with the following grants:

- Joseph Rank Trust: £35,000 over 3 years (£15,000 in yr1, £10,000 in years 2 and 3). This is for the Core costs of the charity, excluding capital expenditure.
- Garfield Weston Foundation: £8,500 for core funding to be spent in the 12 months following receipt.
- The Anchor Foundation: £5,000 “towards your staff costs for work with young people from deprived backgrounds”. We treated that as a restriction and opened a Staffing Fund (see Note 2 to the accounts).

We are very grateful for the confidence of these grant-funding organisations.

Regular donations from individuals and churches also increased and amounted to £9,835. A substantial proportion of the individual donations are gift aided and we were able to recover £1,067 from the 2020 donations to the Unincorporated Association. A further £1,396 was recovered after the year-end which related to 2021.

Spending was much lower than planned. The main reasons for this were our inability to recruit a deputy project leader, the effects of the Covid pandemic and a delay in the signature of the lease for the premises. The lease delay meant that the first 5 months of premises-related costs were donations-in-kind (see Note 3 to the accounts).

Staff costs were incurred in the recruitment and relocation of a Deputy Project Leader. Unfortunately, she resigned after 2 weeks. Her salary is allocated to the Staffing Fund. The other costs, which were reduced by the return of a substantial proportion of the relocation allowance, are allocated to the General Fund.

Funds at the end of the year amounted to £48,379, which is much higher than expected because of the lower spending.

The aim of the trustees has been to raise the funds, to enable the employment of a deputy project leader for at least 3 years. Initially, the funds have been raised by grants but we hope to increase regular donations and other income during this time to ensure that activity levels can be maintained.

We opened a Maintenance Fund when the Lease was signed because significant expenditure is likely made on the building and the equipment which will not be easy to

forecast by period. A transfer has been made at the rate of £4,000 per year, which was based on the experience of the landlord.

Approved by the trustees on 19 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Brian Davis

Chair

Ignite Penrith

A tribute to Carl Mimmack

Here are some of the memories of Carl from the young people and volunteers who knew him through the Gathering Youth Café. Carl was a very special person who brought joy and fun into all our lives. One of the young people said “Carl was jolly and happy all the time — fun to be with”. Carl’s happiness came from his deep Christian Faith which he wanted to share with young people.

Start of the Gathering

When Carl and Liz moved to Penrith they recognised that Penrith had very limited provision for young people to get together after school. In 2016 they closed their coffee shop on King Street and opened ‘The Gathering’, a youth café’ as a safe place for young people to get together after school to chill out, play games, do art and craft projects, discuss important aspects of their life and learn about Jesus.

Team Building

Carl was a great team builder. Initially Carl and Liz opened the café on a Monday evening every week during school term. But the numbers grew gradually to some 60 regulars and 40 occasionally. To accommodate the rising numbers, Carl visited churches and invited volunteers to join him in this new adventure. With the help of volunteers, he was able to open the café on 3 evenings every week during school term.

Impact on the young people

Carl had a most amazing close relationship with each one of the young people. They loved being with Carl.

Here are some of their memories:

“He made you feel at home.”; He’s the most jolly man I’ve ever met.”

“He lightened my every Monday and Wednesday so much that I came over and over for 3 years straight.”

“It won’t be easy for anyone who knew him to accept that he’s gone. Him not being in my life is going to be hard. He was family, Gathering was family.”

“Last thing I remember was playing small games for last day until after Christmas; playing “Limbo” and “Fastest Present Wrapper”.

“He was observant and looked out for everyone. He was very open minded.”

“Carl would always make sure I’m okay and would listen to what I had to say. He was very patient and considerate.”

“Even though I didn’t know Carl a lot he was still fun and every time I came to the Gathering seeing Carl made me really happy about seeing Carl every Tuesday night.”

“I remember when I just met Carl he was very kind and funny and he taught me and my friends how to play ping pong. It was very fun.”

“I remember the first time I met Carl and he welcomed me quickly and kindly. I will be forever grateful for how kind he was.”

“Carl was very, very nice and greeted me every day. He was one of the most brilliant people I knew, he shall be remembered.”

“I remember me and Carl playing ping pong and him teaching me. We will remember you Carl.”

Carl lives on in the memories of all of us who knew him.

Developing Trust

None of this could happen without the children's parents' support. Carl was in frequent contact with the parents so that they felt part of the Gathering and had confidence that Carl would keep their children safe while they enjoyed themselves.

Teaching

Carl was a great teacher. He started "Small Group" sessions where he helped the young people discuss in their own way, things that impact on their young lives such as: a) bullying, social media, and mental illness and b) explore faith and how knowing Jesus could help them in their lives.

Leadership

Carl was a natural leader. He ran a leadership course with some of the older group through which they gained certificates of leadership. He trained them how to run the café and help to supervise the younger children.

To expand their experience he took them on a residential weekend Mission Course to work with refugees in Leeds. Three of those trained leaders have come back and helped us to run the Gathering

Outdoor and Residential Activities

Carl loved outdoor activities. In the summer holidays he took a group of the young people for 5 days to Soul Survivor, a youth Christian festival held at Stafford fair grounds where they camped in tents and mixed some 4000 young people with other youth groups from across Cumbria and the rest of England. During the week they enjoyed organised sports, talks, board games, dancing and collective worship in a massive barn.

Carl also organised local events like Converge, a camping weekend in a field in Greystoke with competitions, an obstacle course and campfire sessions. And **Ablaze** at the Blackpool Leisure Centre and Penrith Leisure Centre swimming pool, which Carl hired for an afternoon, and the young people enjoyed water slides, silly games and competitions

Future Planning

Carl was planning for the long-term future. He wanted to ensure that there would always be someone to help the young people who come to the Youth Café. So he started the Charity "Ignite Penrith" to raise money to be able to employ a trained Youth Worker. Everyone who knew Carl agrees that he would want the Gathering to continue to be available to the young people of Penrith. The Ignite Penrith charity trustees are working to make Carl's dream come true with generous support for Carl's vision from individual donors and granting organisations.

Ignite Penrith**Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts for the period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021 on pages 8 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.



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Date: 19 October 2022

Ignite Penrith
Receipts and Payments for the period from 3 September 2020 to
31 December 2021

<u>GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts		
Donation from Ignite Penrith	4	20,640
Donations		9,835
Gift aid		1,067
Grants	5	23,500
		<u>55,042</u>
Payments		
Charitable activity	6	(6,301)
Raising funds		(3,960)
		<u>(10,261)</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		44,781
Transfers		
To Maintenance Fund		(2,333)
To CCSF		(86)
Cash fund last year end		-
Cash fund this year end		<u>42,361</u>
 <u>CCS FUND (restricted)</u>		
Receipts		
Donation from Ignite Penrith		3,192
Payments		
Purchase of assets		(3,278)
Net of receipts/(payments)		<u>(86)</u>
Transfers		
From General Fund		86
Cash fund last year end		-
Cash fund this year end		<u>0</u>

The Notes on pages 11 and 12 form an integral part of these accounts

Ignite Penrith
Receipts and Payments for the period from 3 September 2020 to
31 December 2021

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<u>STAFFING FUND (restricted)</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts		
Grant	5	5,000
Payments		
Charitable activity	6	(1,315)
Net of receipts/(payments)		3,685
Cash fund last year end		-
Cash fund this year end		3,685
<u>MAINTENANCE FUND (designated, unrestricted)</u>		
Transfers		
From General Fund		2,333
Cash fund last year end		-
Cash fund this year end		2,333
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>		
Receipts		
Donation from Ignite Penrith	4	23,832
Donations		9,835
Gift aid		1,067
Grants	5	28,500
		63,234
Payments		
Charitable activity	6	(7,616)
Raising funds		(3,960)
Purchase of assets		(3,278)
		(14,855)
Net of receipts/(payments)		48,379
Cash fund last year end		-
Cash fund this year end		48,379

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Ignite Penrith
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2021

CASH FUNDS	£
Undeposited cheques	1,000
Cash held by CAF Bank	21,496

Cash held by NatWest Bank		25,883
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		48,379
ASSETS RETAINED FOR USE IN CHARITY	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Computer equipment (purchased 2021)	CCS	3,278
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Gift Aid not yet received	General	1,396
LIABILITIES	Fund to which liability belongs	£
Accounts payable	General	3,294

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Approved by the trustees on 19 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Davis

Michael Yoxon

Chair

Treasurer

Ignite Penrith

Notes to the accounts for the period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021

1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Fund structure

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a General Fund, for the day-to-day running of the charity, and a Maintenance Fund which is designated for the obligations accepted under the lease of the premises.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During 2020, the Unincorporated Association received a grant from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, which was restricted to the activities described in the application. During 2021, a grant was received from The Anchor Foundation "towards your staff costs for work with young people from deprived backgrounds" and this was used to open the Staffing Fund.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees or to any connected persons during the year. During the year, for operational reasons, trustees paid for some charity expenses and were reimbursed by the charity.

Carl Mimmack was employed by the Carlisle Diocese of the Church of England for the whole of the year as a Network Youth Leader. His main activity in this employment was to lead the youth work at The Gathering. In effect, the Diocese contributed his time to the work of Ignite Penrith.

The premises and equipment used by Ignite Penrith at 3 King Street, Penrith are owned by Carl and Liz Mimmack and by The Meeting Place (Penrith) Ltd, a company limited by guarantee. The only members and directors of the company are Carl and Liz Mimmack. Until 1 June 2021, all the facilities were donated, free-of-charge to Ignite Penrith. A lease came into effect on 1 June 2021 under which Ignite agreed to pay a nominal rent of £1 per annum for the use of the premises and equipment. From this date, Ignite has been responsible for the running and maintenance costs of the premises and equipment.

4. Donation from Ignite Penrith

Ignite Penrith started on 15 April 2018 as an Unincorporated Association (UA). On 1 January 2021, after a resolution by the members of the UA, the CIO accepted all the assets of the UA and took over all its activity. The UA has been wound-up.

Ignite Penrith**Notes to the accounts for the period from 3 September 2020 to 31 December 2021****5. Grants Received**

	£
Joseph Rank Trust	15,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	8,500
The Anchor Foundation	5,000
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	28,500
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6. Charitable Activity

	£
<i>General Fund</i>	
Premises	844
Staff	1,873
Support	599
Youthwork	2,985
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	6,301
<i>Staffing Fund</i>	
Staff	1,315
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	7,616
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7. Commitments

Ignite agreed a contract for fundraising services for the period from 1 March to 31 December 2021. On 31 December 2021, £2,376 of work had not been done or paid for. Ignite has agreed with its supplier that this work will not be invoiced and that no payment will be required until the work is complete.

8. Disclosures required for CIOs

No guarantee has been given by the CIO, where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement.

No debt is outstanding at the date of any statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO.