

Ignite Penrith
Trustee Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2024

Charity number 1191128

Ignite Penrith

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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)

Barry Halls

Elizabeth Mimmack

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.

New Trustees are selected by existing trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years and are eligible for re-appointment at the end of their term.

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 trustees consider that the activities described below meet our charity's purpose for public benefit and that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Trustees met monthly throughout the year to discuss the programme and review the finances. They interact with other groups providing youth work in the Penrith Area to help share resources.

The Charity has sole use the premises at 3 King Street for the Gathering Youth Café, which are equipped with a full commercial kitchen and 4 activity rooms. These are set out to provide a pool table, games equipment, a music area with keyboards, drums, guitars and audio system, video games terminals, craft activity tables and a communal dining room.

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The café opens on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in school term time for any young person aged 10-18 yrs. It is a safe and welcoming space for young people in Penrith to gather, meet with friends, chill out, enjoy games, art and crafts, as well as learning life skills like cooking, music and exploring how Jesus might become part of their life. Groups often share an evening meal together. We currently see 60 young people each week supported by a newly appointed Youth Leader and 10 volunteers.

Our Youth Leader, Emily Milburn, who returned full-time to her role in May encourages the young people to consider a personal relationship with God by exploring who Jesus is and how Jesus treated others in the Bible. She's also taken a more practical approach by having a litter-picking week around Penrith.

In August, with the Network Youth Church, she took seventeen young people from across Cumbria to the Christian youth camp, 'Dreaming the Impossible'. Over five days, they joined 5,500 young people from across the UK gathered to worship and have fun. In the mornings and evenings, everyone gathered for the main meetings, where they all worshiped together. In the afternoons and evenings, our young people disappeared into the "Dream Café" for board games, quizzes, karaoke. Many have already signed up for DTI 2025 and encouraged their friends to join us too.

In September, she took 22 young people from Penrith, to The Big One, a county-wide day event organised by Network Youth Church in Keswick for young people to gather, make new friends, have fun and worship together. It was a huge success, with over 250 young people in attendance. Our group are all excited to go again in 2025.

Over this year, we have watched our young people grow in their faith together, discipling and championing each other into the best versions of themselves. Each of our leaders have learned a lot from them – we are reminded each session of the wonderful potential of the future, which rests in the hands of these young people.

In 2024, Ignite worked with Church in the Barn to provide a Pancake Breakfast for young people before attending school. The number of young people gradually increased over the summer term. In July 2024, Ignite hosted a "Life Exhibition" to introduce young people to the Bible and Christianity. Schools bussed children from years 5 and 6 to the Gathering where they were guided through the interactive exhibition. About 150 children participated.

4. Premises

The building at 3 King Street, including the part occupied by Ignite Penrith, is currently being offered for sale. The trustees are actively searching for replacement premises. Our landlord has provided the premises at 3 King Street free of charge since the start of Ignite Penrith.

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5. Financial review

This year total receipts decreased by £13,047 to £16,088. The main reasons were that 2023 was the final year grant of £10,000 from Joseph Rank Trust, we received a one-off amount in 2023 from the Diocese of Carlisle of funds donated to Ignite in previous years of £3,145 and the receipt of a one-off grant in 2023 from Pennine Community Credit Union.

A substantial proportion of the individual donations are gift aided and we were able to recover £1,402 from HMRC.

No grant Income was received in 2024. The grant income in the past 3 years mainly related to the project to recruit a deputy project leader.

Total payments decreased by £1,230 to £27,473. An increase in staff costs of £1,442 related to the longer period of employment for Emily Milburn was offset by a decrease in premises costs of £2,848 caused by lower maintenance costs, lower insurance costs and lower business rates.

As a result of the above, the net payments for the year were £11,385 and cash funds decreased by that amount to £44,709. In 2023 there were net receipts of £432 which increased cash funds to £56,094.

The General Fund balance was £39,177 at the end of the year. The original aim of the trustees when the grant funds were raised was to enable the employment of a deputy project leader for at least 3 years. Plans changed because of the difficulty we found in recruitment and then the death of the Project Leader in January 2022. The trustees are of the opinion that this level of reserves is reasonable in our current situation. Our operational cashflow is negative, there is uncertainty about the future costs of our premises and we have an agreement with the Diocese of Carlisle to fund part of the costs of Emily Milburn (see Leadership, below).

Both the Core Fund and the Staffing Fund had zero balances at the end of the year because grant donations have been fully used for the purposes directed by the donors.

The Maintenance Fund was opened when the Lease was signed because significant expenditure was likely to be required on the building and the equipment which was not easy to forecast by period. Transfers to the fund at the rate of £4,000 per year were based on the experience of the landlord. At the end of the year, the fund amounted to £5,532. No transfer is proposed this year because of the uncertainties related to the sale of 3 King Street.

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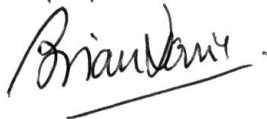
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6. Leadership

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Approved by the trustees on 21/08/2025 and signed on its behalf by

Brian Davis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Davis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Chair

Ignite Penrith**Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 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").

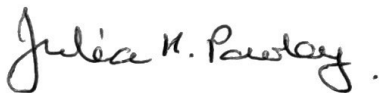
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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, other than the uncertainty regarding the future availability of the building to which the trustees refer in their report.



Rev Julia Powley
96 Primrose Drive
PENRITH CA11 8FA

Date: 5th September 2025

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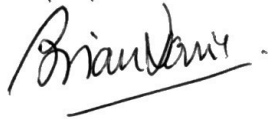
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Ignite Penrith**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
CASH FUNDS		
CAF Bank CAFcash account	699	2,500
CAF Bank Gold account	44,010	53,594
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	44,709	56,094

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
ASSETS RETAINED FOR USE IN CHARITY			
Computer equipment (purchased 2021)	CCS	3,278	3,278
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		£	£
Gift Aid not yet received	General	312	442
Accounts receivable	General	311	-
		623	442
LIABILITIES		£	£
Accounts payable	General	2,677	812
Deposit to repay	General	-	-
Staff expenses to pay	General	-	-
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Michael Yoxon

Treasurer

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Ignite Penrith**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
RECEIPTS					
Donations and legacies					
Donations		10,149	-	10,149	13,202
Gift aid		1,402	-	1,402	1,605
Grants	4	-	-	-	11,000
Bank interest		1,272	-	1,272	911
Other income		3,265	-	3,265	2,417
TOTAL RECEIPTS		16,088	-	16,088	29,135
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Administration		376	-	376	245
Premises		11,614	-	11,614	14,462
Staff Costs		11,798	-	11,798	10,356
Youthwork		3,685	-	3,685	3,640
TOTAL PAYMENTS		27,473	-	27,473	28,703
Net receipts/(payments)		(11,385)	-	(11,385)	432
Transfers					
Transfers in			-	-	16,940
Transfers out			-	-	(16,940)
Cash fund last year end		56,094	-	56,094	55,662
Cash fund this year end		44,709	-	44,709	56,094

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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 (CCS) Fund, which was restricted to the activities described in the application. During 2021, a grant was received from The Anchor Foundation which was used to open the Staffing Fund. Grants from The Joseph Rank Trust were received in 2021, 2022 and 2023. These were directed to be used for "Core Costs" which was defined as any area of expenditure except capital purchases. A separate Restricted Fund was established for these costs.

Both the Staffing Fund and the Core Costs Fund had nil balances at 31 December 2023 and are no longer required.

The CCF fund also had a nil balance on 31 December 2023 and is only required because capital purchases were made from it and are shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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.

The premises and equipment used by Ignite Penrith at 3 King Street, Penrith are owned by Liz Mimmack, a trustee, and by The Meeting Place (Penrith) Ltd, a company limited by guarantee. The only member and director of the company is 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.

Ignite Penrith**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024****4. Grants received**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	
<i>General Fund (Unrestricted)</i>		
Pennine Community Credit Union	-	1,000
<i>Core Costs Fund (Restricted)</i>		
Joseph Rank Trust	-	10,000
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	-	11,000

5. 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 work is completed.

6. 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.

7. Charity funds

See Note 2 for an explanation of the Purposes and Restrictions of the Funds.

(a) Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
General	U	49,258	16,088	(26,169)	-	39,177
Maintenance	U	6,836	-	(1,304)	-	5,532
CCF	R	-	-	-	-	-
Staff	R	-	-	-	-	-
Core costs	R	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		56,094	16,088	(27,473)	-	44,709

(b) Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type *	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
General	U	47,063	19,135	-	(16,940)	49,258
Maintenance	U	4,914	-	(2,078)	4,000	6,836
CCF	R	-	-	-	-	-
Staff	R	3,685	-	(6,135)	2,450	-
Core costs	R	-	10,000	(20,490)	10,490	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		55,662	29,135	(28,703)	-	56,094

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds