



YOUTH PRESENCE

Working with and supporting children and young people

Youth Presence CIO

Registered Charity Number 1191305

Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Report for the Period 01.09.2023 - 31.08.2024

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Youth Presence
Registered charity number: 1191305

Charity's Address

Stricklandgate House
92 Stricklandgate
Kendal
Cumbria
LA9 4PU

Names of the Charity Trustees

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Appointed	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1.	Marian Kearney		Reappointed September 2022	
2.	Kinga Rolak	Secretary	Reappointed September 2021	
3.	Sr. Constance Cameron	Nominated trustee	Reappointed September 2022	Salesian Sisters
4.	Rev. Hugh Pollock	Chair (April 2024)	Reappointed September 2023	
5.	Mary Elizabeth Biddle	Chair	2020 Resigned February 2024	
6.	Deborah Carey	Treasurer	January 2022 (Appointed Treasurer June 2023)	
7.	Caroline D'Arcy		December 2022	

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:

To advance in life and relieve needs of children and young people, in particular (but without limitation) in the North West of England, for the public benefit through:

- a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;*
- b) providing support, activities and opportunities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals and be aware of their individual potential*
- c) providing education programmes, in particular but not exclusively by, personal, social and spiritual education as a means of advancing education.*

Summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Youth Presence has worked tirelessly over this period, making a positive difference in the lives of local children and young people.

Our 'USP' is our belief in the importance of presence; long term accompaniment and a relational approach with children and young people. We know our relational approach is essential in building protective factors. We see ourselves as part of a tapestry support for children and young people, alongside other services in the area.

Trustees reviewed Safeguarding policies and procedures, using NSPCC Learning resources. We have also undertaken training in Safeguarding and First Aid. We have changed provider for our DBS checks. These firm foundations have ensured we operate using best practice and provide our children and young people with safe environments.

Our Youth Presence Project Worker has continued to offer essential support to young people through our Pastoral Hub at The Queen Katherine School. The group work and 1:1 accompaniment offered by our Project Worker remains central to many young people's support networks.

One highlight of this initiative is a food project which we have been able to continue from our previous year. Eligible young people have been able to partake in a 'pie and fruit' night once a week. This is always well attended. The 'Blue Sofa Podcast' produced by our podcast club continues to provide interesting and important content. One episode highlighted awareness of the charity Papyrus. The 'Blue Sofa Podcast' became award winning in June 2024. The team were 'Highly Commended' within the 'Best Audio' category at Shine School Media Awards. This is a wonderful achievement for all the young people involved.

Our Youth Presence Project Worker has started working alongside our local child centred policing team. This multi-agency approach is beneficial to all the young people we work with. We hope to develop this relationship in the future.

This project has also enabled us to listen to youth voice and shape projects accordingly. One example of this was a specialist initiative with a girl's group entitled '#herpastyourfuture'. This project educated others on making safe decisions around the use of social media. Another highlight saw young people being empowered to put into action their idea of an ethical beauty products event. This was attended by over 70 young people. Our Project Worker also worked with two young people to enable their big idea of a fundraising event to become reality. Together, the group took part in a

'Drive Around' visiting Premier League football clubs. These projects were incredibly meaningful and enabled young people to take confidence in their ideas, to believe in themselves and to learn valuable skills.

Our open access youth work offer has also grown. We offered monthly pizza nights during Autumn 2023 to Year 7 young people we had supported during their transition to secondary school. Young people made their own pizzas, alongside taking part in games. We have also been able to continue our youth club for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and developed a new Youth Café provision for young people in Year 7 and 8. The focus of both youth groups is to provide local children and young people with a safe environment, where they can engage with positive activities that help them to feel good about themselves. We were able to offer an additional layer of support to local children; a place they could look forward to coming to. To celebrate the end of the year, we organised a trip where young people took part in bowling and laser quest. Children told us that the youth club was *'fun, creative and sociable'* and that the Youth Café is *'a nice spot to make friends, talk about stuff and socialise'*.

In December 2023, we were able to offer 2 days of 'Holidays and Food' provision. Children came together to take part in a wide variety of games and activities during the Christmas holidays. Children were supported in their development of social skills such as turn taking, teamwork and cooperation, as well as making new friends.

In February 2024, the Trustees of Youth Presence appointed our first Chief Executive Officer. This has contributed to the sustainability of the charity, alongside developments in partnership working and new projects.

Our CEO has been able to offer a weekly outreach project in a local primary school. This project offers children a compassionate and empathetic space. Children take part in games and activities which help them to socialise, increase feelings of happiness and build self-esteem.

A huge new initiative has been our Year 6 transition project. The aim of this project is to support local children as they navigate the change from primary school to secondary school. This is an ambitious project which focuses on personal development and connection, through activities, games and discussion. The project is designed to support children in their friendships, self-confidence, and resilience. We want children to learn more about themselves and others.

Youth Presence worked with 5 local primary schools, welcoming 41 children onto this project. We delivered weekly sessions in schools, alongside after school opportunities and a further transition day in their new secondary schools. After the in-school programme, children said:

- *'I enjoyed sharing my emotions and feeling comfortable'*
- *'I loved how we could express ourselves'*
- *'I liked how everyone feels they belong'*
- *'I enjoyed how safe and friendly it was'*

Youth Presence continued to assist the 'Next Steps' project, working with identified Year 7 students to support their transition to secondary school. We were also a lead partner in 'Kendal Youth Fest'. This event took place in Summer 2024 and saw youth agencies coming together to offer a fun and formative day for local young people.

We are exceptionally grateful to all our funders who enable this important work to take place. Huge thanks to the Lupton Tower Trust, The Hadfield Trust, Cumbria Youth Alliance, Francis Scott Trust, The Freida Scott Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation, Westmorland and Furness Council, Robert Stephenson Charities and the Roselands Trust. We are grateful for the donations we receive from community fundraising events, for example carol singing and the Christmas Tree Festival. We are

also grateful for the donations we receive from individuals. The new Mayor of Kendal chose Youth Presence as one of the local charities he will support during his time in this position. Again, we truly appreciate this. We couldn't continue our mission without **all** this vital support.

The activities and development of Youth Presence are a clear testimony to the trustee board acting with integrity, courage and vision - always placing the welfare of children and young people at the heart of every decision.

Statement confirming that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit:

The trustees of Youth Presence have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Achievements and Performance

- New projects offering long term accompaniment to children and young people.
- Working with a variety of funders, increasing our capacity for activities.
- Appointing our first Chief Executive Officer.
- Development of partnership working.

All these achievements have enabled Youth Presence to make a positive difference to the circumstances of children and young people and further our charitable object.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation


Trustee selection methods:

- Eligibility for trusteeship
 - (a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person.
 - (b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:
 - if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or
 - if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause [12(1)(e)].
 - (c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.
 - (d) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
- Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
- In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
- Nominated Trustee
 - (a) The Salesian Sisters ("the appointing body") may appoint one charity trustee.
 - (b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.
 - (c) Each appointment will be made for a term of two years.
- The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s) 1. 

2. 

Full name(s) 1. Fr. Hugh Pollock

2. Caroline D'Arcy

Position(s) 1. Chair

2. Trustee

Date 1. 26th June 2025

2. 26th June 2025



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Youth Presence Financial Report

01.09.2023 - 31.08.2024

Youth Presence - Summary of Expenditure/Income 2023/2024

Hadfield Core Costs ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£513.57
Communications	£289.80
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£0.00
Accommodation	£1,473.44
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£265.00
TOTAL	£2,541.81
Budget	£2,500.00
Remainder	£0.00

Dreamscheme 2 ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£0.00
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£275.52
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£275.52
Budget	£400.00
Remainder	£124.48

QKS Job ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£0.00
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£0.00
Salary + Pension	£28,451.84
Prof. Expenses	£93.60
TOTAL	£28,545.44
Budget	£29,551.29
Remainder	£1,105.85

HAF Summer ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£564.00
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£0.00
Return funding	£877.06
TOTAL	£1,441.06
Budget	£1,441.06
Remainder	£0.00

Dreamscheme3 ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£7.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£26.15
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£257.79
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£290.94
Budget	£400.00
Remainder	£109.06

CEO Job ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£0.00
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£0.00
Salary + Pension	£12,338.40
Prof. Expenses	£0.00
TOTAL	£12,338.40
Budget	£19,400.00
Remainder	£7,061.60

HAF Winter ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£91.95
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£130.00
Accommodation	£376.92
Project Resources	£209.23
Training	£0.00
Return funding	£295.40
TOTAL	£1,103.50
Budget	£1,100.00
Remainder	£0.00

RJ Stephenson ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£1,692.05
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£237.54
Accommodation	£311.19
Project Resources	£453.88
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£2,694.65
Budget	£6,810.00
Remainder	£4,115.35

CEO Training

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£0.00
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£450.00
Salary + Pension	£0.00
Prof. Expenses	£0.00
TOTAL	£450.00
Budget	£454.00
Remainder	£0.00

QKS Food ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£1,959.52
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£1,959.52
Budget	£2,159.85
Remainder	£200.33

Year 6 Transition ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£84.13
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£930.22
Accommodation	£314.42
Project Resources	£1,041.01
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£2,369.78
Budget	£3,950.00
Remainder	£1,580.22

Drive Around ✓

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£25.00
Communications	£15.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Tshirts	£70.02
Travel	£413.96
Food and drink	£148.60
Accommodation	£0.00
Project Resources	£0.00
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£672.21
Budget	
Remainder	

✓ Youth Club CCC

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£0.00
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£280.00
Hospitality	£209.56
Accommodation	£275.00
Project Resources	£82.21
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£846.77
Budget	£953.48
Remainder	£106.72

Petty Cash

Carried Over 1/9/23	Expenditure
Total	£5.28
TOTAL	
Budget	
Remainder	£5.28

High Sheriff

	Expenditure
Equipment	£500.00
TOTAL	£500.00
Budget	£500.00
Remainder	£0.00

✓ Youth Club W&F

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£9.99
Communications	£0.00
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£457.92
Accommodation	£1,526.84
Project Resources	£872.49
Training	£335.00
TOTAL	£3,204.24
Budget	£4,470.00
Remainder	£1,265.76

Overall Totals

Bank Income	£64,132.08 ✓
Bank Outgoings	£60,925.00 ✓
Balance (Income less Expe	£3,207.08
Total Spent	£60,925.00 ✓
Total Income	£64,132.08 ✓

Bank Balance 1/9/23

Bank Balance 1/9/23	£34,052.65
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Bank Balance 31/8/24	£37,259.73 ✓
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✓ Non Restricted

Category	Expenditure
Admin	£100.68
Communications	£25.15
Safeguarding	£0.00
Equipment	£374.50
Travel	£0.00
Hospitality	£761.15
Accommodation	£215.17
Project Resources	£194.51
Training	£0.00
TOTAL	£1,671.16
Budget	
Remainder	

Reserved Funds

Freida Scott (2/8/24)	£12,650.00
Rathbone Inv Mngt (27/8/24)	£5,000.00
Norman Ashton (22/23)	£690.67
Salesian Sisters (22/23)	£402.37
TOTAL	£18,743.04

Remaining Restricted

Remaining Restricted	£15,669.37
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Unrestricted Funds in Bank	£2,847.32
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31/08/2024	
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Petty cash (unrestricted)	£5.28
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Income

Funders	Amount
The Francis C. Scott	£15,400.00
Fun Day Donations	£82.00
Freida Scott Charitable	£12,650.00 ✓
Private Donations	£582.94
Lupton Tower Trust	£2,000.00
Drive Around	£1,056.38
Charities Trust	£100.00
Westmorland & Furness	£10,520.00
QKS	£8,000.00
Cumbria Youth Alliance	£800.00
Fundraising	£263.29 ✓
Cumbria Community Foundation	£5,000.00
Brathay Trust	£504.00 ✓
Roselands Trust	£2,000.00 ✓
Christmas Tree Festival	£159.47 ✓
Ryman (credit)	£14.00 ✓
Hadfield Trust	£5,000.00 ✓
TOTAL	£64,132.08

Signed and certified by Deborah Carey (Treasurer), 10/06/25.
 Checked in accordance with Financial Receipts Statement provided. Audited by Graham Joseph Boyes Graham Boyes 17/6/25 10/6/25

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2023	To	Period end date 31.08.24
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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					
Donations	683	-	-	683	1,897
Fundraising Events	1,561	-	-	1,561	2,097
Grants	-	53,370	-	53,370	39,572
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Services	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Miscellaneous	14	504	-	518	18
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,258	61,874	-	64,132	43,584
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,258	61,874	-	64,132	43,584
A3 Payments					
Administration	101	2,392	-	2,492	4,056
Communications	25	290	-	315	338
Safeguarding	-	-	-	-	137
Equipment	230	7	-	237	117
Travel (Coach hire - youth club outing)	-	280	-	280	336
Hospitality (including food project and food provision)	761	4,535	-	5,296	90
Accommodation (including office rental and hall hire)	215	4,280	-	4,495	2,296
Project Resources	195	3,192	-	3,387	3,187
Training (Safeguarding and First Aid)	-	1,050	-	1,050	-
Salary and Pension contributions	-	40,790	-	40,790	20,127
Professional Expenses	-	94	-	94	-
Returned Funding	-	1,172	-	1,172	-
Fundraising Events (Drive Around)	672	-	-	672	-
Sub total	2,199	58,082	-	60,280	30,683
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Desktop PC	25	500	-	525	-
PC Monitor	120	-	-	120	-
Sub total	145	500	-	645	-
Total payments	2,344	58,582	-	60,925	30,683
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 86	3,292	-	3,207	12,901

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 £
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B1 Cash funds

Bank Account	2,847	34,412	-
Petty Cash	6	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	2,853	34,412	-
	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)
Computers and other equipment		-	-
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		-	-
Project equipment		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARGARET CAREY	10/6/25
	MARGARET CAREY	26/6/25