



Young Climate Warriors

Annual Report January 2024 – December 2024

Charity Reg No: 1192440

Registered address: Fishers, Shepherds Green, Henley-on-Thames, OXON RG9 4QL

www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Our Charity Objectives according to our Constitution:

(A) to advance the education of children and young people in subjects relating to global environmental change and ways to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change; and

(B) to promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing children and young people with information and instruction about global environmental change and encouraging them to find ways to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change.

Financial Review:

In 2024 YCW's income was £38,463 raised from grant income, fundraising events, and donations. Expenditures for 2024 were £28,788 Including cash funds brought forward from prior years, this resulted in YCW holding £22,090 cash funds at year end 2024. YCW holds £15,000 reserves in line with the reserves policy.

Reference and administrative details:

Registered address: Fishers, Shepherds Green, Henley-on-Thames, OXON RG9 4QL

Community Bank account held with Barclays.

Independent Examiner: Chris Tyler Accounting

Structure, governance and management:

Structure: The Young Climate Warriors charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on the 24 March 2020.

Governance: The charity is governed by its Constitution dated 24 March 2020.

Young Climate Warriors Trustees:

Katrina Judge (appointed 24 March 2020)

Fleur Wells (appointed 3 February 2022 – resigned 16 November 2024)

Nicole Finnan (appointed 29 October 2022)

Tom Wilson (appointed 27 January 2024)

Sarah Austin (appointed 24 June 2023)

Mark Fisher (appointed 24 June 2023)

Sam Mead (appointed 24 June 2023)



The Young Climate Warriors charity is managed by a board of trustees who are legally responsible for the charity's overall direction and ensuring it operates within its charitable purposes. They meet at least 4 times a year.

Our Vision:

- To inspire a nationwide team of thousands of 'young climate warriors', doing the same challenges, in the same week – a virtual team.
- For every child in the UK to feel empowered to reflect, discuss and choose their own informed path of action in relation to climate change.
- To provide Climate Change related resources to teachers reaching children in all UK Primary Schools.
- For every family in the UK to be practicing carbon-cutting actions and making sustainable living choices.

Our Goals:

- 1) To increase children's awareness and understanding of climate change – to inspire learning, increase knowledge and understanding, encourage values-led discussion and cultivate cross-curricular thinking.
- 2) To inspire behavioural change by the use of positive messaging and a 'that's doable' mindset. Encourage awareness of the impact on climate change of daily activities, alongside normalising carbon-emissions cutting actions. 'Little by little, a little becomes a lot'.
- 3) To encourage an appreciation and respect for nature and a shared responsibility for our planet and the values of social justice, inspiring empathy for others.

Our ethos:

- Promoting a 'stubborn optimistic' outlook to help counter eco-anxiety.
- Taking positive action today to protect what we love.
- Being involved enables children to feel they can take small actions to help make a difference.
- Joining wider national campaigns can show the power of public action, and that much of society cares about the same things.
- Encouraging school, class and family conversations, and action, about climate change and related topics helps to shape new 'social norms'.

Our activities:

- 1) Weekly challenges – YCW sets fun, age-appropriate, weekly term-time challenges to help children learn about living sustainably and tackling climate change. Weekly challenges are shared via our blog, social media, email, and teachers receive a related weekly 'schools pack'. Simple resources introduce the weekly theme with contextual information, images and video links, as well as suggested text for communicating the topic to parents.



- 2) Climate Change Assemblies – Young Climate Warriors Ambassadors deliver in-person, discussion-based, interactive, animated climate change assemblies to their local schools. Helping pupils understand and engage with climate change, and our 'choices' for daily sustainable living in a positive, age-appropriate way.
- 3) Climate Change Club in a Box – A series of ready-to-use, off-the-shelf, zero-cost 'climate change club' sessions – to encourage curiosity and discussion – for use as an after-school club, or with an 'eco-club'. Links to these materials are emailed to teachers who request them.
- 4) 'Climate Change Skills Challenges' for Duke of Edinburgh Award participants – 12 weekly challenges to boost sustainable living practices, inspire wider learning and encourage critical thinking.

Overview of 2024

- February – Joined the Let's Go Zero Coalition.
- March – Teachers Survey – completed by 45 teachers.
- May – 'Teachers Advisory Panel' – 8 teacher 1:2:1 meetings – feedback.
- June – Part of Let's Go Zero Climate Action Countdown
- June – Website homepage re-designed
- Sept – Dec – Re-design of Climate Change Club in a Box resources
- November – Theory of Change model adopted.
- December – 1st YCW Impact Report produced.
- December – Ambassadors 'fundraising' 1 minute movie produced.

Engaging with schools and families

- Schools – Weekly 'schools pack' email – 145 teachers signed up in 2024 (135 in 2023) (98 from UK primary schools, 41 from others / abroad). 572 current total. Average open rate of 30.7% (32.7% in 2023).
- Schools – Climate Change Club in a Box – Requested by 42 teachers in 2024 (50 in 2023). 207 teachers received link since launch.
- Schools – Assemblies – 29 assemblies held in 2024 (30 in 2023). Sharing the topic of climate change with over 6,300 children. 3 schools ran the 3-challenge award.
- Families – Mailchimp – 129 new subscribers in 2024 (288 in 2023) 901 families in total receiving weekly email. Open rate high – average 37.1% (2023 – 39.2%)
- Children – Hit the red button (HTRB). 434 HTRB's in 2024 (458 in 2023). 35 certificates awarded in July 2023 (38 in 2023). 55 certificates sent as part of 3-challenge award. Over 100 photos sent in by children were shared on our YCW gallery.
- Young people – Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. 29 signed-off completed challenges (8 in 2023), 38 currently active.
- Young people – 21 active YCW Ambassadors (11 in 2023).



'Getting us out there'

- **YCW weblink/resources shared by complementary organisations:** In 2024 our resources were included in the newly developed sharing platforms – Climate Education Toolkit, and Sustainability Support for Education. Our resources continue to be shared at Transform our World (Global Action Plan), Global Dimension (Reboot the future), Let's Go Zero, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Curiosity Connections.
- **Supporting systemic change:** – In 2024 we joined the Let's Go Zero Coalition, the Education Climate Coalition and signed the 'Zero Hour' campaign supporting the Climate and Nature Bill.
- **Building 'partnerships':** In 2024 we had a 5 minute slot at the National Climate and Education Action Plan (NCEAP) meeting and attended the Festival of Education.
- **Volunteering bureaux:** In 2024 we continued to share our Ambassador recruitment opportunities with over 330 university organisations at over 90 universities. We're registered on 10 volunteering hubs and advertise on 58 university volunteering platforms.
- **Website and Social media** – primarily facebook and Instagram with weekly posts.

Some quotes from 2024

Children

'Today this challenge was one of the best challenges since I love nature. I left all my devices and I did some gardening and planting. It was fun. Even though it was cold I still liked it.' Aayat @ Nelson Primary School, London E6

'So I found many blood sucking vampires like the tv light switch microwave alexa coffee machine toaster and more all to save money as well as electricity. Love doing your challenges looking forward for more!!!' Feyi @ Nelson Primary School, London, E6

'Marcus has been sorting through the bins in different rooms to make sure nothing that should be recycled ends up in landfill!!' Marcus @ St Matthews School, Leeds LS2

'Ester's done the last challenge. This week we did have a bath every second day and we use water after bath to wash her painting tools like also we mopped the floor using water after bath.' Ester@ St John's School, Wallingford, OX10

Assemblies – teachers feedback

'I think it's really important that we look after our planet! I am glad we had this assembly to remind everyone about Climate Change and its effects' **Elizabeth @ Hillhead Primary School, Glasgow, G12.**



'Empowering our community starts with small changes. Hosting a session with our Climate Ambassador inspired families to embrace sustainable habits, showing that together, we can create a healthier planet for future generations.' **Fahmida @ Hoxton Garden Primary School, London, NI**

'The assembly was full of information about how children can make small changes to their lives and the children were enthused by the content.' **Suzanne @ Perrywood, Worcester, WR5**

'The children were super engaged and it was a great way to learn more particularly on Earth Day! The props used and the energy from the volunteer was great. Children had a chance to ask questions too.' **Sapna @ Fryent Primary School, Brent, NW9**

Other general feedback from teachers

'The resources are fantastic. We can't wait to trial them in classrooms!' **Sheena @ Oakwood Primary School, Derby, DE24**

'Really practical and engaging - a good mix of challenges about practical changes the children can make, ways to engage others in conversations, wider political action, appreciation of nature. You've done all the work for us - it would be impossible as a teacher to think up and resource challenges like these week by week but they just arrive in the inbox and we appreciate it so much! A way of sharing hope and building a community for change.' **Sarah @ St Matthews, Leeds, LS7**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

1192440

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01.01.2024

To

31.12.2024

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					
Grant income - restricted		19,803	-	19,803	-
Grant income - unrestricted	16,500	-	-	16,500	-
Fundraising events	1,042	-	-	1,042	-
Donations	968	-	-	968	-
Interest	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,660	19,803	-	38,463	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,660	19,803	-	38,463	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries and HR costs	14,143	8,570	-	22,713	-
IT costs	1,953	310	-	2,263	-
Volunteer expenses	515	947	-	1,462	-
Print / content	136	663	-	799	-
Pensions	608	-	-	608	-
Insurance	175	-	-	175	-
Other costs	229	539	-	768	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,759	11,029	-	28,788	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,759	11,029	-	28,788	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	901	8,774	-	9,675	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,415	-	-	12,415	-
Cash funds this year end	13,316	8,774	-	22,090	-

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	Barclays Bank	13,316	8,774	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,316	8,774	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
	Thomas Wilson	THOMAS WILSON	28.02.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1192440

Set out on pages

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

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.

Signed:

Date:

29th June 2024

Name:

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.