

Annual Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 August 2023

Youth With a Mission York
Charity registration number 1194354

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

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Elizabeth Fergusson
Michael Chesterman

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of the governing document

Youth With a Mission York is a registered charity, number 1194354, and is established as a charitable incorporated organisation under a constitution dated 23 April 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The objects of the charity are:

To advance the Evangelical Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in York and throughout the UK for the benefit of the public mainly but not exclusively through street evangelism, religious education and training and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and Performance

Review of Activities

In the last twelve months we have transitioned our main area of focus from Leeman Rd to Tang Hall. Michael Chesterman became our Chair of Trustees. Stephen Bishop stepped down from the Board of Trustees. We welcomed back a team member, Nicole, who had been a member of YWAM York until 2018. We had several volunteers join us in our youth and children's work. We transitioned our youth club in Leeman Rd to be run by the local church and began a kids club in Tang Hall, and began reaching different demographics through ministry in a local care home.

Street Evangelism

We participated in city-wide street evangelism in partnership with a range of churches and christian charities. We also ran an event at Christmas-time with young people, leading an evangelism team of

young people and coaching them in evangelism. We hosted an American team of older adults for street evangelism in the city centre and in the parks around Tang Hall. Some of our youth also joined us for these evangelism events.

Religious Education

Through our holiday clubs and weekly children's work, we continue to teach the children of Tang Hall about what it looks like to be a Christian and what we believe about Jesus. Our weekly kids' club, the Corner Kids, has grown, and every term, we focus on different aspects of Christian living, such as loving others, sharing, etc. We also tell them Bible stories and allow them to ask questions.

We have continued working on a Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew that will enable a whole church to study the Bible together. It includes daily individual study, daily family study, weekly small group study and Sunday study for Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and youth.

Deborah has continued to coordinate citywide Alpha, which included nine churches running eleven courses that all began the same week in January, and she co-hosted the Holy Spirit Day for those churches which taught people who were curious about Christianity what it means to be a Christian.

Outreach and Pastoral Care to the Community

We mentored youth and students who wanted to grow in their Christian faith by meeting with them regularly to pray and read the Bible.

We also hold holiday clubs and half term clubs for primary school aged children in the school holidays. In addition to our children's and youth provision, we also host holiday activities at Christmas and Easter for the whole family. We partner with the local food bank to provide food for families at these activities, as well as food for families to take home as needed. Unite, a group of local church youth workers, uses the Barnabas Centre for their monthly meetings, where they plan how they can work together to support the youth of York.

Renee continues to plan for and lead the team for the Corner, a youth club in Tang Hall that helps to get troubled youth off the streets and gives them constructive activities, games and a meal.

We continued to open up the Barnabas Centre once a week as a warm space for people to come during cold months. We have Wifi, working space, hot drinks and snacks. Some of the community have even started to do work-from-home there!

Leadership

YWAM York is still led by Deborah Stevenson. She is helped in her role by two elders, fellow YWAMers Anne Sloan and Else Tarbitt, who help with the practical and spiritual guidance of the team. In a practical way, she is supported by Eliza Fergusson, a trustee who is a York local and is able to help with creation and implementation of policies.

Building Development

We own the Barnabas Centre, and we are focussing on maintaining it well. In May, we began the process of selling the Barnabas Centre with the aim of moving across town to the neighbourhood in which we minister. Table and Temple, a local church, rent the Barnabas Centre on a Sunday, and the income has helped us to be able to maintain the building.

Closing Remarks

We are still a small team, but we are grateful to have volunteers and connections with other churches and charities that allow us to have a wide scope across our city. We have tried to broaden our reach to focus on more than just children and youth, and we have also looked into how partnering with other charities through sharing our space, time, materials or expertise can help us to more fully serve the people of York. As always, we have more opportunities than we have time, so we are learning how to stop activities that are not working and allow us to pursue the activities that have a lot of benefit for others - primarily our youth and children's work and citywide evangelism/religious education - with excellence.

Financial Review

Income for the year amounted to £9,809 and expenditure £10,058, giving a loss of £248, with our unrestricted fund balance of £6,000 at the end of the year.

Going Concern

After making the appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Policy on reserves

As a newly established charity, we aim to continue to retain reserves of three months of expenses, which we have more than maintained this year.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Chesterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Chesterman, Chair of Trustees

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Youth With a Mission York	
Profit and Loss by Tag Group	
	ADJUSTED - Full year 1 Sept 23 - 31 Aug 24
Income	
4000 Donations	
4001 Unrestricted Donations	6,000.00
4005 Restricted Donations	0.00
4006 Grant Income	0.00
Total 4005 Restricted Donations	£ 6,000.00
Total 4000 Donations	
4105 Rent Income	3,283.70
4201 Staff Fees	0.00
4202 Staff Care	395.00
Total 4201 Staff Fees	£ 395.00
4800 Sales of Product Income	6.00
Services	125.00
Total Income	£ 9,809.70
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Expenditures	
5004 YWAM Fees/5000 Training Course Fees	198.00
5101 Hospitality	243.82
5105 Laundry	0.00
5205 Ministry, Mission and Community	236.44
5210 Holiday Club	86.68
5215 Youth Club	431.74
5225 Warm Space	0.00
Total 5205 Ministry, Mission and Community	£ 754.86
5301 Offering Allocation	716.00
5601 Outreach	0.00
5725 Purchases	9.50
5110 Food Purchases	5.50
5700 Materials	65.09
6161 Equipment Purchases	0.00
Total 5725 Purchases	£ 80.09
6000 Premises Costs	£ 420.00
6005 Light & Heat	1,876.43
6010 Housekeeping	53.00
6015 Council Tax	96.06
6020 Water	395.97
6025 Waste	335.90
6030 Premises Maintenance Costs	1,730.50
6100 Printing, Postage, and Stationary	18.75
6110 Office Costs	660.54
6201 Insurances	1,518.13
6400 Telephone and Internet	960.22
9 Brunel Court	0.00
Total Expenditures	£ 10,058.27
Net Operating Income	-£ 248.57
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-£ 248.57