

SIGNIFICANCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1194520

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-05-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT) OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND BY MAKING GRANTS TO OTHER CHARITIES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS.

Activities: The activities of the charity are to advance, for the public benefit, the education (including social, physical, spiritual and mental development) of young people in the North East of England by making grants to other charities, ministries and organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 2025-05-31 | £53,403 | £63,932 | - | - |
| 2024-05-31 | £277,041 | £112,804 | - | - |
| 2023-05-31 | £596,599 | £211,513 | £1,083,485 | 0 |
| 2022-05-31 | £793,630 | £95,231 | £698,399 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| MARY HUGHES | Chair | 2021-05-19 |
| Anthony William Lawless | | 2023-04-27 |
| Daniel Michael Cunningham | | 2026-03-17 |
| Father Jeffrey John Dodds | | 2024-09-19 |
| SARAH DONNELLY | | 2024-06-13 |
| THOMAS DEANE | | 2026-06-04 |

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Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1194520
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: CE026298

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Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

STEPHENSON COATES AUDIT LIMITED

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Newcastle Business Park
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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 May 2025

Chair's statement

The Trustees of Significance are dedicated to continuing and developing the work and legacy of its founder, Fr Dermott Donnelly. At its core, the charity believes that when young people discover their worth and significance, this discovery ignites their capacity to serve others, enrich communities and inspire the wider world to become kinder, more just and more hopeful.

Once again, we wish to record our sincere thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for their generous donations which enable grant funding to be given to the Youth Ministry Trust for the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Emmaus Youth Village. The work is ongoing and it is hoped that the project for the new building will take place in 2026. The Sisters have undertaken to support the project to its completion.

We also wish to thank all our other supporters and donors for the kind and generous donations, be that one-off donations, regular monthly giving, fundraising on behalf of the charity, or volunteering and supporting our work. As Trustees, we commit to be responsible stewards and to ensure that the charity meets its objectives by continuing to provide grants for projects that support and encourage the development of young people.

In June 2025, we hosted the annual Significance Festival which allowed us to share the vision of Significance and to showcase and promote its work so that we can support further projects and opportunities for young people. We were able to share the stories of some of those we have supported. These included a summer camp for Guides and Scouts, a project for young women with additional needs and granting a subsidy to more than 900 young people to attend 'Flame', the national biannual Catholic Youth Congress at Wembley Arena in March 2025.

Mary Hughes

~~...signed on 10/02/2026, 16:03:22 GMT~~

Mary Hughes
Chair

Date: 7 February 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 May 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name SIGNIFICANCE

Charity registration number 1194520

Company registration number CE026298

Principal Office

Emmaus Village
Pemberton Road
Allensford
Consett
DH8 9BA

The Trustees

M Hughes (Chair)
Dr R Stanley (Resigned 1 September 2025)
D Robinson (Resigned 16 October 2025)
A Lawless
S Donnelly (Appointed 13 June 2024)
Fr J J Dodds (Appointed 19 September 2024)

Independent examiner

John Oswald BA FCA
Stephenson Coates Audit Limited
West 2, Asama Court
Newcastle Business Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 7YD

Bankers

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DH1 3NG

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2025

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established on 18 May 2021, governed by its constitution. The Charity Registration number is 1194520 and the Company number is CE026298.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment of trustees is undertaken by the trustees as the need arises to ensure that charity trustees collectively have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Mary Hughes
- Dr Roy Stanley
- Daryn Robinson
- Anthony Lawless
- Fr Jeffrey Dodds
- Sarah Donnelly

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are briefed on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees and are provided with a copy of the charity's current constitution. They are also briefed on the grant making process and the recent financial performance of the charity, as well as being provided with a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Organisation

The charity is managed by the trustees, who meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if the need arises. The number of trustees may not be less than three and is subject to a maximum of 12. The quorum for the transaction of business is one third of the trustees or two trustees, whichever is greater.

Risk management

The trustees have carried out a risk assessment to identify the major governance, financial, operational and compliance risks which the charity faces and this is reviewed each year. Procedures have been established to enable the trustees to monitor and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

SIGNIFICANCE was formally established as a CIO on 18 May 2021. Prior to this, in 2017, Fr Dermott Donnelly, on his Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of priestly ministry working with young people in the region, began the work of SIGNIFICANCE on a personal level. "Young people have so much to give to our society and our world and I want to give them every opportunity to develop their potential. Through the projects SIGNIFICANCE will support, young people will be inspired to reach high and achieve their best" (Fr Dermott Donnelly). At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

The objective of the CIO is to advance, for the public benefit, the education (including social, physical, spiritual and mental development) of young people in the North East of England.

The main activities of the CIO is that of fundraising, so that the funds raised can be used to provide grants to other charities, ministries and organisations who are seeking to achieve materially similar objectives.

The CIO has a grant-making policy which sets out the principles, criteria and processes that govern how it awards grants. The trustees have ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions in accordance with the objectives of the charity. Eligible applicants will be from the North East of England, with a focus on the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle areas.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2025

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 May 2025, the charity was active in its principal activity of fundraising. It continues to administer the generous donation received from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland so that the CIO can further assist the Youth Ministry Trust ("YMT") by providing grant funding to YMT for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities thus enabling greater self-sufficiency.

Going Concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered a going concern.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 May 2025, SIGNIFICANCE received unrestricted funds from donations and fundraising of £13,323 (2024: £33,635), as well as investment income of £40,080 (2024: £32,756).

There were five successful grant applications paid from the unrestricted fund totalling £51,175 (2024: £8,800).

Free reserves are considered to be the unrestricted reserves of the charity, being £84,042 (2024: £83,786). Owing to the voluntary nature of time expended on the charity's activities, the day to day running costs of the charity are minimal, meaning that most of the unrestricted reserves are expected to be utilised for future potential activities that advance the objectives of the CIO. As such at the year end, the trustees believe that SIGNIFICANCE is in a strong financial position.

Reserves policy

The day to day running costs of the CIO being minimal, the trustees do not feel that a formal reserves policy is currently necessary. At regular intervals, such as a meeting of the trustees, the cash reserves are noted at the same time as reviewing any grant applications received. When deciding whether to approve any grant applications, the trustees take into consideration the level of reserves, both restricted and unrestricted depending on the application received, to ensure that the CIO will retain sufficient reserves if the grant is approved. Should the activities and/or costs of the CIO change in the future, it might become appropriate for the trustees to formalise an appropriate reserves policy.

Plans for future years

Our priorities for the future are to continue to support YMT by providing grant funding, utilising the restricted funds generously provided by the Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to have greater self-sufficiency. Further fundraising activities will also be undertaken with the aim of generating further unrestricted donations, in addition to the £84,042 at the year end (2024: £83,786), so that the charity can also seek to advance the education of young people in the North East by providing grants to help fund appropriate projects.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply 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 adequate 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charities governing document. They 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 trustees' annual report was approved on 7 February 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mary Hughes

signed on 10/02/2026, 16:03:22 GMT

Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

A Lawless

signed on 11/02/2026, 18:29:05 GMT

Anthony Lawless
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SIGNIFICANCE

Year ended 31 May 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of SIGNIFICANCE ('the charity') for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Oswald FCA
Member of the ICAEW

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7 February 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 May 2025

| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|---|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income and endowments from | | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 4 | 13,323 | - | 13,323 | 235,140 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | - | - | - | 8,495 |
| Investment income | 6 | 40,080 | - | 40,080 | 32,756 |
| Other income | | - | - | - | 650 |
| Total income | | 53,403 | - | 53,403 | 277,041 |
| Expenditure on | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | - | - | - | 362 |
| Charitable activities | 7, 8 | 53,147 | 10,785 | 63,932 | 112,442 |
| Total expenditure | | 53,147 | 10,785 | 63,932 | 112,804 |
| Net (expenditure) / income and net movement in funds | | 256 | (10,785) | (10,529) | 164,237 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 83,786 | 1,163,936 | 1,247,722 | 1,083,485 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 84,042 | 1,153,151 | 1,237,193 | 1,247,722 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 - 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

31 May 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|--------|------------------|------------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,238,693 | 1,249,108 |
| | | <u>1,238,693</u> | <u>1,249,108</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (1,500) | (1,386) |
| | | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |
| Net current assets | | | |
| | | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,237,193 | 1,247,722 |
| | | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |
| Net assets | | | |
| | | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 84,042 | 83,786 |
| Restricted funds | | 1,153,151 | 1,163,936 |
| | | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |
| Total charity funds | 14, 15 | <u>1,237,193</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7 February 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mary Hughes

signed on 10/02/2026, 16:03:22 GMT

Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

The notes on pages 10 - 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 May 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net (expenditure) / income | (10,529) | 164,237 |
| <i>Adjustments for:</i> | | |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | (40,080) | (32,756) |
| Increase in creditors | 114 | 126 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>(50,495)</u> | <u>131,607</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Interest received | 40,080 | 32,756 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | - | - |
| Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(10,415)</u> | <u>164,363</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | <u>1,249,108</u> | <u>1,084,745</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | <u>1,238,693</u> | <u>1,249,108</u> |

The notes on pages 10 – 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

1. General information

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is a charitable incorporated organisation. The address of the principal office is Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett, DH8 9BA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

SIGNIFICANCE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no key judgements or estimates that impact on the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Grants payable are recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs represents expenditure incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Investment income

Interest receivable is accounted for when receivable by the Charity.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Voluntary assistance

Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 13,323 | - | 13,323 |
| | <u>13,323</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>13,323</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants (*continued*)

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 25,140 | – | 25,140 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 210,000 | 210,000 |
| | <u>25,140</u> | <u>210,000</u> | <u>235,140</u> |

5. Income from charitable activities

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Social lotteries | <u>-</u> | <u>8,495</u> |

6. Investment income

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Interest on cash deposits | <u>40,080</u> | <u>32,756</u> |

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 51,175 | 10,785 | 61,960 |
| Other activities | 276 | - | 276 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,696 | - | 1,696 |
| | <u>53,147</u> | <u>10,785</u> | <u>63,932</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 8,800 | 100,000 | 108,800 |
| Other activities | 2,256 | – | 2,256 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,386 | – | 1,386 |
| | <u>12,442</u> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>112,442</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2025

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly | Support costs | Total funds 2025 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 61,960 | - | 61,960 |
| Other activities | 276 | - | 276 |
| Legal & Professional fees | - | 1,696 | 1,696 |
| | <u>62,236</u> | <u>1,696</u> | <u>63,932</u> |

| | Activities undertaken directly | Support costs | Total funds 2024 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 108,800 | - | 108,800 |
| Other activities | 2,256 | - | 2,256 |
| Legal & Professional fees | - | 1,386 | 1,386 |
| | <u>111,056</u> | <u>1,386</u> | <u>112,442</u> |

9. Grants payable

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2025 |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Youth Ministry Trust | 44,975 | 10,785 | 55,760 |
| Grants to other institutions – Community grants | 5,000 | - | 5,000 |
| Grants to individuals – Education grants | 1,200 | - | 1,200 |
| | <u>51,175</u> | <u>10,785</u> | <u>61,960</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2024 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Youth Ministry Trust | 2,000 | 100,000 | 102,000 |
| Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Grants to other institutions – Community grants | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Grants to other institutions – Religious grants | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Grants to individuals – World Youth Day Travel costs | 1,200 | - | 1,200 |
| Grants to individuals – Education grants | 600 | - | 600 |
| | <u>8,800</u> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>108,800</u> |

10. Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the charity is stated after charging:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Fees payable to the independent examiner for:</i> | | |
| Independent examination of the financial statements | 1,500 | 1,386 |
| | <u>1,500</u> | <u>1,386</u> |

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11. Staff costs

There were no staff costs in the year (2024: None).

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees. See note 12.

12. Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year and were not paid or reimbursed for any expenses.

There are no related party transactions during the year ended 31 May 2025 (2024: None).

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other creditors | 1,500 | 1,386 |

14. Analysis of charitable funds

| | At 1 June 2024 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2025 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | 83,786 | 53,043 | (53,147) | 84,042 |

| | At 1 June 2024 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2025 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | 1,163,936 | - | (10,785) | 1,153,151 |
| Total charitable funds | 1,247,722 | - | (63,932) | 1,237,193 |

Comparatives:

| | At 1 June 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | 29,549 | 67,041 | (12,804) | 83,786 |

| | At 1 June 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | 1,053,936 | 210,000 | (100,000) | 1,163,936 |
| Total charitable funds | 1,083,485 | 277,041 | (112,804) | 1,247,722 |

The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland – funding received to assist the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) and provide grant funding to YMT for the purposes of meeting YMT's ongoing operating costs and to contribute to modernising and developing YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient and no longer reliant on grant funding from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | 85,542 | 1,153,151 | 1,238,693 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,500) | - | (1,500) |
| Net assets | <u>84,042</u> | <u>1,153,151</u> | <u>1,237,193</u> |

Previous year

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | 85,172 | 1,163,936 | 1,249,108 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,386) | - | (1,386) |
| Net assets | <u>83,786</u> | <u>1,163,936</u> | <u>1,249,108</u> |

16. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Cash in hand | 138,410 | 148,824 |
| Notice deposits (less than three months) | 200,123 | 200,123 |
| Notice deposits (more than three months) | 900,160 | 900,160 |
| | <u>1,238,693</u> | <u>1,249,108</u> |

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Year ended 31 May 2025

17. Prior period Statement of Financial Activities

| | Year ended 31 May 2024 | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
| Income and endowments | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 25,140 | 210,000 | 235,140 |
| Other trading activities | 8,495 | - | 8,495 |
| Investment income | 32,756 | - | 32,756 |
| Other income | 650 | - | 650 |
| Total income | <u>67,041</u> | <u>210,000</u> | <u>277,041</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Raising funds | 362 | - | 362 |
| Charitable activities | 12,442 | 100,000 | 112,442 |
| Total expenditure | <u>12,804</u> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>112,804</u> |
| Net income and net movement in funds | <u>54,237</u> | <u>110,000</u> | <u>164,237</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 29,549 | 1,053,936 | 1,083,485 |
| Total funds carried forward | <u>83,786</u> | <u>1,163,936</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |

SIGNIFICANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1194520

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1194520
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: CE026298

SIGNIFICANCE

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2024

STEPHENSON COATES AUDIT LIMITED

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

West 2, Asama Court
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Year ended 31 May 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 May 2024

Chair's statement

The Trustees continue to be dedicated and determined to continue and develop the work and legacy of its founder, Fr Donnelly. At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

Following the successful planning application to expand the facilities of the Youth Ministry Trust in December 2023, made possible thanks to the generous donations provided by the Sisters of Mercy, work to fully cost and plan the works has commenced. During that process, some additional works have been identified and how this might be funded, in conjunction with the costs of the overall project, is currently being considered and investigated. It is hoped that work on the project may commence towards the end of 2025. We once again wish to record our sincere thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for the overwhelming level of support they have continued to provide via the third generous donation which was made during the year under review.

We also wish to say a big thank you to all our other supporters and donors for the kind and generous donations, be that one-off donations, regularly monthly giving, fundraising on behalf of the charity, or volunteering and supporting the work of the charity. In particular, we thank everyone who promoted and participated in our first Grand Draw, enabling us to promote and publicise our work more widely, and culminating in the Draw in November 2023 on the occasion of Youth Sunday. As Trustees, we commit to be responsible stewards of both your donation and your trust by ensuring that the charity continues to meet its objectives by continuing to provide grants for projects that support and encourage the development of young people.

Following on from the previous year's celebration on the first anniversary of Fr Dermott's death, SIGNIFICANCE and the Youth Ministry Trust hosted a SIGNIFICANCE Festival weekend in July 2024. This was a great opportunity to showcase the work of the charity over the last year. We hope that this will be an annual event to celebrate Fr Dermott's legacy, share its vision and fundraise so that we can develop and support more opportunities for young people.

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Mary Hughes
Chair

Date: 25 February 2025

SIGNIFICANCE
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 May 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name SIGNIFICANCE

Charity registration number 1194520

Company registration number CE026298

Principal Office

Emmaus Village
Pemberton Road
Allensford
Consett
DH8 9BA

The Trustees

M Hughes (Chair)
Fr S Weymes (Resigned 14 March 2024)
Dr R Stanley
D Robinson
A Lawless
S Donnelly (Appointed 13 June 2024)
Fr J J Dodds (Appointed 19 September 2024)

Independent examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established on 18 May 2021, governed by its constitution. The Charity Registration number is 1194520 and the Company number is CE026298.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment of trustees is undertaken by the trustees as the need arises in order to ensure that charity trustees collectively have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Mary Hughes
- Fr Simon Weymes (Resigned 14 March 2024)
- Dr Roy Stanley
- Daryn Robinson
- Anthony Lawless

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are briefed on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees and are provided with a copy of the charity's current constitution. They are also briefed on the grant making process and the recent financial performance of the charity, as well as being provided with a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Organisation

The charity is managed by the trustees, who meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if the need arises. The number of trustees may not be less than three and is subject to a maximum of 12. The quorum for the transaction of business is one third of the trustees or two trustees, whichever is greater.

Risk management

The trustees have carried out a risk assessment to identify the major governance, financial, operational and compliance risks which the charity faces and this is reviewed each year. Procedures have been established to enable the trustees to monitor and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

SIGNIFICANCE was formally established as a CIO on 18 May 2021. Prior to this, in 2017, Fr Dermott Donnelly, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of priestly ministry working with young people in the region, began the work of SIGNIFICANCE on a personal level. "Young people have so much to give to our society and our world and I want to give them every opportunity to develop their potential. Through the projects SIGNIFICANCE will support, young people will be inspired to reach high and achieve their best" (Fr Dermott Donnelly). At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

The objective of the CIO is to advance, for the public benefit, the education (including social, physical, spiritual and mental development) of young people in the North East of England.

The main activities of the CIO is that of fundraising, so that the funds raised can be used to provide grants to other charities, ministries and organisations who are seeking to achieve materially similar objectives.

The CIO has a grant-making policy which sets out the principles, criteria and processes that govern how it awards grants. The trustees have ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions in accordance with the objectives of the charity. Eligible applicants will be from the North East of England, with a focus on the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle areas.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2024

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 May 2024, the charity was active in its principal activity of fundraising. A third donation of £210,000 was received from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland so that the CIO is able to further assist the Youth Ministry Trust ("YMT") by providing grant funding to YMT for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient.

Additional donations were received by the charity in the financial year totalling £25,140 (2023: £26,599).

Going Concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 May 2024, in addition to the restricted grant income of £210,000 (2023: £570,000) from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, SIGNIFICANCE received unrestricted funds from donations and fundraising of £33,635 (2023: £26,599), as well as investment income of £32,756 (2023: nil). Total expenditure for the year was £112,803 (2023: £211,513) resulting in a net income result for the charity of £164,237 (2023: £385,086).

Of the total expenditure, grants were paid from the restricted funds to YMT totalling £100,000 (2023: £173,000). In addition, there were 8 successful grant applications paid from the unrestricted fund totalling £8,800 (2023: £36,960). Details of grants paid in the year are in Note 7 of the financial statements.

The total charitable funds at 31 May 2024 were £1,247,722 (2023: £1,083,485), of which £1,163,936 are restricted funds. Free reserves are considered to be the unrestricted reserves of the charity, being £83,786 (2023: £29,549). Owing to the voluntary nature of time expended on the charity's activities, the day to day running costs of the charity is minimal, meaning that most of the unrestricted reserves are expected to be utilised for future potential activities that advance the objectives of the CIO. As such at the year end, the trustees believe that SIGNIFICANCE is in a strong financial position.

Reserves policy

As the day to day running costs of the CIO are minimal, the trustees do not feel that a formal reserves policy is currently necessary. At regular intervals, such as a meeting of the trustees, the cash reserves are noted at the same time as reviewing any grant applications received. When making a decision whether to approve any grant applications, the trustees take into consideration the level of reserves, both restricted and unrestricted depending on the application received, to ensure that the CIO will retain sufficient reserves if the grant is approved. Should the activities and/or costs of the CIO change in the future, it might become appropriate for the trustees to formalise an appropriate reserves policy.

Plans for future years

Our priorities for the future are to continue to support YMT by providing grant funding, utilising the restricted funds generously provided by the Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient. Further fundraising activities will also be undertaken with the aim of generating further unrestricted donations, in addition to the £83,786 at the year end (2023: £29,549), so that the charity can also seek to advance the education of young people in the North East by providing grants to help fund appropriate projects.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply 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 adequate 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charities governing document. They 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 trustees' annual report was approved on 25 February 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

Daryn Robinson
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SIGNIFICANCE

Year ended 31 May 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of SIGNIFICANCE ('the charity') for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Oswald FCA
Member of the ICAEW

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NE4 7YD

25 February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 May 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income and endowments from | | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 4 | 25,140 | 210,000 | 235,140 | 596,599 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 8,495 | - | 8,495 | - |
| Investment income | 6 | 32,756 | - | 32,756 | - |
| Other income | | 650 | - | 650 | - |
| Total income | | 67,041 | 210,000 | 277,041 | 596,599 |
| Expenditure on | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 362 | - | 362 | - |
| Charitable activities | 7, 8 | 12,442 | 100,000 | 112,442 | 211,513 |
| Total expenditure | | 12,804 | 100,000 | 112,804 | 211,513 |
| Net income and net movement in funds | | 54,237 | 110,000 | 164,237 | 385,086 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 29,549 | 1,053,936 | 1,083,485 | 698,399 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 83,786 | 1,163,936 | 1,247,722 | 1,083,485 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 - 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

31 May 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|--------|------------------|------------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,249,108 | 1,084,745 |
| | | <u>1,249,108</u> | <u>1,084,745</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (1,386) | (1,260) |
| | | <u>1,247,722</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |
| Net current assets | | | |
| | | 1,247,722 | 1,083,485 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | |
| | | <u>1,247,722</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |
| Net assets | | | |
| | | <u>1,247,722</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 83,786 | 29,549 |
| Restricted funds | | 1,163,936 | 1,053,936 |
| | | <u>1,247,722</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |
| Total charity funds | 14, 15 | | |

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 February 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

The notes on pages 10 - 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 May 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | 164,237 | 385,086 |
| <i>Adjustments for:</i> | | |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | (32,756) | – |
| Increase in creditors | 126 | 260 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>131,607</u> | <u>385,346</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Interest received | 32,756 | – |
| Net cash used in financing activities | – | – |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | <u>164,363</u> | <u>385,346</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | <u>1,084,745</u> | <u>699,399</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | <u>1,249,108</u> | <u>1,084,745</u> |

The notes on pages 10 – 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2024

1. General information

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is a charitable incorporated organisation. The address of the principal office is Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett, DH8 9BA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

SIGNIFICANCE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no key judgements or estimates that impact on the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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Year ended 31 May 2024

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Grants payable are recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs represents expenditure incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Investment income

Interest receivable is accounted for when receivable by the Charity.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Voluntary assistance

Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 25,140 | – | 25,140 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 210,000 | 210,000 |
| | <u>25,140</u> | <u>210,000</u> | <u>235,140</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2024

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants (*continued*)

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 26,599 | – | 26,599 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 570,000 | 570,000 |
| | 26,599 | 570,000 | 596,599 |

5. Income from charitable activities

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Social lotteries | 8,495 | – |

6. Investment income

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest on cash deposits | 32,756 | – |

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 8,800 | 100,000 | 108,800 |
| Other activities | 2,256 | – | 2,256 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,386 | – | 1,386 |
| | 12,442 | 100,000 | 112,442 |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 36,960 | 173,000 | 209,960 |
| Other activities | 93 | – | 93 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,460 | – | 1,460 |
| | 38,513 | 173,000 | 211,513 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2024

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly | Support costs | Total funds 2024 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 108,800 | – | 108,800 |
| Other activities | 2,256 | – | 2,256 |
| Legal & Professional fees | – | 1,386 | 1,386 |
| | <u>111,056</u> | <u>1,386</u> | <u>112,442</u> |

| | Activities undertaken directly | Support costs | Total funds 2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants payable (Note 9) | 209,960 | – | 209,960 |
| Other activities | 93 | – | 93 |
| Legal & Professional fees | – | 1,460 | 1,460 |
| | <u>210,053</u> | <u>1,460</u> | <u>211,513</u> |

9. Grants payable

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2024 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Youth Ministry Trust | 2,000 | 100,000 | 102,000 |
| Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony | 2,000 | – | 2,000 |
| Grants to other institutions – Community grants | 2,000 | – | 2,000 |
| Grants to other institutions – Religious grants | 1,000 | – | 1,000 |
| Grants to individuals – World Youth Day Travel costs | 1,200 | – | 1,200 |
| Grants to individuals – Education grants | 600 | – | 600 |
| | <u>8,800</u> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>108,800</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Youth Ministry Trust | – | 173,000 | 173,000 |
| Flame | 31,960 | – | 31,960 |
| Catholic Scouts | 3,000 | – | 3,000 |
| Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony | 2,000 | – | 2,000 |
| | <u>36,960</u> | <u>173,000</u> | <u>209,960</u> |

10. Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the charity is stated after charging:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Fees payable to the independent examiner for:</i> | | |
| Independent examination of the financial statements | <u>1,386</u> | <u>1,050</u> |

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Year ended 31 May 2024

11. Staff costs

There were no staff costs in the year (2023: None).

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees. See note 12.

12. Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year and were not paid or reimbursed for any expenses.

There are no related party transactions during the year ended 31 May 2024 (2023: None).

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other creditors | 1,386 | 1,260 |

14. Analysis of charitable funds

| | At 1 June 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | 29,549 | 67,041 | (12,804) | 83,786 |

| | At 1 June 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | 1,053,936 | 210,000 | (100,000) | 1,163,936 |
| Total charitable funds | 1,083,485 | 277,041 | (112,804) | 1,247,722 |

Comparatives:

| | At 1 June 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | 41,463 | 26,599 | (38,513) | 29,549 |

| | At 1 June 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | 656,936 | 570,000 | (173,000) | 1,053,936 |
| Total charitable funds | 698,399 | 596,599 | (211,513) | 1,083,485 |

The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland – funding received to assist the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) and provide grant funding to YMT for the purposes of meeting YMT's ongoing operating costs and to contribute to modernising and developing YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient and no longer reliant on grant funding from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.

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Year ended 31 May 2024

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | 85,172 | 1,163,936 | 1,249,108 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,386) | – | (1,386) |
| Net assets | <u>83,786</u> | <u>1,163,936</u> | <u>1,247,722</u> |

Previous year

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | 30,809 | 1,053,936 | 1,084,745 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,260) | – | (1,260) |
| Net assets | <u>29,549</u> | <u>1,053,936</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |

16. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Cash in hand | 148,824 | 1,084,745 |
| Notice deposits (less than three months) | 200,123 | – |
| Notice deposits (more than three months) | 900,160 | – |
| | <u>1,249,108</u> | <u>1,084,745</u> |

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17. Prior period Statement of Financial Activities

| | Period ended 31 May 2023 | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
| Income and endowments | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 26,599 | 570,000 | 596,599 |
| Total income | <u>26,599</u> | <u>570,000</u> | <u>596,599</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 38,513 | 173,000 | 211,513 |
| Total expenditure | <u>38,153</u> | <u>173,000</u> | <u>211,513</u> |
| Net income and net movement in funds | <u>(11,914)</u> | <u>397,000</u> | <u>385,086</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 41,463 | 656,936 | 698,399 |
| Total funds carried forward | <u>29,549</u> | <u>1,053,936</u> | <u>1,083,485</u> |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1194520

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2023

STEPHENSON COATES AUDIT LIMITED

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

West 2, Asama Court
Newcastle Business Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 May 2023

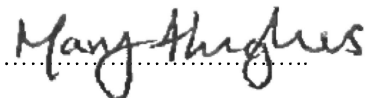
Chair's statement

During the second year of the charity, the Trustees were dedicated and determined to continue the work and legacy of its founder, Fr Donnelly. At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

The initial donation from the Sisters of Mercy in September 2021 enabled grant funding to be provided for the Youth Ministry Trust to complete phase one of the redevelopment project and to refurbish existing facilities. In September 2022, the Sisters generously made a second donation to enable further grant funding for Youth Ministry Trust. This second donation allowed the Youth Ministry Trust to proceed with a planning application to expand its facilities which, I'm pleased to say, received approval in December 2023. We wish to record once again our thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for the overwhelming level of support provided to the project and look forward to witnessing the development in 2024.

We also wish to say a big thank you to all our other supporters and donors for the kind and generous donations, be that one-off donations, regularly monthly giving, taking part in challenges such as the Great North Run and fundraising on behalf of the charity, or volunteering and supporting the work of the charity. As Trustees, we commit to be responsible stewards of both your donation and your trust by ensuring that the charity continues to meet its objectives by continuing to provide grants for projects that support and encourage the development of young people.

In July 2023, SIGNIFICANCE and the team at the Youth Ministry Trust joined the Donnelly Family and many people from across the Diocese to mark the first Anniversary of the death of Fr Dermott and to celebrate his ministry and the legacy that he has left us. Fr Dermott founded the charity to provide opportunities for young people to realise their unique worth and we were able to hear just some of the many stories of young people being nurtured through projects and opportunities that received support from SIGNIFICANCE. These included granting a subsidy to 700 young people to attend 'Flame', a national biannual gathering at Wembley Arena in March 2023. This event was described as a 'world class event' which encouraged and affirmed 10,000 young people. SIGNIFICANCE was able to offer this opportunity to all who applied to participate.



Mary Hughes
Chair

Date: 01 February 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 May 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name SIGNIFICANCE

Charity registration number 1194520

Principal Office

Emmaus Village
Pemberton Road
Allensford
Consett
DH8 9BA

The Trustees

Fr Dermott Donnelly (Deceased 8 July 2022)

M Hughes (Chair)

Fr S Weymes

Dr R Stanley

D Robinson

A Lawless (Appointed 27 April 2023)

Independent examiner

Rachael Oswald BA ACA
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2023

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established on 18 May 2021, governed by its constitution. The Charity Registration number is 1194520.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment of trustees is undertaken by the trustees as the need arises in order to ensure that charity trustees collectively have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Fr Dermott Donnelly (Deceased 8 July 2022)
- Mary Hughes
- Fr Simon Weymes
- Dr Roy Stanley
- Daryn Robinson
- Anthony Lawless (Appointed 27 April 2023)

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are briefed on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees and are provided with a copy of the charity's current constitution. They are also briefed on the grant making process and the recent financial performance of the charity, as well as being provided with a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Organisation

The charity is managed by the trustees, who meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if the need arises. The number of trustees may not be less than three and is subject to a maximum of 12. The quorum for the transaction of business is one third of the trustees or two trustees, whichever is greater.

Risk management

The trustees have carried out a risk assessment to identify the major governance, financial, operational and compliance risks which the charity faces and this is reviewed each year. Procedures have been established to enable the trustees to monitor and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

SIGNIFICANCE was formally established as a CIO on 18 May 2021. Prior to this, in 2017, Fr Dermott Donnelly, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of priestly ministry working with young people in the region, began the work of SIGNIFICANCE on a personal level. "Young people have so much to give to our society and our world and I want to give them every opportunity to develop their potential. Through the projects SIGNIFICANCE will support, young people will be inspired to reach high and achieve their best" (Fr Dermott Donnelly). At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

The objective of the CIO is to advance, for the public benefit, the education (including social, physical, spiritual and mental development) of young people in the North East of England.

The main activities of the CIO is that of fundraising, so that the funds raised can be used to provide grants to other charities, ministries and organisations who are seeking to achieve materially similar objectives.

The CIO has a grant-making policy which sets out the principles, criteria and processes that govern how it awards grants. The trustees have ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions in accordance with the objectives of the charity. Eligible applicants will be from the North East of England, with a focus on the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle areas.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2023

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 May 2023, the charity was active in its principal activity of fundraising. Following a significant donation in the prior period, a further £570,000 was received during the financial year from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland. The purpose of the funding is to provide grant funding to YMT for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient.

Additional donations were received by the charity in the financial year totalling £26,599 (2022: £43,630).

Going Concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Financial review

Total income for the financial year was £596,599 (2022: £793,630), of which £570,000 was received as restricted income from the Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, and £26,599 of unrestricted donations were received from other sources. Total expenditure for the year was £211,513 (2022: £95,231) resulting in a net income result for the charity of £385,086 (2022: £698,399).

Of the total expenditure, there were four grants paid totalling £209,960 (2022: £93,064). Details of grants paid in the year are in Note 7 of the financial statements.

The total charitable funds at 31 May 2023 was £1,083,485 (2022: £698,399), of which £1,053,936 are restricted funds. Free reserves are considered to be the unrestricted reserves of the charity, being £29,549 (2022: £41,463). Owing to the voluntary nature of time expended on the charity's activities, the day to day running costs of the charity are minimal, meaning that most of the unrestricted reserves are expected to be utilised for future potential activities that advance the objectives of the CIO. As such at the year end, the trustees believe that SIGNIFICANCE is in a strong financial position.

Reserves policy

As the day to day running costs of the CIO are minimal, the trustees do not feel that a formal reserves policy is currently necessary. At regular intervals, such as a meeting of the trustees, the cash reserves are noted at the same time as reviewing any grant applications received. When making a decision whether to approve any grant applications, the trustees take into consideration the level of reserves, both restricted and unrestricted depending on the application received, to ensure that the CIO will retain sufficient reserves if the grant is approved. Should the activities and/or costs of the CIO change in the future, it might become appropriate for the trustees to formalise an appropriate reserves policy.

Plans for future years

Our priorities for the future are to continue to support YMT by providing grant funding, utilising the restricted funds generously provided by the Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient. Further fundraising activities will also be undertaken with the aim of generating further unrestricted donations, in addition to the £29,549 at the year end (2022: £41,463), so that the charity can also seek to advance the education of young people in the North East by providing grants to help fund appropriate projects.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply 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 adequate 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charities governing document. They 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 trustees' annual report was approved on 01 February 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)



Daryn Robinson
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SIGNIFICANCE

Year ended 31 May 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of SIGNIFICANCE ('the charity') for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Rachael Oswald ACA
Member of the ICAEW

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01 February 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 May 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income and endowments | | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 4 | 26,599 | 570,000 | 596,599 | 793,630 |
| Total income | | 26,599 | 570,000 | 596,599 | 793,630 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 5, 6 | 38,513 | 173,000 | 211,513 | 95,231 |
| Total expenditure | | 38,513 | 173,000 | 211,513 | 95,231 |
| Net income and net movement in funds | | (11,914) | 397,000 | 385,086 | 698,399 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 41,463 | 656,936 | 698,399 | – |
| Total funds carried forward | | 29,549 | 1,053,936 | 1,083,485 | 698,399 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

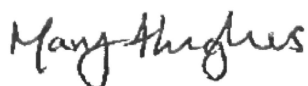
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Balance Sheet

31 May 2023

| | Notes | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,084,745 | 699,399 |
| | | <u>1,084,745</u> | <u>699,399</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 11 | 1,260 | 1,000 |
| Net current assets | | <u>1,083,485</u> | <u>698,399</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,083,485 | 698,399 |
| Net assets | | <u>1,083,485</u> | <u>698,399</u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 29,549 | 41,463 |
| Restricted funds | | 1,053,936 | 656,936 |
| Total charity funds | 12, 13 | <u>1,083,485</u> | <u>698,399</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 01 February 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

The notes on pages 10 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 May 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | 385,086 | 698,399 |
| <i>Adjustments for:</i> | | |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | – | – |
| <i>Changes in:</i> | | |
| Trade and other creditors | 260 | 1,000 |
| Cash generated from operations | <u>385,346</u> | <u>699,399</u> |
| Interest received | – | – |
| Net cash from operating activities | <u>385,346</u> | <u>699,399</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 385,346 | 699,399 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | <u>699,399</u> | – |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | <u>1,084,745</u> | <u>699,399</u> |

The notes on pages 10 – 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2023

1. General information

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is a charitable incorporated organisation. The address of the principal office is Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett, DH8 9BA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.
The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.
SIGNIFICANCE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no key judgements or estimates that impact on the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Grants payable are recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs represents expenditure incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Voluntary assistance

Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

Comparative figures

The charity present their financial statements for the second reporting period since establishing. The prior year figures are for a reporting period 18 May 21 – 31 May 2022.

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 26,599 | – | 26,599 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 570,000 | 570,000 |
| | <u>26,599</u> | <u>570,000</u> | <u>596,599</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2023

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants (*continued*)

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 43,630 | – | 43,630 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| | <u>43,630</u> | <u>750,000</u> | <u>793,630</u> |

5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 7) | 36,960 | 173,000 | 209,960 |
| Other activities | 93 | – | 93 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,460 | – | 1,460 |
| | <u>38,513</u> | <u>173,000</u> | <u>211,513</u> |

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 7) | – | 93,064 | 93,064 |
| Other activities | 207 | – | 207 |
| Legal & Professional fees | 1,960 | – | 1,960 |
| | <u>2,167</u> | <u>93,064</u> | <u>95,231</u> |

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Support costs £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 7) | 209,960 | – | 209,960 |
| Other activities | 93 | – | 93 |
| Legal & Professional fees | – | 1,460 | 1,460 |
| | <u>210,053</u> | <u>1,460</u> | <u>211,513</u> |

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type (*continued*)

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Support costs £ | Total funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants payable (Note 7) | 93,064 | – | 93,064 |
| Other activities | 207 | – | 207 |
| Legal & Professional fees | – | 1,960 | 1,960 |
| | <u>93,271</u> | <u>1,960</u> | <u>95,231</u> |

7. Grants payable

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Youth Ministry Trust | – | 173,000 | 173,000 |
| Flame | 31,960 | – | 31,960 |
| Catholic Scouts | 3,000 | – | 3,000 |
| Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony | 2,000 | – | 2,000 |
| | <u>36,960</u> | <u>173,000</u> | <u>209,960</u> |

Grants payable in the prior period were made in total to the Youth Ministry Trust, £93,064 (restricted fund).

8. Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources for the charity is stated after charging:

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Fees payable to the independent examiner for:</i> | | |
| Independent examination of the financial statements | 1,050 | 1,000 |

9. Staff costs

There were no staff costs in the year (2022: None).

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: Nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees. See note 10.

10. Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year and were not paid or reimbursed for any expenses.

There are no related party transactions during the year ended 31 May 2023 (2022: None).

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Year ended 31 May 2023

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other creditors | 1,260 | 1,000 |

12. Analysis of charitable funds

| | At 1 June 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | 41,463 | 26,599 | (38,513) | 29,549 |

| | At 1 June 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | 656,936 | 570,000 | (173,000) | 1,053,936 |
| Total charitable funds | 698,399 | 596,599 | (211,513) | 1,083,485 |

Comparatives:

| | At 18 May 2021 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2022 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General funds | – | 43,630 | (2,167) | 41,463 |

| | At 18 May 2021 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 May 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 750,000 | (93,064) | 656,936 |
| Total charitable funds | – | 793,630 | (95,231) | 698,399 |

The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland – funding received to assist the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) and provide grant funding to YMT for the purposes of meeting YMT’s ongoing operating costs and to contribute to modernising and developing YMT’s facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient and no longer reliant on grant funding from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | 30,809 | 1,053,936 | 1,084,745 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,260) | – | (1,260) |
| Net assets | 29,549 | 1,053,936 | 1,083,485 |

SIGNIFICANCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 May 2023

14. Prior period Statement of Financial Activities

| | Period ended 31 May 2022 | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
| Income and endowments | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 43,630 | 750,000 | 793,630 |
| Total income | <u>43,630</u> | <u>750,000</u> | <u>793,630</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 2,167 | 93,064 | 95,231 |
| Total expenditure | <u>2,167</u> | <u>93,064</u> | <u>95,231</u> |
| Net income and net movement in funds | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | — | — | — |
| Total funds carried forward | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |

The prior period was the first set of financial statements for the Charity.

15. Post balance sheet events

Following the year end, the following material events have occurred:

- SIGNIFICANCE received a third material grant from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland. The total amount received was £210,000 on 20th September 2023.
- SIGNIFICANCE paid out £100,000 to the Youth Ministry Trust on 10 October 2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1194520

Accounts

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Financial Statements

31 May 2022

STEPHENSON COATES AUDIT LIMITED

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

West 2, Asama Court

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report

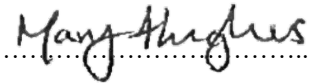
Period ended 31 May 2022

Chair's statement

The Trustees of SIGNIFICANCE are greatly aware that we have been entrusted with a very special legacy. While SIGNIFICANCE was established as a CIO on 18 May 2021, Fr Dermott Donnelly initially founded the charity in spirit five years before its establishment as a CIO. During his many years of priesthood and youth ministry, he always wanted to provide opportunities for young people to realise their own worth and unique value and, once they did this, to enable other young people to know the same. The name 'Significance' was chosen by Fr Dermott to capture and support this objective and he worked passionately to promote the charity during its first year.

In September 2021, we were immensely grateful to receive a generous donation from the Sisters of Mercy to enable grant funding to be provided for the Youth Ministry Trust. The Sisters have been inspired by this particular project and are eager to witness its development. We wish to record our thanks to them for their great support. In June 2022, we were able to celebrate the first year of the charity at a special fundraising event hosted by Fr Dermott on the occasion of his 30th Anniversary of Priesthood. It was a joyful occasion at which he spoke passionately about SIGNIFICANCE, commenting that "each young person is unique and valued and can reach out into a broken world and piece by piece put it back together again".

It was only two weeks later that we were shocked and deeply saddened by Fr Dermott's sudden death. As Trustees, we are now dedicated and determined to continue this wonderful legacy in providing grants for projects which help young people "to reach high and achieve their best".



Mary Hughes
Chair

Date 21st March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 May 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name SIGNIFICANCE

Charity registration number 1194520

Principal Office

Emmaus Village
Pemberton Road
Allensford
Consett
DH8 9BA

The Trustees

Fr Dermott Donnelly (appointed 18 May 2021, deceased 8 July 2022)
M Hughes (Chair) (appointed 18 May 2021)
Fr S Weymes (appointed 18 May 2021)
Dr R Stanley (appointed 7 July 2021)
D Robinson (appointed 7 July 2021)

Independent examiner

Rachael Oswald BA ACA
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Bankers

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established on 18 May 2021, governed by its constitution. The Charity Registration number is 1194520.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment of trustees is undertaken by the trustees as the need arises in order to ensure that charity trustees collectively have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

There were 5 appointments of trustees during the period, with 1 resignation since the period end:

- Fr Dermott Donnelly (appointed 18 May 2021 / deceased 8 July 2022)
- Mary Hughes (appointed 18 May 2021)
- Fr Simon Weymes (appointed 18 May 2021)
- Roy Stanley (appointed 7 July 2021)
- Daryn Robinson (appointed 7 July 2021)

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are briefed on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees and are provided with a copy of the charity's current constitution. They are also briefed on the grant making process and the recent financial performance of the charity, as well as being provided with a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Organisation

The charity is managed by the trustees, who meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if the need arises. The number of trustees may not be less than 3 and is subject to a maximum of 12. The quorum for the transaction of business is one third of the trustees or 2 trustees, whichever is greater.

Risk management

The trustees have carried out a risk assessment to identify the major governance, financial, operational and compliance risks which the charity faces and this is reviewed each year. Procedures have been established to enable the trustees to monitor and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

SIGNIFICANCE was formally established as a CIO on 18 May 2021. Prior to this, in 2017, Fr Dermott Donnelly, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of priestly ministry working with young people in the region, began the work of SIGNIFICANCE on a personal level. "Young people have so much to give to our society and our world and I want to give them every opportunity to develop their potential. Through the projects SIGNIFICANCE will support, young people will be inspired to reach high and achieve their best" (Fr Dermott Donnelly). At the heart of SIGNIFICANCE is the belief that young people are not called to live lives of survival or even lives of success, but to live lives of happiness and significance. Once they come to know their 'significance', they can go on to enable others and inspire the world to be a better place.

The objective of the CIO is to advance, for the public benefit, the education (including social, physical, spiritual and mental development) of young people in the North East of England.

The main activities of the CIO is that of fundraising, so that the funds raised can be used to provide grants to other charities, ministries and organisations who are seeking to achieve materially similar objectives.

The CIO has a grant-making policy which sets out the principles, criteria and processes that govern how it awards grants. The trustees have ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions in accordance with the objectives of the charity. Eligible applicants will be from the North East of England, with a focus on the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle areas.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

Achievements and performance

During the period to 31 May 2022, the charity was active in its principal activity of fundraising. An initial donation of £750,000 was received by The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland so that the CIO is able to assist the Youth Ministry Trust ("YMT") by providing grant funding to YMT for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient.

Going Concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Financial review

During the financial period since incorporation to 31 May 2022, in addition to the restricted grant income of £750,000 from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, SIGNIFICANCE received unrestricted donations of £43,630.

During the period, there was one grant of £93,064 paid to YMT.

Free reserves are considered to be the unrestricted reserves of the charity, being £41,463. Owing to the voluntary nature of time expended on the charity's activities, the day to day running costs of the charity is minimal, meaning that most of the unrestricted reserves are expected to be utilised for future potential activities that advance the objectives of the CIO. As such at the period end, the trustees believe that SIGNIFICANCE is in a strong financial position.

Reserves policy

As the day to day running costs of the CIO are minimal, the trustees do not feel that a formal reserves policy is currently necessary. At regular intervals, such as a meeting of the trustees, the cash reserves are noted at the same time as reviewing any grant applications received. When making a decision whether to approve any grant applications, the trustees take into consideration the level of reserves, both restricted and unrestricted depending on the application received, to ensure that the CIO will retain sufficient reserves if the grant is approved. Should the activities and/or costs of the CIO change in the future, it might become appropriate for the trustees to formalise an appropriate reserves policy.

Plans for future periods

Our priorities for the future are to continue to support YMT by providing grant funding, utilising the restricted funds generously provided by the Sisters of Mercy Sunderland, for the primary purpose of contributing to the modernisation and development of YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient. Further fundraising activities will also be undertaken with the aim of generating further unrestricted donations, in addition to the £41,463 at the period end, so that the charity can also seek to advance the education of young people in the North East by providing grants to help fund appropriate projects.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

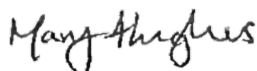
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charities governing document. They 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 trustees' annual report was approved on 21st March 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)



Daryn Robinson
Trustee (Treasurer)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SIGNIFICANCE

Period ended 31 May 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of SIGNIFICANCE ('the charity') for the period ended 31 May 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 131 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Rachael Oswald ACA
STEPHENSON COATES AUDIT LIMITED
Chartered accountants

West 2, Asama Court
Newcastle Business Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 7YD

21st March 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

31 May 2022

| | | 2022 | | |
|---|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
| Income and endowments | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | 4 | 43,630 | 750,000 | 793,630 |
| Total income | | <u>43,630</u> | <u>750,000</u> | <u>793,630</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 5 | 2,167 | 93,064 | 95,231 |
| Total expenditure | | <u>2,167</u> | <u>93,064</u> | <u>95,231</u> |
| Net income and net movement in funds | | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |
| Transfer between funds | | – | – | – |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | – | – | – |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

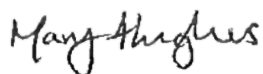
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Balance Sheet

31 May 2022

| | | 2022 | |
|---|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>699,399</u> | |
| | | 699,399 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9 | <u>(1,000)</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | <u>698,399</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>698,399</u> |
| Net assets | 11 | | <u><u>698,399</u></u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 41,463 |
| Restricted funds | | | <u>656,936</u> |
| Total charity funds | 10 | | <u><u>698,399</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21st March 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mary Hughes
Trustee (Chair)

The notes on pages 10 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Period ended 31 May 2022

| | 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|
| | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | |
| Net income | 698,399 |
| <i>Adjustments for:</i> | |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | – |
| <i>Changes in:</i> | |
| Trade and other debtors | – |
| Trade and other creditors | 1,000 |
| Cash generated from operations | <u>699,399</u> |
| Interest received | – |
| Net cash from operating activities | <u>699,399</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 699,399 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | – |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | <u><u>699,399</u></u> |

The notes on pages 10 – 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period ended 31 May 2022

1. General information

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is a charitable incorporated organisation. The address of the principal office is Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett, DH8 9BA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.
The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

SIGNIFICANCE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and there is a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and on this basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Grants payable are recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs represents expenditure incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Voluntary assistance

Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

4. Donations, Legacies and Grants

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations & Legacies | | | |
| Donations | 43,630 | – | 43,630 |
| Grants | | | |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| | <u>43,630</u> | <u>750,000</u> | <u>793,630</u> |

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Activities undertaken directly £ | Total funds 2022 £ |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Grants payable | 93,064 | 93,064 |
| Other activities | 207 | 207 |
| Governance costs: | | |
| Legal & professional fees | 1,960 | 1,960 |
| | <u>95,231</u> | <u>95,231</u> |

Grants payable

Youth Ministry Trust £93,064

6. Independent examiner's fees

| | 2022 £ |
|--|-----------|
| Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements | 1,000 |

7. Staff costs

There were no staff costs in the period.
The average head count of employees during the period was Nil.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

8. Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any emoluments during the period and were not paid or reimbursed for any expenses.

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees.

There are no other related party transactions during the period ended 31 May 2022.

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 2022 |
| | £ |
| Other creditors | 1,000 |
| | <u>1,000</u> |
| | <u>1,000</u> |

10. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

| | At 18 May 2021 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 May 2022 |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | – | 43,630 | (2,167) | 41,463 |
| | <u>–</u> | <u>43,630</u> | <u>(2,167)</u> | <u>41,463</u> |

Restricted funds

| | At 18 May 2021 | Income | Expenditure | At 31 May 2022 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland | – | 750,000 | (93,064) | 656,936 |
| | <u>–</u> | <u>750,000</u> | <u>(93,064)</u> | <u>656,936</u> |

The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland – funding received to assist the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) and provide grant funding to YMT for the purposes of meeting YMT's ongoing operating costs and to contribute to modernising and developing YMT's facilities, thereby enabling it to be self-sufficient and no longer reliant on grant funding from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 31 May 2022

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 2022 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Current assets | 42,463 | 656,936 | 699,399 |
| Creditors less than 1 year | (1,000) | – | (1,000) |
| Net assets | <u>41,463</u> | <u>656,936</u> | <u>698,399</u> |

12. Post Balance Sheet events

Following the period end, the charity received a second material grant from The Sisters of Mercy Sunderland. The total amount received was £570,000 on 28th September 2022.