



Plymouth
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

Trustees' Annual Report 2021/22

Period start date
9th August 2021

Period end date
5th April 2022

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Charity name Plymouth Youth for Christ

Other names charity is known by PYFC

Registered charity number (if any) 1195442

Charity's principal address c/o Christ Church Estover

Leypark Walk

Plymouth

Postcode PL6 8UE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Chris Routledge | Chair of Trustees | | |
| 2 | David Noble | Treasurer | | |
| 3 | Simon Applebee | | | |
| 4 | Rebekah Merriman | | | |
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Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods | Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. |

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN APPENDIX 1 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;
- (B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF PROCLAIMING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;
- (C) TO DEMONSTRATE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN VALUES, INCLUDING DIGNITY, EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;
- (D) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUPPORT AND MENTORING IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, THROUGH LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, STREET BASED YOUTH WORK AND OTHER YOUTH PROVISION TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES, THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED;
- (E) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROMOTING OVERSEAS SERVICE, EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ACTION AND WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH RELEVANT RELIEF AGENCIES.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Plymouth Youth for Christ raises awareness of religious beliefs and practices through providing young people with opportunities to explore the Christian faith through youth clubs, groups, events, meetings and opportunities to participate in worship.

The organisation generally advances the religion through providing opportunities for young people to explore the Christian faith. Young

Commission on public benefit)

people attending groups, clubs and meetings will be invited to participate in activities and discussions that explore Christian beliefs and values such as dignity, empowerment and partnership.

Facilitating education about the Christian faith takes place in church buildings, community facilities, schools and through online/social media content.

Young people who already attend groups or clubs are encouraged to invite their friends. Activities are also advertised through local churches and schools. Activities/services may be promoted at community events and venues.

All young people aged between 7 and 25 can attend youth work activities. Most groups are specifically for different age groups, for example a youth club for young people aged 11-14 or a primary school assembly.

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the charity in the light of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the past year continue to be for the public benefit, relating as they do to benefit the community in the City of Plymouth and beyond.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In it's first year, Plymouth Youth For Christ has prioritised setting the groundwork for ongoing youth and schools work by establishing policies and procedures along with registering with appropriate organisations.

Significant time has also been spent raising awareness of the new charity in order to build ongoing financial support, practical support and

spiritual covering through ongoing prayer support.

Plymouth Youth for Christ was officially commissioned and launched on Saturday 11th September 2021. Representatives from British Youth for Christ supported the event and church leaders, youth ministers and supporters from across the city pledged their support for the new ministry.

A team of four founding trustees were also established prior to successful registration as a charity in summer 2021.

The vision of Plymouth Youth for Christ is to invite every young person in the city of Plymouth to explore the Christian faith and enable them to thrive in all areas of life.

Supporting young people in time of crisis

In November 2021 volunteers from Plymouth Youth for Christ were involved with supporting young people in the wake of a tragedy in the local community. The team worked together with local church leaders and the Plymouth City Council Youth Service to run a drop in evening for young people.

Then during December Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers ran a series of weekly drop-in sessions with the purpose of engaging with young people and signposting further support if relevant.

Training

During February Paul Bennet from Youth for Christ Gloucestershire facilitated a 'personal fundraising' training day for the board of trustees.

Setting goals

The board of trustees met regularly to establish core policies and procedures, set up a bank account and to discuss strategy. The following goals for 2022-23 were agreed:

- Volunteers are regularly connecting with young people
- The team of volunteers is growing
- The board of trustees should be strengthened and embedded through trustee recruitment, regular meetings, and training.
- Interest and support for the charity is growing across different areas of Plymouth.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees will aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet PYFC expenditure over a 3 to 6 month period. These reserves will be held in a deposit account with an ethical bank, earning the highest rate of interest possible.

If there is a significant reserve it will be held in low risk and ethical investment funds to provide reserves for future developments and the highest return possible by way of interest or growth in value of the funds.

The trustees will regularly review the performance of investments and ensure that all interest payments due are received.

As of 5th April 2022, our account balance is £1770. There is no significant monthly expenditure that needs to be covered by a set reserve at this moment and this full amount acts as an unrestricted reserve while Plymouth Youth For Christ continues to grow.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of income during the 2021/22 period include a transfer of funds from Plymouth Vineyard Church who were custodians of our funds prior to charity registration. Also significant fundraising was made by one of our trustees through various sponsored running events throughout September/October 2021

Expenditure has been minimal admin costs with the largest expense covering our Public Liability Insurance Premium.

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Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

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| CHRISTOPHER PONTLEDGE | DAVID JAMES NOBLE |

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

CHAIR

TRUSTEE

TREASURER

Date

3/3/23

Plymouth Youth For Christ Financial Report - 2021/22
(9 August 2021 - 5 April 2022)

Income

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| £ 712.07 | Funds given to PYFC prior to Charity Registration |
| £ 900.54 | Funds raised by sponsored running events |
| £ 300.00 | Regular donations from financial supporters |
| £ 156.00 | One off donations given at Charity Launch Night |

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| £ 2,068.61 | Total Income 2021/22 |
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Expenses

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| £ 163.21 | Public Liability Insurance |
| £ 103.64 | Ministry Costs |
| £ 31.87 | Administration Expenses |

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| £ 298.72 | Total Expenses 2021/22 |
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Balance at 5 Apr 2022 £ 1,769.89