



# **YOUTHWORKPLUS**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Registered Charity Number 1196622

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF YOUTHWORXPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

### **Objectives and Activities**

To encourage and strengthen existing youth and children's ministry. To inspire and cultivate opportunities for new work with the 95% of children and youth not yet connected to churches. Supporting leaders within these ministries to see more young lives transformed.

Youthwork+ is set up to champion work with youth and children and to help support both volunteers and paid workers here in Milton Keynes and beyond. From our own experience youth and children's work can be hard, it can be a struggle to know how to begin, draining, lonely, and tough to keep coming up with fresh ideas. On the other hand, we know we really thrive when we feel connected & encouraged, this is where we hope Youthwork+ can really help.

### **Youthwork+ Trustee Meetings**

The Trustees met six times during this period via Google meet, with an average attendance of 80%.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Youthwork+ vision is to encourage and strengthen existing youth and children's ministry across our local area of Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

We work with churches to develop all ministries reaching under 18s.

Terms: In this report we will refer to both children and youth as young people and both children's and youth work/leaders as youth work/leaders.

Our primary means for fulfilling our objectives are by:

1. **Mentoring and Networking.** We provide networking times for youth leaders, both volunteers and employed staff and have provided one-to-one mentoring on a few occasions. We believe connection is vital to helping leaders to feel valued, understood and supported in their ministry. We connect one to one with youth leaders offering prayer and support and friendly face. It enables them to grow and develop as leaders as well as in their ministries. We believe mentoring is an essential element for a leader if they are to be resilient and have longevity in their position. We also believe leaders are stronger when they are connected with each other. By providing a network we facilitate a space for peer connections and support. We have set up connections with and are engaging with 33 churches, and 6 charities and projects in Milton Keynes. We have 26 connections churches, and 32 charities and organisations beyond Milton Keynes. We have connected with 51 youth leaders through our local network and with 22 in our wider national network. We have helped to support and equip at least 70 youth leaders, if each of them ministered to an average of 20 young people that is a potential reach of around 1400 young people.

"I am so thrilled about the work and ministry of Youthwork+. Since they formed, I have felt part of something bigger as a youth worker. I appreciated how they have reached out to us youth workers and have made it a focus to check on our wellbeing and they also offer some input and resources ... often youth and children's work can feel isolating – but they are good and 'joining the dots' – bringing people together..." Darrell, youth worker, Milton Keynes.

2. **Training.** We offer both recognised and general training. Our worker Becky is licensed to deliver the Youthscape Essentials course. We have run this over three Saturdays in the past year. Training 25 participants from across 11 different churches of mixed denomination. Also, at the request of a particular church we offer specific training for their youth teams. Training enables people to come together and to discuss new ideas and encourages greater creativity and dependence on God.

Training is key to equipping staff and volunteers, giving them more confidence to do youthwork. "Such great interaction, great source of information and friendly people who have a hearth for youth work".

"Networking and listening to others' perspectives was useful, but also really useful to sit with people from own church as it sparked loads of good conversations".

Feedback of the Youthscape course from a local youth workers.

3. Consultancy. We offer to walk alongside churches as they look to develop their youth work. We offer resources to help them review their approaches to young people as well as offering advice on how to improve their delivery of youth work.
4. Website. Our website is an effective means of communicating with a lot of people in one go and extending our reach beyond our local area of Milton Keynes. Our increasing bank of resource reviews enables us to offer youth leaders tried and tested resources for their ministry. This accessible library of links saves youth leaders times where they would be scouring the internet for resources then not knowing if that resource would work from their youth group or context. Since we launched our website, we have had 11,751 views and 7,126 unique visitors.
5. Podcasts. We have a monthly podcast where we discuss youth work topics. Our recent series has seen us interview different youth leaders to hear their perspective on how they got into ministry and what they have learnt along the way. Monthly podcasts available on YouTube, Apple and Spotify. In this period, we have produced 27 episodes of our youth work podcasts, with over 2000 combined podcast listens.

We have been able to do the above on limited resources. We currently have funds to pay a worker for six hours a week and we have been blessed to work with a couple of experienced youth workers who have volunteered with us, as well as trustees that help with podcasts and training. We have a handful of small regular givers as well as regular donations from three local churches.

### **Safeguarding**

All our Trustees hold Enhanced DBS Certificates.

### **Financial Review**

We have been immensely grateful for all the giving received that has enabled us to carry out this work. We have nine monthly donations, and ad hoc giving from local churches.

Our Expenditure is tightly controlled and covers the Salary and Training costs.

### **Reserves policy**

It is good practice to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, about £1,100 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

YOUTHWORKPLUS is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1196622

**YOUTHWORK +  
SUMMARY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Months to **31-Mar-24**

LAST YEAR 31-Mar-23		12	THIS YEAR 31-Mar-24	BUDGET 31-Mar-24	Variance 31-Mar-24	BUDGET 2024-25
<b>INCOME</b>						
		Notes				
300.00	Regular Giving - GA	2	690.00	600	90.00	600
258.26	Regular Giving - not GA	3	1,020.00	900	120.00	1,200
	Ad Hoc Giving - GA		317.22	0	317.22	
500.00	Ad Hoc Giving - not GA		89.53	0	89.53	
2,000.00	Grant & Church Donations	4	910.00	600	310.00	900
2,743.20	Diocesan Grant	5	0.00	0	0.00	
0.00	Gift Aid Received	6	308.46	144	164.46	144
596.51	Other Income	7	21.43	0	21.43	
<u>6,397.97</u>	<b>Total</b>		<u>3,356.64</u>	<u>2,244</u>	<u>1,112.64</u>	<u>2,844</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
3,535.44	Salary	11	3,758.46	3,760	1.54	3,972
0.00	Trainer Fees	12	0.00	0	0.00	0
111.85	Conferences & Events	13	297.86	300	2.14	300
131.04	Insurance	14	131.04	120	-11.04	132
524.84	Website	15	126.34	120	-6.34	144
0.00	Zoom	16	0.00	0	0.00	
7.20	Safeguarding	17	0.00	12	12.00	12
267.86	Administration	18	264.89	240	-24.89	240
0.00	Resources	19	0.00	0	0.00	
17.43	Bank Charges	20	24.16	0	-24.16	
<u>4,595.66</u>	<b>Total</b>		<u>4,602.75</u>	<u>4,552</u>	<u>-50.75</u>	<u>4,800</u>
						0
<u>1,802.31</u>	<b>SURPLUS/ LOSS</b>	1	<u>-1,246.11</u>	<u>-2,308</u>	<u>1,061.89</u>	<u>-1,956.00</u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>						
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
0.00	Debtors	21				
0.00	St. Mark's					
2,342.11	Lloyds Bank	22			1,072.40	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
-130.00	Creditors	23			-106.40	
<u>2,212.11</u>	<b>Total Assets</b>				<u>966.00</u>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
			<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
					0	
					0	
					0	
		24	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
409.80	Reserves - Brought Down				2,212.11	
1,802.31	Reserves - Current Year				-1,246.11	
<u>2,212.11</u>	Reserves - Carried Forward	25			<u>966.00</u>	
<u>2,212.11</u>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>				<u>966.00</u>	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP FRSSE 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which WVEP is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.  
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

#### Unrestricted Funds

These are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

#### Designated funds

No Funds have been set aside by the Trustees, out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes.

#### Resources expended

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

### 2. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**There are no Endowments.**

### 3. REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity, or a related entity, and the Trustees have claimed no expenses for the performance of their duties.

There have been no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

There is one paid employee, Director and Founder responsible for Youthwork.