



YOUTHWORKPLUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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 31st MARCH 2025

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 provided one-to-one mentoring. 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 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 continued connections with and are engaging with 25 churches, and 7 charities and projects in Milton Keynes. We have connections with 28 churches, and 29 charities and organisations beyond Milton Keynes. We have connected with 50 youth leaders through our local network and with 17 in our wider national network. We have helped to support and equip at least 90 youth leaders, if each of them ministered to an average of 20 young people that is a potential reach of around 1800 young people.
2. **Training.** We offer both recognised and general training. Our worker Becky is licensed to deliver the Youthscape Essentials course. We ran this for a second time over three Saturdays in the past year. Training 4 participants from across 4 different churches of mixed denomination. Also, at the request of a particular church we offered wider training for their youth and children team of over 20 staff and volunteers and a more specific, focused training for their smaller youth team. We collaborated with students at Wycliffe College in Oxford to run a mini day conference with 5 speakers including 3 youth work specialists, a senior researcher from Youthscape and 2 theological tutors from the college. We had 20 people attend, including a mixture of trainee vicars, curates, vicars/church leaders and youth leaders. 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.

"I really enjoyed Youthwork+ Youthscape Essentials course - it was super helpful and encouraged me in all I am already doing with young people. I loved the food :) so nice to be fed and lots of snacks and enjoyed the smaller grouping it was nice to be able to get to know one another."

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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 and Social Media. Our website, and social media 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. We have an average 300 visitors a month. With our social media we have as of Jul 2025: 452 Instagram followers, 406 Facebook, 70 LinkedIn followers
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. We have 30-50 episodes streams/download a month.

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 ten monthly donations, 2 from local churches, 7 from individuals and 1 from a local business. One regular annual donation from a local church.

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.

Balance Sheet

Youthwork+

As at 31 March 2025

Accrual Basis

Account	31 Mar 2025	31-Mar-24
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
YOUTHWORK+	6,361.37	1,072.40
Total Cash at bank and in hand	6,361.37	1,072.40
Cash at bank and in hand		
Accounts Receivable	75.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	6,436.37	1,072.40
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors	21.60	106.40
Total Creditors: amounts falling due withir	21.60	106.40
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	6,414.77	966.00
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	6,414.77	966.00
Net Assets	6,414.77	966.00
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	5,342.37	(1,246.11)
Retained Earnings	1,072.40	2,212.11
Total Capital and Reserves	6,414.77	966.00

Statement of Financial Activities

Youthwork+

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Accrual Basis

Account	2025	2024
Income		
Church Donations	7,373.84	910.00
Gift Aid Recieved	189.70	308.46
Job Adverts Donations	400.00	
One Off Giving Individuals - Gift Aidable	0.00	317.22
One Off Giving Individuals - Not Gift Aidable	0.00	89.53
Other Income	20.51	21.43
Regular Giving individuals - Gift Aidable	1,256.61	690.00
Regular Giving Individuals - Not Gift Aidable	1,434.00	1,020.00
Training Donations	63.00	
Total Income	10,737.66	3,356.64
Gross Profit	10,737.66	3,356.64
Expenditure		
Audit & Accountancy fees	32.42	0.00
Conference and Events	365.00	297.86
Insurance Costs	131.04	131.04
Payroll & Bank Charges	210.96	24.16
Podcast Riverside subscription	93.80	0.00
Salaries	3,952.00	3,758.46
Administrative Costs	0.00	264.89
Training costs	136.15	0.00
Website Costs	452.32	126.34
Total Expenditure	5,373.69	4,602.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,363.97	(1,246.11)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st 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 for responsible for Youthwork.