

Yeovil Diversity Project CIO

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

Key Information: The name of the charity is "Yeovil Diversity Project"

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18th May 2022 under Registered Charity Number 1198996

The charity's principal office is located at 45 The Park, Yeovil Somerset BA20 1DF

Trustees of the charity as at 31st December 2023 were:

- ❖ Alex Young
- ❖ Carlyne Taylor
- ❖ Claire Howard
- ❖ Graham Law
- ❖ Jenna Powell
- ❖ Laura House
- ❖ Lou Langdon
- ❖ Tracey Powell

Other trustees who served during the year were:

- ❖ None

The charity is governed by its Model Constitution, which was adopted by the trustees, shortly before registration as a CIO during May 2022.

Trustees are recruited by way of social media posts and word of mouth. Potential trustees are interviewed by two of the existing board members and, if proposed, are elected at the next trustees' meeting. All incoming trustees are asked to make themselves familiar with Yeovil Diversity Project's constitution and policies, as well as the Charity Commission's guidance on becoming a trustee (notably "The Essential Trustee"). The minimum and maximum numbers of trustees is governed by our constitution.

The trustee board meets at least monthly, although this periodicity can be varied according to the levels of activity ongoing and the perceived need.

Financials: Yeovil Diversity Project CIO maintains a Treasurer's Account with Lloyds Bank PLC.

All expenditure through the bank account is authorised by 2 serving trustees, in accordance with the mandate provided.

In the early stages of our development, the sums of money held are small and the trustees have not yet seen a need for a Reserves Policy.

Yeovil Diversity Project does not act as a custodian trustee.

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Public Benefit:

The trustees have taken note of the charity's Public Benefit requirements and consider that these are currently being met.

Activities During the Year:

As well as continuing to host our own regular events for the LGBT+ community, we have put effort into being a visible queer presence at wider events held in Yeovil. This year that included Yeovil Celebrates, Home Farm Festival and the Annual Lantern Parade.

Once again, at short notice, the annual LGBT+ Pride event for our town was cancelled by its official organisers and we pulled together to put on an alternative. For the first time we held a memorial event for the Trans Day of Remembrance, highlighting each of the 350+ people from the trans community who sadly died from September 2022 to October 2023.

2023 also saw us helping to make Yeovil more accessible for people with different physical impairments. For example, we supplied special "brick separator" tools to the Lego Club held at Yeovil library so that those with less manual dexterity could take part more independently. This area is something we look to expand on in 2024, as we look at other characteristics under the Equality Act and how we can help to meet their needs and make Yeovil a better and more inclusive place for its residents.

Conclusion:

Our second year as an official charity has been another interesting journey. We're thrilled to be able to report that this year we've solidified our dedication to the local community, and our progress continues to accelerate.



Lou Langdon
Chair



Laura House
Secretary



Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 01/04/2023 - 31/12/2023

INCOME	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	Total
RAYS	£0.00		
Donations		£2,027.40	
	£0.00	£2,027.40	£2,027.40

EXPENDITURE	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	Total
RAYS	£687.20		
Admin		£322.50	
Pride		£757.97	
Community		£16.94	
	£687.20	£1,097.41	£1,784.61

Net Surplus for the period **£242.79**

FUNDS HELD

Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2023	£1,336.12
Net Surplus for the period	£242.79
Funds held as at 31/12/2023	£1,578.91

REPRESENTED BY

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	£1,578.91
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