

# THE YOUTH NET

England & Wales · Charity number 1199420

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-06-23

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A. TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO PARTICULARLY AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN MID-STAFFORDSHIRE AND ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT. B. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN THE SAID LOCALITY AND ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** We have a number of projects who all contribute to the delivery of our vision; Religious Education Lessons, Workshops & Events. Work Supporting Local Churches, and those that work with Children and Young People. Princes Trust projects. Community projects and support.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Derbyshire
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City
- Telford & Wrekin
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£157,476	£156,362	-	-
2024-08-31	£152,957	£132,945	-	-
2023-08-31	£101,041	£85,315	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Matthew James Long</b>	Chair	2022-06-23
ANDREW TIMOTHY SUMMERS		2022-06-23
Debra Louise Tickell		2024-07-16
GRAHAM JOHN RUSSELL		2022-06-23
JOHN CUNNINGHAM LOTZ MB BS FRCS		2022-06-23
RICHENDA JANE NUTTALL		2022-06-23
Rev DAVID LLOYD LAWRENCE		2022-06-23
Samantha Jane Phillips		2022-06-23

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# Accounts

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## **The Youth Net**

**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Charity No. 1199420**

**Reports and Accounts  
For Year Ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**The Youth Net**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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# The Youth Net Annual Report of the Trustees

The Youth Net moved its office space this year from Asbury House where we have been for 19 years to Doxey Hub – the small community centre we have been managing over recent years. We would like to again thank the Stafford Methodist Circuit for their support, encouragement and significant investment in us during this time.

The move to Doxey was a strategic decision to

- a) be more rooted in the local community where we have such a strong relationship through our Connect Doxey and St Paul's worker
- b) to work out of a place where we can more easily facilitate children and young people's groups
- c) have a space where we can invite supporters into to be able to see more of the work we do through dialogue with the staff and
- d) to be able to recruit more volunteers into The Youth Net as we look to develop some more volunteer based projects this year and next.

We decided to end our relationship with Scripture Union this year and have looked to start to develop more local links with organisations working in our region and more nationally through Paraklesis.

We are looking to develop our Trustee base as we grow as an organization and this year invited Deb Tickell who brings education expertise from a Secondary perspective.

When it is appropriate any prospective candidates for Trustee-ship will be invited by the current members to consider joining, in line with the process set out in the Constitution.

## **THE YOUTH NET**

**The Youth Net is made up of projects falling into 2 distinct areas – Schools and Community.**

### **School projects**

- ENGAGE - a faith based Secondary Schools project
- EXPLORE – a Primary faith-based project
- IF Project – an alternative curriculum project
- Growth – a PHSEE project now incorporating our mentoring project Growth 1:1 and Growth small groups
- School counsellor through Connect

### **Community Projects**

CONNECT – is the way we work with and for local churches, the local community and network with children, youth and family workers.

- Connect St Paul's and Doxey
- Connect Stafford Youth
- Connect Doxey Hub

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## STAFF

• <b>Sam Phillips</b>	Youth Net Director	30 hours a week
• <b>Alison Way</b>	EXPLORE project lead	25 hours a week
• <b>Maddy Belle</b>	Engage project lead	25.5 hours a week
• <b>Anji Haywood</b>	Growth lead	27 hours a week term time
• <b>Lottie Backhouse</b>	CONNECT St. Paul's/ Doxey and TYN	27 hours a week
• <b>Scott Belle</b>	Connect Stafford Youth Post	16 hours a week
• <b>Cathy Short</b>	IF project Lead	20 hours a week
• <b>Jo Adamson</b>	Connect – Counselling and IF	20 hours a week
• <b>Richard Lainton</b>	Hub caretaker	2 hours a week

We had some strategic internal movement of staff this year moving to different projects as Lead workers and project workers. We feel these moves have really played to the strengths of our team.

We tried to recruit again in the Autumn term 2024 but were unsuccessful. We did however recruit 2 members of staff in the Summer 2025 term to start in September 2025.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

**Our objectives as stated in our constitution are as follows**

- a. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Mid-Staffordshire and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- b. To advance education in accordance with Christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

**The vision of the Youth Net is**

*To see children and young people flourishing socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually: positively engaging with the Christian Faith and communities.*

The Youth Net works with 3 primary stakeholders, children and young people, schools and churches. We are involved in activities that help children and young people to flourish socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually both in and out of school. We work with all our stakeholders to resource and equip them in order to see this flourishing take place. We encourage positive engagement with the Christian Faith and encourage engagement with local communities. We also promote unity across the churches to achieve community engagement.

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This year we worked to this vision is through the following projects:

- **Explore**
- **Engage**
- **IF project**
- **Growth**
- **Connect St Paul's and Doxey**
- **Connect Stafford Youth**
- **Connect Counselling**
- **Connect Youth Net**

We want to once again recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff team. Their willingness to keep adapting and changing, in order to respond to the needs of the children, young people and the schools and communities we work with is amazing. The staff team have been exceptional again this year.

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### **Overview of 2024-25**

This year has been an exciting one for the organization. We have seen growth and life and good outcomes through the various projects. The office move had not been planned at the beginning of the year but was a significant time for us as a team.

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### **EXPLORE**

It has been a good year for the Explore project. There was a lot more energy around Christmas and Easter events although the latter were impacted by the office move. This year we have engaged with 1258 children.

Activities this year have included

- 2 harvest workshops
- 2 Creation workshops
- 2 faith at home workshops
- 1 Sacred Space with a peace theme
- 19 Christmas events in 7 schools
- 2 Tour through Christianity workshops
- 6 Easter workshops
- Providing resources for Sunday School, Holiday Clubs and Messy Church.
- Working with All Saints Ranton, Burton Manor, Doxey, Flash Ley, Leasowes, Oulton, St. Leonards Dunston, Tillington and Woodseaves Primary Schools.

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## Some outcomes as written by the Project Lead

- Seeing the children engaging well with activities. I've tried to create opportunities for them to think and respond, and saw some great drawings in the Creation workshop as they thought about what a Christian would do after hearing Bible verses about caring for the world.
- Explore feels like it's "back to normal" finally, and the demand for RE lessons seems to be growing as schools ask for Christmas plus other topics
- Having lots of positive feedback from staff and students
- Getting to use my creativity to improve and create new lessons
- Working with a range of schools and ages

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## ENGAGE

Engage has had to work hard this year to breathe life back into the project after the reduced capacity last year but it has been an exciting year with lots of different opportunities for engagement and the project engaged with 1386 young people. The project lead's image was one of ploughing the ground ready to plant new things,

## Activities and outcomes this year

- Prayer for schools event in September – we plan to run 2 a year.
- 4 Grill a Christian Sessions for Y10s and Y11s at The Friary School in Lichfield working in partnership with the Youth worker from Wade Street Church in Lichfield.
- Remembrance Assembly at WRA for Y7-10 went really well.
- Religion & Ethics session with Y13 at KEVI.
- Advent Assembly for Y7-11 at SMHS. involved a Giant advent calendar and Giant candy canes!
- Pilot a new style RE workshop at KEVI. We received some great feedback and learnt a lot from it, we are focusing on a workshop that students can explore, rather than a front-led lesson.
- Having Youth Ministry Leader at Rising Brook with me for 2 of the workshops was a real highlight. It was great to go in as team, with more young people engaging and asking questions.

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## IF PROJECT

This is our alternative curriculum project. We work with year 9, 10 and 11 students in 3 different High Schools. Students follow the Princes Trust – now Kings Trust Achieve programme in Personal Development and Employability.

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This programme gives learners the opportunity to:

- Develop their own personal growth and engagement in, and through, learning
- Engage in learning that is relevant to them and support their development of personal skills and attributes that are essential for working life and employment
- Prepare themselves for progression into further education programmes, apprenticeships or other work-based learning
- Develop their English and mathematics skills

### **This year's outcomes:**

This year we added a new Year 9 group and facilitated 8 groups in 3 different high schools spanning 3 school years. This equates to 80 pupils each and every week.

Three Year 11 groups (30 young people) achieved their qualifications at either Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma level working through 6/9/13 modules to achieve this.

It has been good to be able to deliver using our normal youth work/ informal education style with games and interactive sessions and trips! We have delivered modules in Teamwork, Wellbeing Physical activity and Wellbeing Healthy eating, personal development, Managing money, community Impact, Career planning and planning for the world of work.

We have also been in conversation with a new school who will come on board in September 2025.

We receive lots of comments from staff across the schools that these are the lessons the pupils engage the best in and from young people comments around feeling seen, respected, valued and that these lessons give them more confidence for their future.

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### **GROWTH**

Growth is our project formed around our delivery of Personal, Social, Health education. We have rebranded slightly to have three different areas within our growth project

Growth 1:1 – our mentoring work

Growth Groups – a place to develop our small group work of 1:4

Growth – our larger group sessions

We offer Growth to both Primary and Secondary schools and have engaged with 2304 pupils this year.

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Activities and outcomes this year

- 6 Drug and alcohol awareness sessions in high schools
- 2 Alcohol and consent sessions in high schools
- 1 Session focusing on vaping in a high school
- 2 Alcohol awareness sessions in high schools
- 1 parent awareness sessions
- 1 Staff CPD session
- We have worked in 7 high schools
- 2 Teamwork sessions offered to primary schools
- 8 First Aid sessions offered to primary schools
- We have worked in 3 primary schools

### **GROWTH 1:1 AND GROWTH GROUPS**

Our mentoring project was repositioned within the organization this year as Growth 1:1 but is still linked to and delivered by the CSY team for now. It is part of the Early Intervention aspect of Connect Stafford Youth. We have provided 4 female and 4 male mentoring slots each week for the academic year.

Our small group work – Growth Groups were delivered in 2 high schools to 3 groups of 4 young people. We have delivered programmes looking at relationships, teamwork and cooking. We are using these groups to work with smaller groups of young people who are either younger than our IF project group members or who need more intensive support.

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### **CONNECT YOUTH NET**

**Connect is our overarching project that works in the following ways**

- **COMMUNITIES** - connecting people with their local communities
- **OUTREACH** - providing opportunities for outreach.
- **NETWORKS** - connecting people to other people
- **NURTURE** - gathering people together to support, encourage and learn together
- **EQUIPPING** - providing equipment and resources
- **COLLABORATING** - wherever we can we like to join with others because together we can do more
- **TRAINING** - connecting people to new knowledge and ideas

This year and particularly since the office move, we have been focusing on trying to develop links with local churches and wider regional networks.

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Staff attended the Midlands Unite networking event in January 25; we have facilitated services at local churches and Prayer events in conjunction with another local church during lent praying for schools.

## **CONNECT St Paul's and Doxey**

This project/partnership has continued to thrive as Lottie continues in this role. Youth Club, Family Support, Messy Churches, Doxey Friends, Doxey Kids at the Hub, parents and tots groups in the 2 communities and Pupil voice ,Worship council, Collective Worship and RE lessons at the school mean this role is very active in the 2 local communities and the local schools. The Churches are currently interregnum (without a vicar) and everything has continued very positively.

## **CONNECT Counselling**

Our Connect Counsellor works for 2 days a week in a local High School counselling young people.

This year we have increases the capacity to see clients with the potential to see 10 young people a week. Every young person is unique and no two sessions are ever the same, even if they contain similar issues or the same intervention is used.

Topics covered include ASD/ADHD strategies, friend/family/relationship issues, abuse, neglect, trauma, mock exams, personal and online safety, health, self-care, responsibility and boundaries, assertiveness, choices and the future, social anxiety, sensory overwhelm, low self-belief, anger or triggering, family neglect or devaluing of education. Counselling support, along with school and family collaboration, staged returns, safe spaces/people all combine to help alleviate difficulties.

Other themes encountered include health anxiety, bereavement, neglect, split families, poverty, future anxiety, sexual relationships, alcohol and drug misuse, self-harm. Safeguarding routes are strong within the school and young people are well supported.

**Term 1**            **71** individual counselling hours with **13** clients from Years 7 - 13.

**Term 2**            **78** individual counselling hours with **13** clients from Years 7 - 13.

**Term 3**            **62** individual counselling hours with **14** clients.

**This Year**        **211** hours of individual counselling with **21** different clients.

This equates to an increase of 61 hours of counselling offered compared to last year.

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### **CONNECT STAFFORD YOUTH**

This project continues to be funded by Stafford Borough Council. This year we continued focusing the project in 3 areas – detached work, early intervention work and community intervention work.

#### **Total detached engagements this year**

	<b>YW hours</b>	<b>Total engagements with young people</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>January 25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1474</b>

We have continued to deliver detached and outreach youth work, work in the local college, supporting a local pupil referral unit and supporting young people on a 1-1 basis.

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# The Youth Net Annual Report of the Trustees

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Overview**

We saw an overall surplus for the year of £1,114 (2024: £20,012). This was a good result for the year and close to budget. The excellent reputation of The Youth Net has enabled it to secure work within schools in particular alternative provision, as well as work with churches. Funding has been obtained to run this work and employ the necessary staff. The running of our charitable activities accounts for 94.4% (2024:96.6%) of our expenditure with staffing accounting for £86% (2024: 86%) of this. Our charitable activities bring in 81% (2024: 80%) of our overall income, some of which is grant funding from local government. 19% (2024: 19%) of our income is from voluntary sources such as our supporters, both churches and individuals. All surpluses are retained within the charity to further our objectives.

### **Grants**

We continue to receive grant funding from Stafford Borough Council for the Connect Stafford Youth project. We also continue to receive grant funding from an anonymous source to allow us fund admin support for the charity. These funds were fully spent in the year.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Youth Nets policy on holding financial reserves is to enable a sound financial base for future years work. As the majority of its income is voluntary, there is no certainty of income levels from year to year. Our healthy reserves give us a sound base to employ further staff and increase hours for existing staff to take on many opportunities we encounter.

It is our policy to invest our surplus funds in a bank deposit account.

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## **IN CONCLUSION**

2024-25 has been a good year for us. The office move helped us to physically declutter but also seems to have created more capacity within the organization. Projects have continued to grow and flourish. We have been able to make further strategic decisions going forward into 2025 -26 to help us grow and mature further and work towards even greater sustainability. We are well positioned for some more growth within 2025-26.

The Trustees want to record their gratitude to all who support this work in so many different ways. They are pleased to present this report for consideration.

Signed by



Mr Matthew Long  
Chair of Trustees

Date 26/11/25

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Youth Net

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- \* examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- \* to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- \* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- \* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- \* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 15/4/26

Name: MULTIMHELIOT

Address: 15 BILASKICH

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### Statement of Financial Activities

**for the Year Ended 31st August 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 2025		Total 2024
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	23,377.27		6,120.00		29,497.27		29,726
Charitable activities	105,177.61		22,000.00		127,177.61		122,465
Investment income	544.63		-		544.63		645
Other	256.89		-		256.89		122
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,356.40</b>		<b>28,120.00</b>		<b>157,476.40</b>		<b>152,958</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	180.00		-		180.00		180
Charitable activities	147,630.18		-		147,630.18		128,440
Other	8,551.93		-		8,551.93		4,326
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>156,362.11</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>156,362.11</b>		<b>132,946</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income</b>	<b>(27,005.71)</b>		<b>28,120.00</b>		<b>1,114.29</b>		<b>20,012</b>
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 September 2024	60,265.73		-		60,265.73		40,254
Transfers between Funds	28,120.00		(28,120.00)		-		-
<b>Fund Balances carried forward 31st August 2025</b>	<b>61,380.02</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>61,380.02</b>		<b>60,266</b>

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### Income

**for the Year Ended 31st August 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 2025		Total 2024
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>							
- 200 Club	13,498.00		-		13,498.00		14,065
- Churches	6,924.64		-		6,924.64		6,945
- Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	2,954.63		-		2,954.63		2,996
- Grants	-		6,120.00		6,120.00		5,720
	<b>23,377.27</b>		<b>6,120.00</b>		<b>29,497.27</b>		<b>29,726</b>
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>							
- Explore	567.00		-		567.00		770
- Engage	36.20		-		36.20		28
- Growth	3,199.00		-		3,199.00		2,545
- Connect	31,738.00		22,000.00		53,738.00		53,281
- Doxey Tots	506.05		-		506.05		188
- Doxey Hub	1,278.00		-		1,278.00		7,018
- IF	67,680.00		-		67,680.00		55,300
- Fundraising	173.36		-		173.36		3,335
	<b>105,177.61</b>		<b>22,000.00</b>		<b>127,177.61</b>		<b>122,465</b>
<b><u>Investment income</u></b>							
- Bank Interest Received	544.63		-		544.63		645
	<b>544.63</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>544.63</b>		<b>645</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>							
- Other Income	256.89		-		256.89		122
	<b>256.89</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>256.89</b>		<b>122</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,356.40</b>		<b>28,120.00</b>		<b>157,476.40</b>		<b>152,958</b>

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## Expenditure

for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 2025		Total 2024
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b>Raising funds</b>							
- Fundraising Expenses		180.00		-		180.00	180
		<b>180.00</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>180.00</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
- Explore		7,976.20		-		7,976.20	11,979
- Engage		7,324.81		-		7,324.81	6,794
- Growth		1,054.81		-		1,054.81	748
- Connect		43,131.53		-		43,131.53	43,876
- Doxey Tots		108.39		-		108.39	25
- Doxey Hub		2,937.58		-		2,937.58	2,161
- IF		63,362.47		-		63,362.47	47,612
- Core		21,734.39		-		21,734.39	13,469
Note 2		<b>147,630.18</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>147,630.18</b>	<b>126,664</b>
<b>Other</b>							
- Insurance		1,165.16		-		1,165.16	1,176
- Professional services		3,000.00		-		3,000.00	3,000
- Independent Examination		160.00		-		160.00	150
- Office running costs		4,226.77		-		4,226.77	1,776
		<b>8,551.93</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>8,551.93</b>	<b>6,102</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>							
		<b>156,362.11</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>156,362.11</b>	<b>132,946</b>

**The Youth Net**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31st August 2025**

		£	p	£	p	2024	
	<u>Note</u>					£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	3	15,931.95				13,683	
Cash at bank and in hand	4	60,147.29				61,596	
		76,079.24				75,279	
<b>Creditors Due Within One Year</b>	5			14,699.22		15,013	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	8				<b>61,380.02</b>		<b>60,266</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>							
Balance at 1st September 2024					60,265.73		40,254
Excess of Income over Expenditure					1,114.29		20,012
<b>Balance at 31st August 2025</b>					<b>61,380.02</b>		<b>60,266</b>

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26/11/25 and were signed on its behalf by




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Mr M Long - Chair of Trustees

**The Youth Net**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31st August 2025**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

**Depreciation**

Assets are usually only capitalised where their cost is in excess of £3,000.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Equipment & furniture - 10% on cost

**Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted Funds - funds which can be used in accordance with the Charity's objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated Funds - funds set aside out of general funds for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds - funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

**Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds comprise expenditure incurred at our fundraising charity auction, and publicity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of salaries, office costs and the direct costs of running the schoolwork and youthwork.

Other expenditure represents those items not classified as relating to any of the other categories.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Liability recognition**

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

**Grants received**

Any grant received is treated as income in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

It may be treated as restricted or unrestricted.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

#### 2. Charitable Activities

	Staff costs	Resources	Travel	Other	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£
Core	18,127	-	20	3,588	21,734
Explore	6,918	969	89	-	7,976
Engage	7,264	22	32	7	7,325
Growth	827	-	227	-	1,055
Connect	41,796	532	106	698	43,132
Doxey Tots	-	108	-	-	108
Doxey Hub	2,938	-	-	-	2,938
IF	56,153	3,591	658	2,960	63,362
	<b>134,023</b>	<b>5,222</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>7,252</b>	<b>147,630</b>

#### 3. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	14,701	12,383
Accrued Income - Gift Aid Tax	1,231	1,300
	<b>15,932</b>	<b>13,683</b>

#### 4. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Lloyds Bank		
- Current Account:	5,292	4,285
- Deposit Account:	54,803	57,259
Petty cash	52	52
	<b>60,147</b>	<b>61,596</b>

#### 5. Creditors Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Creditors for Goods and Services	449	1,880
Accruals	160	240
Deferred Income	13,200	12,288
Other Creditors	59	17
Other Creditors - HMRC	831	588
	<b>14,699</b>	<b>15,013</b>

## The Youth Net

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

#### 6. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/09/24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/25
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	60,103	128,850	(156,254)	28,120	60,819
Doxey Tots	163	506	(108)	-	561
	<u>60,266</u>	<u>129,356</u>	<u>(156,362)</u>	<u>28,120</u>	<u>61,380</u>

Comparative year 2023/24	Balance at 01/09/23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/24
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	40,254	125,049	(132,920)	27,720	60,103
Doxey Tots	-	188	(25)	-	163
	<u>40,254</u>	<u>125,237</u>	<u>(132,945)</u>	<u>27,720</u>	<u>60,266</u>

#### 7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/09/24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/25
	£	£	£	£	£
SBC - Connect Stafford Youth	-	22,000	-	(22,000)	-
Admin Support Grant	-	6,120	-	(6,120)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>28,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,120)</u>	<u>-</u>

Comparative year 2023/24	Balance at 01/09/23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/24
	£	£	£	£	£
SBC - Connect Stafford Youth	-	22,000	-	(22,000)	-
Admin Support Grant	-	5,720	-	(5,720)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,720)</u>	<u>-</u>

# The Youth Net

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

#### 8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

31/08/2025	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Current Assets	76,079	-	76,079
Creditors due within one year	(14,699)	-	(14,699)
Total Net Assets	<u>61,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,380</u>

31/08/2024	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	£	£	£
Current Assets	75,279	-	75,279
Creditors due within one year	(15,013)	-	(15,013)
Total Net Assets	<u>60,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,266</u>

#### 9. Emoluments of Employees

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Gross wages	129,904	112,678
Social security costs	1,757	205
Employers pension contribution	2,363	1,936
	<u>134,024</u>	<u>114,819</u>
The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:-	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 during this year.

#### 10. Trustees and other Related Parties

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2025, or the previous year.

During the year the wife of one trustee was paid for bookkeeping and payroll services totalling £3,000 (2024: £3,000). This has approval of the Charities Commission.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1199420

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# Accounts

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## **The Youth Net**

**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Charity No. 1199420**

**Reports and Accounts  
For Year Ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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# The Youth Net Annual Report of the Trustees

## The Youth Net

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Registered Charity Number      1199420

Charity Address                      The Youth Net Offices  
Asbury House  
Merrey Road  
Stafford  
ST17 9LX

### Trustees

Matthew Long	Chair
Andy Summers	Treasurer
Graham Russell	Vice Chair
David Lawrence	
John Lotz	
Chenda Nuttall	
Samantha Phillips	Director
Debra Tickell	Appointed 16/07/24

### Staff

Sam Phillips	Director
Alison Way	Explore Project Lead
Maddy Belle	Engage project Lead
Anji Haywood	IF Project Lead
Jon Phillips	Bank Staff
Cathy Short	IF project worker
Lottie Backhouse	Connect Worker – Doxey and St Paul's
Jo Adamson	Connect – Counselling
Laura Colley	Bank Staff
Scott Belle	Connect Stafford Youth
Richard Lainton	Caretaker

Bank                                      Lloyds Bank PLC

Independent Examiner              Mr T Herriott



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The Youth Net does not own any property but rents office space, storage space and uses meeting room space from Stafford Methodist Circuit, sharing their admin base. We also manage a small Community HUB in Doxey.

We have continued to be a Local Ministry Partner of Scripture Union benefitting from the access to a national and international organization bringing their expertise, skills, networks, support and resources that can benefit us locally.

When it is appropriate any prospective candidates for Trustee-ship will be invited by the current members to consider joining, in line with the process set out in the CIO constitution.

## **THE YOUTH NET**

**The Youth Net is made up of projects falling into 2 distinct areas – Schools and Community.**

### **School projects**

- ENGAGE - a faith based Secondary Schools project
- EXPLORE – a Primary faith-based project
- IF Project – an alternative curriculum project
- Growth – a PHSEE project
- School counsellor through Connect

### **Community Projects**

CONNECT – is the way we work with and for local churches, the local community and network with children, youth and family workers.

- Connect St Paul's and Doxey
- Connect Stafford Youth
- Connect Doxey Hub

## **STAFF**

- |                           |                             |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • <b>Sam Phillips</b>     | Youth Net Director          | 30 hours a week             |
| • <b>Alison Way</b>       | EXPLORE project lead        | 25 hours a week             |
| • <b>Maddy Belle</b>      | Engage project lead         | 25.5 hours a week           |
| • <b>Anji Haywood</b>     | IF project lead             | 20 hours a week term time   |
| • <b>Jon Phillips</b>     | IF project worker           | Bank Staff finished July 24 |
| • <b>Lottie Backhouse</b> | CONNECT St. Paul's/ Doxey   | 24 hours a week             |
| • <b>Scott Belle</b>      | Connect Stafford Youth Post | 16 hours a week             |
| • <b>Cathy Short</b>      | IF project                  | 20 hours a week             |
| • <b>Jo Adamson</b>       | Connect – Counselling       | 15 hours a week             |
| • <b>Laura Colley</b>     | Connect Stafford Youth      | Bank Staff finished July 24 |
| • <b>Richard Lainton</b>  | Hub caretaker               | 2 hours a week              |

# The Youth Net Annual Report of the Trustees

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Our objectives as stated in our constitution are as follows**

- a. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Mid-Staffordshire and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- b. To advance education in accordance with Christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

**The vision of the Youth Net is**

*To see children and young people flourishing socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually: positively engaging with the Christian Faith and communities.*

The Youth Net works with 3 primary stakeholders, children and young people, schools and Churches. We are involved in activities that help children and young people to flourish socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually both in and out of school. We work with all our stakeholders to resource and equip them in order to see this flourishing take place. We encourage positive engagement with the Christian Faith and encourage engagement with local communities. We also promote unity across the churches to achieve community engagement.

This year we worked to this vision through the following projects:

- **Explore**
- **Engage**
- **IF project**
- **Growth**
- **Connect St Paul's and Doxey**
- **Connect Stafford youth**
- **Connect Counselling**
- **Connect Youth Net**

We want to once again recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff team in this report to keep adapting and changing in order to respond to the needs of the children, young people and the schools and communities we work with.

The staff team have been exceptional again this year.

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# The Youth Net

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### **Overview of 2023-24**

This year has been an exciting one for the organization. We have seen growth and life and good outcomes through the various projects.

We were delighted to be invited to be a part of A Royal Visit to Rising Brook Church where we met the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and were able to share our work with them. The whole team were able to attend along with a couple of young people from one of our IF projects.

As a team we all took part in the 20 for 20 fundraising walk. As a team we walked from school to school 20 miles around Stafford. We were able to highlight and pray for all the different schools we work with and were joined by supporters on the way. It felt a very significant day.

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### **EXPLORE**

It has been a good year for the Explore project with life being breathed back into this project post Covid impact. The project lead has reduced their hours with us this year and that has reduced the capacity a little but not detrimentally. This year we have engaged with 1286 young people.

Activities this year have included

- RE Lesson at St Leonard's Dunston about the parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders
- Lots of bookings for Christmas workshops
- Remembrance Sacred Spaces at Oulton and Christ Church First Schools, Stone
- Christmas Reflections with Burton Manor Primary, Oulton First School, St Leonard's First School Dunston and St Paul's Primary KS2
- The Well Good Nativity with Burton Manor Primary, Oulton First School and St Paul's Primary EY/KS1
- Bespoke Christmas RE lesson for St Leonard's First School Dunston EY on "why do Christians do nativity plays?"
- Explore Engage Reflect RE conferences with KS2 from Burton Manor Primary and Oulton First School
- RE workshops with EY and KS1 at Oulton First School

### **Some highlights as written by the Project Lead.**

I had a really good RE lesson at St Leonard's – the children had lots of fun with the story and all the construction toys, and when we moved onto talking about the meaning of the parable, they really grasped what Jesus meant about building your life on good foundations and were able to give lots of examples!

Seeing the children make poppies to remember loved ones during the sacred spaces, and lots of conversations around them, the peace doves and the empty chair. They also wrote some lovely messages of peace, hope and love on the love hearts.

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## Annual Report of the Trustees

During the Royal Visit I was able to share with their royal highnesses about how I give opportunities for children to explore faith for themselves through play and prayer in schools.

The children at all the Explore Engage Reflect events were interested in trying things out for themselves and had a good go at the prayer and Bible activities, as well as acting out weddings, communion and church services!

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### **ENGAGE**

The project lead for Engage continued to be on maternity leave for the first term of this year, returning to work in January 2024. The project was covered by other staff but in a limited capacity for that term.

This year the project has facilitated the following and engaged with 2136 young people

- a really impactful Sacred Space with 127 pupils at a local High school
- Assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 10 at a local high school
- Easter lessons for Year 7 at KEVI over two weeks.
- Connecting with Youth Workers outside of Stafford to partner on some lessons taking place in Lichfield
- Supporting a new debate club set up - there are some very enthusiastic Y7 and Y8 students taking part!
- 4 Grill a Christian lessons to Year 8 classes at a School in Lichfield.
- Is Religion Relevant lessons with Year 7
- Why Pray? Lessons with Year 8
- My first joint lesson with a Year 7 and Year 8 group - hectic, but a lot of fun.
- "Why Pray?" lessons Year 9
- A Year 8 class for a Grill a Christian session

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### **IF PROJECT**

This is our alternative curriculum project. We work with year 9, 10 and 11 students in 3 different High Schools. Students follow the Princes Trust Achieve programme in Personal Development and Employability.

This programme gives learners the opportunity to:

- Develop their own personal growth and engagement in, and through, learning
- Engage in learning that is relevant to them and support their development of personal skills and attributes that are essential for working life and employment
- Prepare themselves for progression into further education programmes, apprenticeships or other work-based learning
- Develop their English and mathematics skills

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## **This year's outcomes:**

This year we had 7 groups in 3 different high schools spanning 3 school years. This equates to 70 pupils. 3 Year 11 groups (30 young people) achieved their qualifications at either Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma level working through 6/9/13 modules to achieve this.

It has been good to be able to deliver using our normal youth work/ informal education style with games and interactive sessions and trips!

We have delivered modules in Teamwork, Wellbeing Physical activity and Wellbeing Healthy eating, personal development, Managing money, community Impact, Career planning and planning for the world of work.

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## **GROWTH**

Growth is our project formed around our delivery of Personal, Social, Health education.

This year we have delivered

- drugs awareness sessions
- alcohol awareness sessions
- alcohol and consent sessions
- Sixth form transition
- First Aid sessions

We have engaged with 2518 students.

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## **CONNECT YOUTH NET**

Connect is our overarching project that works in the following ways

- **COMMUNITIES** - connecting people with their local communities
- **OUTREACH** - Focus, Imagine and social action days provide opportunities for outreach.
- **NETWORKS** - connecting people to other people
- **NURTURE** - gathering people together to support, encourage and learn together
- **EQUIPPING** - providing equipment and resources
- **COLLABORATING** - wherever we can we like to join with others because together we can do more
- **TRAINING** - connecting people to new knowledge and ideas

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## **CONNECT St Paul's and Doxey**

This project/partnership has continued to thrive as Lottie has fully taken on this role. Youth Club, Family Support, Messy Churches, Doxey Friends, Doxey Kids at the Hub, Pupil voice and Worship council along with Collective Worship and RE lessons at the school mean this role is very active in the 2 local communities. The Churches are currently interregnum (without a vicar) and everything has continued really well.

## **Connect Counselling**

Our Connect Counsellor works for 2 days a week in a local High School counselling young people.

Last year this project facilitated 150 hours of counseling with 20 students face to face.

This year

- Term 1 56 counselling hours with 10 different clients.
- Term 2 47 counselling hours with 11 different clients
- Term 3 47 counselling hours with 11 different clients

## **CONNECT STAFFORD YOUTH**

This project continues to be funded by Stafford Borough Council. This year we continued focusing the project in 3 areas – detached work, early intervention work and community intervention work.

### **Total detached engagements this year**

	<b>YW hours</b>	<b>Total engagements with young people</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1845</b>

We have continued to deliver detached and outreach youth work, work in the local college, supporting a local pupil referral unit and supporting young people on a 1-1 basis.

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# The Youth Net Annual Report of the Trustees

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Overview**

Due to the change in our charity structure in January 2023 the comparative figures in these accounts only reflect the income and expenditure of 8 months (January to August 2023). If you compare our income and expenditure against the pro-rata basis of Jan-Aug 2023 year you can see that our figures are more or less in line with those.

We saw an overall surplus for the year of £20,012. The excellent reputation of The Youth Net has enabled it to secure work within schools in particular alternative provision, as well as work with churches. Funding has been obtained to run this work and employ the necessary staff. The running of our charitable activity's accounts for 96.6% of our expenditure with staffing accounting for 86% of this. Our charitable activities bring in 80% of our overall income, some of which is grant funding from local government. 19% of our income is from voluntary sources such as our supporters, both churches and individuals. All surpluses are retained within the charity to further our objectives.

### **Grants**

We continue to receive grant funding from Stafford Borough Council for the Connect Stafford Youth project. We also continue to receive grant funding from an anonymous source to allow us fund admin support for the charity. These funds were fully spent in the year.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Youth Nets policy on holding financial reserves is to enable a sound financial base for future years work. As the majority of its income is voluntary, there is no certainty of income levels from year to year. We have managed to increase our reserves this year as we didn't recruit maternity cover for the entire period of an employee's maternity leave and this will give us some options for growth going forward. Our healthy reserves give us a sound base to employ further staff and increase hours for existing staff to take on many opportunities we encounter.

It is our policy to invest our surplus funds in a bank deposit account.

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## **IN CONCLUSION**

2023 - 24 has been a great year for us. Projects have continued to grow and flourish. Having had such a settled year means we have been able to make some strategic decision going forward into 2024 -25 which should help us grow and mature further.

The highlights were definitely the Royal Visit and the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday fundraiser alongside seeing young people flourish in our groups.

**The Youth Net**  
**Annual Report of the Trustees**

We feel we are in a good position as we move into 2024 -25.

The Trustees want to record their gratitude to all who support this work in so many different ways. They are pleased to present this report for consideration.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Long', written in a cursive style.

Mr Matthew Long  
Chair of Trustees

Date

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Youth Net

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- \* examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- \* to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- \* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

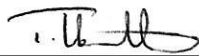
### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- \* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - \* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 12/04/2025

Name: MR TIM HERD

Address: 15 BLAIRSLEIGH

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## The Youth Net

### Statement of Financial Activities

**for the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 31/08/24		Total 31/08/23
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	24,005.75		5,720.00		29,725.75		19,117
Charitable activities	100,464.95		22,000.00		122,464.95		81,542
Investment income	644.55		-		644.55		130
Other	122.00		-		122.00		251
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,237.25</b>		<b>27,720.00</b>		<b>152,957.25</b>		<b>101,041</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	180.00		-		180.00		-
Charitable activities	128,439.51		-		128,439.51		82,488
Other	4,325.93		-		4,325.93		2,827
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>132,945.44</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>132,945.44</b>		<b>85,315</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income</b>	<b>(7,708.19)</b>		<b>27,720.00</b>		<b>20,011.81</b>		<b>15,726</b>
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January 2024	40,253.92		-		40,253.92		-
Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111	-		-		-		24,528
Transfers between Funds	27,720.00		(27,720.00)		-		-
<b>Fund Balances carried forward 31st August 2024</b>	<b>60,265.73</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>60,265.73</b>		<b>40,253.92</b>

## The Youth Net

### Income

#### for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 31/08/24		Total 31/08/23
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>							
- 200 Club	14,065.00		-		14,065.00		8,986
- Churches	6,944.87		-		6,944.87		4,511
- Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	2,995.88		-		2,995.88		1,940
- Grants	-		5,720.00		5,720.00		3,680
	<b>24,005.75</b>		<b>5,720.00</b>		<b>29,725.75</b>		<b>19,117</b>
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>							
- Explore	769.80		-		769.80		527
- Engage	27.50		-		27.50		770
- Growth	2,545.00		-		2,545.00		1,542
- Connect	31,280.80		22,000.00		53,280.80		37,593
- Doxey Hub	7,018.00		-		7,018.00		4,291
- IF	55,300.00		-		55,300.00		36,400
- Doxey Tots	188.46		-		188.46		-
- Fundraising	3,335.39		-		3,335.39		419
	<b>100,464.95</b>		<b>22,000.00</b>		<b>122,464.95</b>		<b>81,542</b>
<b><u>Investment income</u></b>							
- Bank Interest Received	644.55		-		644.55		130
	<b>644.55</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>644.55</b>		<b>130</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>							
- Other Income	122.00		-		122.00		251
	<b>122.00</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>122.00</b>		<b>251</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,237.25</b>		<b>27,720.00</b>		<b>152,957.25</b>		<b>101,041</b>

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### Expenditure

#### for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 31/08/24		Total 31/08/23
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£
<b>Raising funds</b>							
- Fundraising Expenses		180.00		-		180.00	-
		<b>180.00</b>		-		<b>180.00</b>	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
- Explore		11,979.17		-		11,979.17	6,159
- Engage		6,793.87		-		6,793.87	2,034
- Growth		748.18		-		748.18	883
- Connect		43,901.42		-		43,901.42	33,013
- Doxey Hub		2,160.69		-		2,160.69	272
- IF		47,611.58		-		47,611.58	24,411
- Core		15,244.60		-		15,244.60	15,717
Note 2		<b>128,439.51</b>		-		<b>128,439.51</b>	<b>82,488</b>
<b>Other</b>							
- Insurance		1,175.93		-		1,175.93	707
- Professional services		3,000.00		-		3,000.00	2,000
- Independent Examination		150.00		-		150.00	120
		<b>4,325.93</b>		-		<b>4,325.93</b>	<b>2,827</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>132,945.44</b>		-		<b>132,945.44</b>	<b>85,315</b>

**The Youth Net**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31st August 2024**

						31/08/23		
		£	p	£	p	£	£	
		<u>Note</u>						
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Debtors	3	13,682.70				14,940		
Cash at bank and in hand	4	61,595.65				38,425		
		<u>75,278.35</u>				<u>53,365</u>		
<b>Creditors Due Within One Year</b>	5	<u>15,012.62</u>				<u>13,111</u>		
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	8			<u>60,265.73</u>		<u>40,254</u>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>								
Balance at 1st January 2024				40,253.92		-		
Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth								
Net Charity No. 1100111				-		24,528		
Excess of Income over Expenditure				20,011.81		15,726		
<b>Balance at 31st August 2024</b>				<u>60,265.73</u>		<u>40,254</u>		

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on  
signed on its behalf by

and were




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Mr M Long - Chair of Trustees

# The Youth Net

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

#### 1. Accounting Policies

##### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

##### Depreciation

Assets are usually only capitalised where their cost is in excess of £3,000.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Equipment & furniture - 10% on cost

##### Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted Funds - funds which can be used in accordance with the Charity's objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated Funds - funds set aside out of general funds for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds - funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity.  
Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

##### Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds comprise expenditure incurred at our fundraising charity auction, and publicity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of salaries, office costs and the direct costs of running the schoolswork and youthwork.

Other expenditure represents those items not classified as relating to any of the other categories.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Liability recognition

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

##### Grants received

Any grant received is treated as income in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

It may be treated as restricted or unrestricted.

#### 2. Charity incorporation

On the 1st January 2023 the charity Mid-Staffordshire Youth Net charity no. 1100111 transferred all it's assets, liabilities and staff over to The Youth Net CIO charity no. 1199420. There were no changes to the trustees.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

#### 2. Charitable Activities

	Staff costs	Resources	Travel	Other	TOTAL
Core	12,040.28	3.41	171.19	3,029.72	15,244.60
Explore	10,874.52	977.73	126.92	-	11,979.17
Engage	6,725.70	46.08	22.09	-	6,793.87
Growth	577.65	53.98	116.55	-	748.18
Connect	41,436.24	1,549.56	105.62	810.00	43,901.42
Doxey Hub	1,585.63	129.11	-	445.95	2,160.69
IF	41,579.90	3,636.83	469.85	1,925.00	47,611.58
	<b>114,819.92</b>	<b>6,396.70</b>	<b>1,012.22</b>	<b>6,210.67</b>	<b>128,439.51</b>

#### 3. Debtors

	31/08/24	31/08/23
	£	£
Debtors	12,383.20	13,455.20
Accrued Income - Gift Aid Tax	1,299.50	1,177.50
Other debtors - HMRC	-	307.60
	<b>13,682.70</b>	<b>14,940</b>

#### 4. Cash at bank and in hand

	31/08/24	31/08/23
	£	£
Lloyds Bank		
- Current Account:	4,285.34	3,231.50
- Deposit Account:	57,258.65	34,614.10
HSBC account	-	453.45
Petty cash	51.66	125.47
	<b>61,595.65</b>	<b>38,425</b>

#### 5. Creditors Due Within One Year

	31/08/24	31/08/23
	£	£
Other Creditors for Goods and Services	1,880.10	571.95
Accruals	240.00	200.00
Deferred Income	12,288.00	12,336.00
Other Creditors	17.35	2.95
Other Creditors - HMRC	587.17	-
	<b>15,012.62</b>	<b>13,111</b>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

6. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/09/23	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/24
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	40,254	-	125,237	(132,945)	27,720	60,266
	<u>40,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,237</u>	<u>(132,945)</u>	<u>27,720</u>	<u>60,266</u>
		<b>Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111</b>				
Comparative year 2022/23	Balance at 01/09/22	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	-	24,528	82,694	(66,968)	-	40,254
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,528</u>	<u>82,694</u>	<u>(66,968)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,254</u>

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/09/23	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/24
	£	£	£	£	£	£
SBC - Connect Stafford Youth Admin Support Grant	-	-	22,000	-	(22,000)	-
	-	-	5,720	-	(5,720)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,720)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111</b>				
Comparative year 2022/23	Balance at 01/09/22	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
SBC - Connect Stafford Youth Admin Support Grant	-	-	14,667	(14,667)	-	-
	-	-	3,680	(3,680)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,347</u>	<u>(18,347)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

#### 8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

31/08/2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current Assets	75,278	-	75,278
Creditors due within one year	(15,013)	-	(15,013)
Total Net Assets	<u>60,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,266</u>

31/08/2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current Assets	53,365		53,365
Creditors due within one year	(13,111)		(13,111)
Total Net Assets	<u>40,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,254</u>

#### 9. Emoluments of Employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages	112,678	70,449
Social security costs	205	1,757
Employers pension contribution	1,936	1,095
	<u>114,820</u>	<u>73,301</u>
The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:-	2024	2023
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 during this year.

#### 10. Trustees and other Related Parties

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024, or the previous year.

During the year one trustee recharged IT purchases from their own company at cost price, totalling Nil (2023: £116).

During the year the wife of one trustee was paid for bookkeeping and payroll services totalling £3,000 (2023: £2,000). This has approval of the Charities Commission.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1199420

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# Accounts

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**The Youth Net**

**A Charitable Incorporation Organisation**

**Charity No. 1199420**

**Reports and Accounts  
For Year Ending**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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**The Youth Net**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Registered Charity Number            1199420

Charity Address                            The Youth Net Offices  
Asbury House  
Merrey Road  
Stafford  
ST17 9LX

Trustees

Matthew Long	Chair
Andy Summers	Treasurer
Graham Russell	Vice Chair
John Lotz	
David Lawrence	
Chenda Nuttall	
Samantha Phillips	Director
Nerine Forrest	Resigned May 2023

Staff

Sam Phillips	Director
Alison Way	Explore Project Lead
Maddy Belle	Engage project Lead
Anji Haywood	IF Project Lead
Jon Phillips	Bank Staff
Cathy Short	IF project worker
Lottie Backhouse	Connect Worker – Doxey and St Paul's
Jo Adamson	Connect – Counselling
Laura Colley	Bank Staff
Scott Belle	Connect Stafford Youth

Bank    Lloyds Bank PLC

Independent Examiner                 Mr T Herriott



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The Youth Net does not own any property but rents office space, storage space and uses meeting room space from Stafford Methodist Circuit, sharing their admin base. We also manage a small Community HUB in Doxey.

We have continued to be a Local Ministry Partner of Scripture Union benefitting from the access to a national and international organization bringing their expertise, skills, networks, support and resources that can benefit us locally.

When it is appropriate any prospective candidates for Trustee-ship will be invited by the current members to consider joining, in line with the process set out in the Trust Deed.

## **THE YOUTH NET**

**The Youth Net is made up of projects falling into 2 distinct areas – Schools and Community.**

### **School projects**

- ENGAGE - a faith based Secondary Schools project
- EXPLORE – a Primary faith based project
- IF Project – an alternative curriculum project
- Growth – a PHSEE project
- School counsellor through Connect

### **Community Projects**

CONNECT – is the way we work with and for local churches, the local community and network with children, youth and family workers.

- Connect St Paul's and Doxey
- Connect Stafford Youth
- Connect Doxey Hub

## **STAFF**

• <b>Sam Phillips</b>	Youth Net Director	30 hours a week
• <b>Alison Way</b>	EXPLORE project lead	32 hours a week
• <b>Maddy Belle</b>	Engage project lead	32 hours a week
• <b>Anji Haywood</b>	IF project lead	20 hours a week term time
• <b>Jon Phillips</b>	IF project worker	Bank Staff
• <b>Lottie Backhouse</b>	CONNECT St. Paul's/ Doxey	24 hours a week
• <b>Scott Belle</b>	Connect Stafford Youth Post	15 hours a week
• <b>Cathy Short</b>	IF project	10 hours a week
• <b>Jo Adamson</b>	Connect – Counselling	15 hours a week
• <b>Laura Colley</b>	Connect Stafford Youth	Bank Staff

Staff were TUPE'd over into The Youth Net 1199420 on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 from Mid Staffs Youth Net (The Youth Net) 1100111.

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Our objectives as stated in our constitution are as follows**

- a. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Mid-Staffordshire and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- b. To advance education in accordance with Christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

**The vision of the Youth Net is**

*To see children and young people flourishing socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually: positively engaging with the Christian Faith and communities.*

The Youth Net works with 3 primary stakeholders, children and young people, schools and Churches. We are involved in activities that help children and young people to flourish socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually both in and out of school. We work with all our stakeholders to resource and equip them in order to see this flourishing take place. We encourage positive engagement with the Christian Faith and encourage engagement with local communities. We also promote unity across the churches to achieve community engagement.

This year we worked to this vision is through the following projects:

- **Explore**
- **Engage**
- **IF project**
- **Growth**
- **Connect St Paul's and Doxey**
- **Connect Stafford youth**
- **Connect Counselling**
- **Connect Youth Net**

We want to once again recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff team in this report to keep adapting and changing in order to respond to the needs of the children, young people and the schools and communities we work with.

The staff team have been exceptional again this year.

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**Please note:**

The reports of the Projects match those of the report for Mid Staffs Youth Net (the Youth Net 1100111)

For September – Dec 2022 they were delivered as Mid Staffs Youth Net (The Youth Net 1100111).

For January 23-August 23 they were delivered as The Youth Net 1199420

# The Youth Net

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### **EXPLORE**

The EXPLORE project since Covid has worked less with local churches as the number of volunteers has reduced dramatically. This will be an important area of regrowth and reconnection for us over the coming years. For this year the Explore leader has worked predominantly alone delivering assemblies, workshops, sacred spaces and larger scale events.

#### **Activities between September 22 and August 23**

The first part of the Autumn Term was taken up with wellbeing workshops and Harvest and Creation RE lessons in local primary schools. The Christmas half term was full of Christmas events which was brilliant and nearly 700 children attended. Schools were extremely positive about these events.

The Spring term was spent working with a primary school to help them turn a polytunnel into a permanent prayer space, Explore, Engage and Reflect conferences and Easter Events. Overall, around 500 children attended these events. Schools are still requesting class-based events compared to the larger scale and inter school events we have delivered previously.

The summer term featured mostly Sacred Spaces and first aid workshops. Staff shortages in the organization impacted this project more in the last half term but a highlight was having our work profiled by prayer Spaces in Schools through one of their articles that Ali wrote.

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### **ENGAGE**

The Autumn term was full of Sacred Spaces, RE lessons and Assembly's which was great to see. Engaging with over 600 students has been a real positive since Covid.

The remainder of the year this project has been quiet as Maddy went on maternity leave in February. There has been some activity within the project but it has been dramatically reduced this year.

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### **IF PROJECT**

This is our alternative curriculum project. We work with year 9, 10 and 11 students in 3 different High Schools. Students follow the Princes Trust Achieve programme in Personal Development and Employability.

This programme gives learners the opportunity to:

- Develop their own personal growth and engagement in, and through, learning
- Engage in learning that is relevant to them and support their development of personal skills and attributes that are essential for working life and employment
- Prepare themselves for progression into further education programmes, apprenticeships or other work-based learning

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- Develop their English and mathematics skills

## **This year's outcomes:**

This year we had 7 groups in 3 different high schools spanning 3 school years. This equates to 70 pupils.

3 Year 11 groups (30 young people) achieved their extended Certificates working through 9 modules to achieve this.

3 New groups achieved their award by completing 2 modules and are well on their way to the certificate by the end of this year.

It has been good to be able to deliver using our normal youth work/ informal education style with games and interactive sessions and trips!

We have delivered modules in Teamwork, Wellbeing Physical activity and Wellbeing Healthy eating, personal development, Managing money, community Impact, Career planning and planning for the world of work.

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## **GROWTH**

Growth is our project formed around our delivery of Personal, Social, Health education.

This year we have delivered

- drugs and alcohol awareness sessions
- alcohol and consent sessions
- Sixth form transition
- First Aid sessions
- Wellbeing assemblies and workshops

We have engaged with 2747 students.

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## **CONNECT YOUTH NET**

**Connect is our overarching project that works in the following ways**

- **COMMUNITIES** - connecting people with their local communities
- **OUTREACH** - Focus, Imagine and social action days provide opportunities for outreach.
- **NETWORKS** - connecting people to other people
- **NURTURE** - gathering people together to support, encourage and learn together
- **EQUIPPING** - providing equipment and resources
- **COLLABORATING** - wherever we can we like to join with others because together we can do more
- **TRAINING** - connecting people to new knowledge and ideas

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## **CONNECT St Paul's and Doxey**

This project/partnership has continued to thrive as Lottie has fully taken on this role. Youth Club, Family Support, Messy Churches, Doxey Friends, Doxey Kids at the Hub, Pupil voice and Worship council along with Collective Worship and RE lessons at the school mean this role is very active in the 2 local communities. The Churches are currently interregnum (without a vicar) and everything has continued really well.

## **Connect Counselling**

This partnership has developed out of a longstanding relationship with a local High School who were looking to have a school counsellor on site. We were able to recruit Jo and work in partnership with the school to provide this service. She works for 2 days a week in the school counselling young people referred by the school.

Last year this project facilitated 206 hours of counseling with 18 students face to face.

This year

- Term 1 55 counselling hours with 12 different clients.
- Term 2 73 counselling hours with 11 different clients
- Term 3 78 counselling hours with 12 different clients

## **CONNECT STAFFORD YOUTH**

This project continues to be funded by Stafford Borough Council. This year we continued focusing the project in 3 areas – detached work, early intervention work and community intervention work.

### **Total engagements this year**

	<b>YW hours</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>September 22</b>	42	432	244	188
<b>October</b>	25	223	126	97
<b>November</b>	45	237	156	81
<b>December</b>	27	159	80	79
<b>January 23</b>	60	293	167	126
<b>February</b>	74	372	198	174
<b>March</b>	62	243	140	103
<b>April</b>	50	193	105	88
<b>May</b>	60	191	104	87
<b>June</b>	30	136	68	68
<b>July</b>	20	35	18	17
<b>August</b>	72	268	176	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>1200</b>

We have continued to deliver detached and outreach youth work, work in the local college, supporting a local pupil referral unit and supporting young people on a 1-1 basis.

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Overview**

Due to the change in our charity structure these accounts only reflect the income and expenditure of 4 months. If you compare our income and expenditure on a pro-rata basis of the 2021/22 year you can see that our figures are more or less in line with those. We saw an overall surplus at the end of the 4 months of £103. The excellent reputation of The Youth Net has enabled it to secure work within schools in particular alternative provision, as well as work with churches. Funding has been obtained to run this work and employ the necessary staff. All surpluses are retained within the charity to further our objectives.

### **Grants**

We continue to receive grant funding from Stafford Borough Council for the Connect Stafford Youth project. In a previous financial year, we also received additional grant funding from Stafford Borough Council to provide positive diversionary activities as an extension of our Connect Stafford Youth project. These funds were spent were fully spent in this year.

Remaining grant funding from #iWill received back in 2018 was eventually fully spent during this year. This funding has taken some time to be used due to interruptions during and post Covid.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Youth Nets policy on holding financial reserves is to enable a sound financial base for future years work. As the majority of its income is voluntary, there is no certainty of income levels from year to year. The Trustees have had discussions during the year, which will involve using a substantial part of the current level of reserves, and are looking to ways of raising further funds to enable this work to be funded.

It is our policy to invest our funds in a bank deposit account.

All funds held at the conclusion of Mid-Staffs Youth Net when the charity structure was changed to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – The Youth Net (Charity No. 1199420) – were transferred to it on 01/01/23.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

This has been the first really normal year post covid and it has been exciting to see the outcomes achieved by each project. Projects are either performing really well in terms of outcomes or heading on a good trajectory away from the covid impact. The Engage project will be minimized for the duration of the maternity leave but hopefully at little detriment to the project on Maddy's return.

The move over to the CIO is a good strategic move for us and the immediate future focus is on ensuring all finances are moved over to this new organization and the old charity completely wound down. We have taken our time to ensure we do this well and at a pace that staff can handle with the constraints the maternity leave created on a small organization.

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Nevertheless, it has been a good year. I feel we have stewarded our resources well and had a positive impact for the children and young people we serve.

The Trustees want to record their gratitude to team and to all who support this work in so many different ways. They are pleased to present this report for consideration.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Long', written in a cursive style.

Mr Matthew Long  
Chair of Trustees

Date  
01/06/24

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Youth Net

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- \* examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- \* to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- \* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

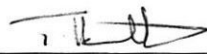
### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- \* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- \* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 1/6/24

Name: Mr T HERDOTT

Address: 15 BELARSLEVAI

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ST17 4QP

# The Youth Net

## Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

Income and expenditure for period 01/01/23 - 31/08/23

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 31/08/23	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	15,437.09		3,680.00		19,117.09	
Charitable activities	66,875.71		14,666.64		81,542.35	
Investment income	130.12		-		130.12	
Other	251.20		-		251.20	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>82,694.12</b>		<b>18,346.64</b>		<b>101,040.76</b>	
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds		-		-		-
Charitable activities	64,141.36		18,346.64		82,488.00	
Other	2,826.81		-		2,826.81	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>66,968.17</b>		<b>18,346.64</b>		<b>85,314.81</b>	
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income</b>	<b>15,725.95</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>15,725.95</b>	
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		-		-		-
Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111	24,527.97		-		24,527.97	
Transfers between Funds		-		-		-
<b>Fund Balances carried forward 31st August 2023</b>	<b>40,253.92</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>40,253.92</b>	

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## Income

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023  
Income for period 01/01/23 - 31/08/23

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 31/08/23	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
<b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>						
- 200 Club	8,986.00		-		8,986.00	
- Churches	4,510.84		-		4,510.84	
- Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	1,940.25		-		1,940.25	
- Grants	-		3,680.00		3,680.00	
	<b>15,437.09</b>		<b>3,680.00</b>		<b>19,117.09</b>	
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>						
- Explore	526.50		-		526.50	
- Engage	770.20		-		770.20	
- Growth	1,541.75		-		1,541.75	
- Connect	22,926.80		14,666.64		37,593.44	
- Doxey Hub	4,291.00		-		4,291.00	
- IF	36,400.00		-		36,400.00	
- Fundraising	419.46		-		419.46	
	<b>66,875.71</b>		<b>14,666.64</b>		<b>81,542.35</b>	
<b><u>Investment income</u></b>						
- Bank Interest Received	130.12		-		130.12	
	<b>130.12</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>130.12</b>	
<b><u>Other</u></b>						
- Other Income	251.20		-		251.20	
	<b>251.20</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>251.20</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>82,694.12</b>		<b>18,346.64</b>		<b>101,040.76</b>	

# The Youth Net

## Expenditure

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023  
Expenditure for period 01/01/23 - 31/08/23

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total	
	Funds		Funds		31/08/23	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
<b><u>Raising funds</u></b>						
- Fundraising Expenses		-		-		-
		-		-		-
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>						
- Explore	6,159.02		-		6,159.02	
- Engage	2,034.01		-		2,034.01	
- Growth	883.00				883.00	
- Connect	18,346.30		14,666.64		33,012.94	
- Doxey Hub	271.77		-		271.77	
- IF	24,410.55		-		24,410.55	
- Core	12,036.71		3,680.00		15,716.71	
Note 2	<b>64,141.36</b>		<b>18,346.64</b>		<b>82,488.00</b>	
<b><u>Other</u></b>						
- Insurance	706.81		-		706.81	
- Professional services	2,000.00		-		2,000.00	
- Independent Examination	120.00		-		120.00	
	<b>2,826.81</b>		-		<b>2,826.81</b>	
						-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>66,968.17</b>		<b>18,346.64</b>		<b>85,314.81</b>	

**The Youth Net**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31st August 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	£	p	£	p
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	3	14,940.30			
Cash at bank and in hand	4	<u>38,424.52</u>			
		<u>53,364.82</u>			
<b>Creditors Due Within One Year</b>	5	<u>13,110.90</u>			
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	8			<u>40,253.92</u>	
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>					
Balance at 1st January 2023					-
Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth					
Net Charity No. 1100111				24,527.97	
Excess of Income over Expenditure				<u>15,725.95</u>	
<b>Balance at 31st August 2023</b>				<u>40,253.92</u>	

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 01/06/24 and were signed on its behalf by




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Mr M Long - Chair of Trustees

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

#### 1. Accounting Policies

##### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

##### Depreciation

Assets are usually only capitalised where their cost is in excess of £3,000.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Equipment & furniture - 10% on cost

##### Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted Funds - funds which can be used in accordance with the Charity's objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated Funds - funds set aside out of general funds for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds - funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

##### Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds comprise expenditure incurred at our fundraising charity auction, and publicity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of salaries, office costs and the direct costs of running the schoolswork and youthwork.

Other expenditure represents those items not classified as relating to any of the other categories.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Liability recognition

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

##### Grants received

Any grant received is treated as income in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received. It may be treated as restricted or unrestricted.

#### 2. Charity incorporation

On the 1st January 2023 the charity Mid-Staffordshire Youth Net charity no. 1100111 transferred all it's assets, liabilities and staff over to The Youth Net CIO charity no. 1199420. There were no changes to the trustees.

In 2022 the process of incorporating the old charity to become a CIO was complete. The income and expenditure

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

For period 01/01/23 - 31/08/23

### 2. Charitable Activities

	Staff costs	Resources	Travel	Other	TOTAL
Core	12,945.47	4.33	-	2,766.91	15,716.71
Explore	5,833.92	252.20	72.90	-	6,159.02
Engage	1,988.76	9.25	36.00	-	2,034.01
Growth	709.34	45.33	128.33	-	883.00
Connect	31,047.84	1,313.87	111.23	540.00	33,012.94
Doxey Hub	-	271.77	-	-	271.77
IF	20,776.10	1,722.92	426.53	1,485.00	24,410.55
	<b>73,301.43</b>	<b>3,619.67</b>	<b>774.99</b>	<b>4,791.91</b>	<b>82,488.00</b>

### 3. Debtors

	31/08/23
	£
Debtors	13,455.20
Accrued Income - Gift Aid Tax	1,177.50
Other debtors - HMRC	307.60
	<u>14,940.30</u>

### 4. Cash at bank and in hand

	31/08/23
	£
Lloyds Bank	
- Current Account:	3,231.50
- Deposit Account:	34,614.10
HSBC account	453.45
Petty cash	125.47
	<u>38,424.52</u>

### 5. Creditors Due Within One Year

	31/08/23
	£
Other Creditors for Goods and Services	571.95
Accruals	200.00
Deferred Income	12,336.00
Other Creditors	2.95
	<u>13,110.90</u>

## The Youth Net

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### for the Year Ended 31st August 2023 Income and expenditure for period 01/01/23 - 31/08/23

##### 6. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/23	Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	-	24,528	82,694	(66,968)	-	40,254
	-	24,528	82,694	(66,968)	-	40,254

##### 7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/23	Transferred 01/01/23 from Mid-Staffs Youth Net Charity No. 1100111	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/08/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
SBC - Connect Stafford \	-	-	14,667	(14,667)	-	-
Admin Support Grant	-	-	3,680	(3,680)	-	-
	-	-	18,347	(18,347)	-	-

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

#### 8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

31/08/2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current Assets	53,365	-	53,365
Creditors due within one year	(13,111)	-	(13,111)
Total Net Assets	<u>40,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,254</u>

#### 9. Emoluments of Employees

	<u>2023</u>
	£
Gross wages	70,449
Social security costs	1,757
Employers pension contribution	1,095
	<u>73,301</u>
The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:-	<u>2023</u>
	<u>10</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 during this year.

#### 10. Trustees and other Related Parties

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023, or the previous year.

During the year one trustee recharged IT purchases from their own company at cost price, totalling £116.

During the year the wife of one trustee was paid for bookkeeping and payroll services totalling £2,000. This has approval of the Charities Commission.