

# **CONNECT SCHOOLS WORKER PROJECT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**PERIOD 09<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the organisation for the period from the start of CIO status on 09<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

#### **Trustees**

Peter Burns (chair)

Bob Clatworthy (secretary)

Jules Harris *Resigned on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023*

Bev Kelly *Resigned on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

Eileen Oates

John Payne (Treasurer)

Mark Rowley

John Watson

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## **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank, Clevedon

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

After 9 years of working as a group within Christians Together in Nailsea and District (CTiNaD), Connect Schools Worker Project became a CIO, with its own group of trustees, wef 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This report covers the period of approx. 17 months from CIO establishment to the end of our traditional financial year on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The purposes of the Connect Schools Worker Project are to advance the Christian Faith by appointing a Christian Youth Worker situated in Nailsea School;

To work with teachers and young people across the Nailsea School Community and communicate effectively with the local church community in Nailsea.

- To help the school fulfil their statutory responsibilities for assemblies and religious education and in related areas such as personal, moral and social education, by taking assemblies and lessons.
- To support the school in providing pastoral and mental health care and Mentor support for individual students and staff.
- Provision of Breakfast Club to feed hungry students who do not have breakfast at home
- To develop ways of linking the school and churches so that Christian groups and individuals can support students and staff in informed and practical ways.

This report seeks to define the specific activities of the Connect Schools Worker Project CIO for the period in question.

All the activities of the Project are intended for public benefit, both spiritual and in service to the local community of Nailsea School.

## **Trustees**

The trustees who served the group during the period are as shown above. New trustees are representatives nominated by the supporting churches to replace members who have resigned. The expectation is that each supporting church nominate a suitable member to serve as trustee. Trustees are made aware of the financial position of the Project and of their responsibilities as trustees. This includes regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **Organisation**

The trustees of the Connect Schools Worker Project hold the responsibility of running its financial affairs operating within a budget approved by the trustees at the beginning of each Financial Year.

## **Volunteers**

Almost all the activities of the Project involve substantial work by volunteers, for example as trustees, office holders, activity group leaders and helpers.

## **Risks**

The trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These risks are reviewed annually, and systems have been established to mitigate the risks.

## **Review of Developments, Activities and Achievements**

### **Nov 2022– Apr 2024**

Following the impacts of lockdown, caused by the COVID outbreak, our Connect worker, Neil Wylie, found himself busier than ever. An increasing number of individuals in need of pastoral care and mentor-type assistance increased as Neil took on opportunities to support the wider school pastoral care team. This included a large number of regular 1-to-1 meetings with students as well as times when he was called in by staff for 'one-off' assistance to combat behavioural issues. He has also been active in reaching out to several families to support parents as they struggle with their teenagers.

During this period, Neil also investigated, and introduced, professionally produced resources to establish a better rapport with troubled pupils.

Aided by a volunteer helper one day a week, released by one of the local churches, Neil has been invited to lead assemblies at key times during the Christian calendar which have been well received. As circumstances have allowed, he also led the school Christian Union group and was encouraged by the growth in numbers. As another support, a Breakfast Club for hungry students continued together with an occasional Film Club. Neil is also a regular contributor to RE lessons up to GCSE level. During the year Neil also enjoyed some opportunities to speak at local churches outlining his role and building links.

A new initiative for this period drew upon another interest Neil had with fishing. Successfully applying for funding from The Angling Trust Neil was able to acquire equipment to take small groups of pupils fishing. This contributed to our overall aim by supporting those for whom fresh air and a re-focus helps their mental health.

Towards the end of the period, we marked a full nine years of this work and, to kick start our 10<sup>th</sup> year, a celebration evening was planned. Publicity for this, and a direct appeal for funding, resulted in a significant number of one-off donations which have placed us on a much firmer financial footing for which we praise God.

Connect is unashamedly a Christian project, where we are keen to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical care and support. The period of this report bears testament, we believe, to God's faithfulness in fulfilling these aims.

## **Financial Review**

The financial review, together with independent examiner conformation is appended as a separate document.

## **2. Accounting Policy**

The accounts are presented on a receipts and payments basis using the standard form of accounts and are independently examined

**Connect Schools Worker Project**  
**Receipts and payments account for the period**  
**9th Nov 2022 to 30th April 2024**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants from Quartet and Old Town Christian Trust	8,000	-	-	8,000	
Grants from local churches	17,342	-	-	17,342	
General Donations	20,683	-	-	20,683	
Other Fundraising	41	-	-	41	
Bank Interest	134	-	-	134	
Gift Aid	1,097	-	-	1,097	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,297</b>	
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,297</b>	
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salary and Pension contributions	25,575	-	-	25,575	
Other Expenses	1,023	-	-	1,023	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,598</b>	
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,598</b>	
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>20,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,699</b>	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,020	-	-	9,020	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>29,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,719</b>	

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	2,773	-	
	Lloyds Bank saver Account	26,946	-	
		-	-	
		29,719	-	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	
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		-	-	
		-	-	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	
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		-	-	-
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		John Payne (Treasurer)		

### Independent Examination

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David Markall, 3 Huntley Grove, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 2UQ  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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