STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1204343

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:(1) TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.(2) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF STRATFORD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS BY OPERATING, MANAGING AND MAINTAINING A COMMUNITY CENTRE WHEN THE ORGANISATION'S PROPERTY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE ORGANISATION'S PRIMARY PURPOSE OF OPERATING A YOUTH CLUB.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: Stratford Youth Collective deliver youth activities, mentoring and support to young people across Stratford Upon Avon District

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£137,598	£188,334	-	-
2024-08-31	£286,952	£138,985	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marcos Campos	Chair	2024-03-01
Eleanor Chapman		2024-03-01
Jessica Bishop		2023-09-01
Jessica Parsons		2024-03-01
Sara Mitchell		2023-09-01
Zoe Leask		2024-03-01

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Accounts

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STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms R Key Ms J Bishop Ms S Mitchell Ms Z Leask Ms J Parsons Ms E Chapman Mr M Campos	
Senior management	A Bishop	Operations Manager
Charity registration	England and Wales	1204343
Independent examiner	Jerroms GCN Limited West Point, Second Floor Mucklow Office Park Mucklow Hill Halesowen B62 8DY	

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STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the Period ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

During 2024–25 Stratford Youth Collective continued to strengthen and expand its offer to young people across Stratford-upon-Avon, building on the foundations established during our first full operating year. With the Hub now firmly established as a safe, youth-centred environment, this period focused on service consolidation, growth in participation, facility development, deeper, sustained partnership working, and amplifying young people's voices across all aspects of our work.

Universal Youth Provision

The Hub remained a central point of access for open-access youth work, providing regular, consistent, high-quality support throughout the year. This included Junior and Senior sessions, The Quiet group, Targeted, thematic group-work, Alternative provision support and holiday activities through the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF).

Key outcomes included:

- **168** sessions delivered
  - Open Access (113), Targeted (41), HAF (14)
- **6,985** hours of youth engagement
  - Open Access (5,489), Targeted (334), HAF (1,162)
- **195** individual young people accessing universal services at least once
  - (Open Access (164), Targeted (35), HAF (86)
- **2,385** attendances.
  - Open Access (1,976), Targeted (182), HAF (227)
- an average of **36 hours** of direct youth work support per young person

Of 112 new registrations this year, 79 live within Stratford Town District and 33 within the wider Stratford District. On the 31st of August 2025 there was a total of 234 young people registered on our database.

Growth was seen throughout the year with new young people accessing support, partnerships developing and opportunities for participation. Highlights included: a first residential break in partnership with YHA Edale and supported by Stratford Rotary; an offsite outdoor learning program with The Heart of England Forest providing monthly outdoor learning and experience workshops in local forests; representing young people and supporting the development of Stratford upon Avon Arts & Culture Strategy, facilitating co-created diversionary, engaging interventions and supporting the Serious Crime Strategy, Contextual Safeguarding and Safer Neighbourhoods; continuing to support small group alternative provision with young people not able to access mainstream education.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Targeted and Specialist Programmes

Lifespace

Community mentoring supported 10 young people over 134 sessions, each lasting 1 hour. Non-attendances, not shown in these statistics, were at a higher level than seen in school settings. This is for reasons including, transport need, very complex emotional wellbeing, hyper anxiety and not-in-education. Typically, within schools young people receive an average of 10 hours support; in community, this is 1/3 higher.

Lifespace evaluates impact using an in-house tool based on robust evidence-based frameworks. This sets and monitors the journey travelled of mentees through self-reflection. From a sample group across multiple settings, 79% reported an overall improvement following Lifespace Mentoring in 24/25. The average increase was 12.6% rising to 17.9% for those recording an overall improvement.

Measuring Impact: Our Three Pillars

- Reduce Distress - 76% saw a positive improvement
- Build Resilience 81% saw a positive improvement
- Achieve More 77% saw a positive improvement

Note. 100% is not expected as the nature of early interventions is to support young people as the wheels start to wobble rather than when the wheels are falling off. Typically young people identify a need for support in 1-2 key areas.

New Meaning:

New Meaning Learning continued making use of a Lifespace mentor, providing 93 hours of support through 31 held weekly with students accessing their alternative education provision. The mentor builds relationship and trust using mentoring skills to support 15 individuals through one-to-one and facilitated group discussions.

The Lifespace mentor is embedded in the pastoral team with New Meaning. New Meaning now additionally buy-in Lifespace to support more young people; a great example of the partnership.

ILEAP

Over the period, ILEAP has grown and diversified provision, with a strong focus on inclusive, community-based activities that promote confidence, independence and social connection. They have delivered a varied weekly programme including: cookery sessions, healthy living clubs, stay & play sessions, meals at local pubs, drama sessions, adult discos, swim sessions and 121 support; including at the Youth Hub.

Small group work and 121 support, allows individuals not yet ready to access larger group activities and creates a pathway to wider participation. The Project Co-ordinator has had a significant impact on delivery, strengthening day-to-day organisation, improving communication, planning sessions and being responsive to need.

Additional capacity has enabled ILEAP to focus on strategic development and income generation to expand provision, quality and the range of activities available in Stratford. Young people previously isolated have built friendships, tried new activities and developed confidence in community settings through a mix of structured sessions and real-world experiences.

One young person joined ILEAP feeling very anxious about leaving the house and engaging with others. Through a combination of 1:1 support at the Hub and gradual introduction into small group activities, they are now attending cookery sessions and meals out with peers. They've built friendships, increased their independence and their confidence has grown noticeably both within sessions and at home.

Warwickshire Pride

Positive, inclusive engagement continued with LGBTQ+ young people supported throughout our programmes, and young people regularly accessing inclusive, open access sessions. New opportunities for improving access to support continue to be reviewed through consultation with young people and partners

Escape Arts

Escape Arts launched Young Creatives in September 2024, emerging from consultation with young people and partners following the creation of the Stratford Youth Collective.

Young Creatives is an Escape Arts programme for young people aged 12-18 working towards an arts award. We support all levels and stages of Arts Award from Discover to Gold, offering opportunities for young people to take part in creative activities from visual arts to music, which they can include in their arts award portfolios - young people can also use creative activities and experiences outside the group to include in portfolios.

Throughout this first year Young Creatives grew and evolved from an initial group of 5 young people to 27 young people registered at the end of the summer term 2025. Young people participated in 40 sessions. 2 young people successfully completing and being awarded their Bronze Arts Award.

Throughout 2024-25 Young Creatives took part in a range of creative activities including working with artists Ants Greentree on a Portraits project and decorating lampshades with Julia Snowdin. 2025 also saw the launch of our ongoing musical partnership with Top of the Rock Tuition.

Achievements and performance

Building Development and Hub Improvements

Thanks to Community Infrastructure Levy funding and ongoing support from Stratford District Council, SYC delivered a programme of building improvements aligned with youth-led feedback. Achievements included:

- Continuing phase 2 developments, including plans for renewable, sustainable energy installations, accessibility upgrades and enhanced outdoor space for young people.
- Installation of new kitchen facilities, media equipment, enhanced lighting, and partition walls to create flexible, multi-use spaces.
- Garden design and landscaping in partnership with New Meaning students who supported with design and installation works.

These developments have significantly increased the Hub's capacity, functionality, and sustainability.

Youth Voice and Governance

Young people continued to shape the direction of SYC at every level. The Youth Voice forum met regularly throughout the year with active participation from young people. Young trustees played a central role on the Board, contributing insight, challenge, and leadership. Youth-led consultations informed building developments, session scheduling, safeguarding practices and priority-setting.

Impact Summary – Highlights at a Glance

- **Over 250** young people engaged support across the collective
- **113** Open Access Youth sessions and **41** Targeted sessions delivered
- **14** Holiday Activity Fund sessions provided
- **134** one-to-one mentoring sessions delivered
- **40** creative sessions delivered
- **Over 2,500** attendances at sessions delivered across collective funded programmes. Also including increased capacity for accessible support young people with additional needs and access to LGBTQ+ support

Financial review
The Statement of Financial Activities for the charity's period ended 31 August 2025 shows incoming resources of £137,598 and resources expended of £188,334 generating net expenditure of resources of £50,736.

As a result, the net assets of the charity at 31 August 2025 are £97,231.

The Trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the period to have been satisfactory.

Reserves policy
Our reserves policy aims to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves which covers between 3 to 6 months of core operational expenditure, as recommended by the Charity Commission. The trustees recognise the need to build our reserves to this level and a fundraising strategy is in place, in line with our strategic aims and objectives, to achieve this.

Structure, governance and management
Stratford Youth Collective CIO will be governed by its Articles of Association and Charity Commission.

Stratford Youth Collective CIO will be sole leaseholders of Stratford Youth Hub, where members delivering 'SYC Youth related - and SYC funded programs' will have use of the building. The Hub will also be available to hire during non-delivery periods to deliver a commercial return.

The Trustees who served during the Period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms R Key	
Ms J Bishop	
Ms S Mitchell	
Ms Z Leask	
Ms J Parsons	
Ms E Chapman	
Ms N Chiba	(Resigned 12 February 2025)
Mr R Langley-Swain	(Resigned 12 February 2025)
Mr M Campos	

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

In establishing SYC, the founding members agreed to create a new CIO, under the name Stratford Youth Collective. SYC will be the mechanism for collaboration and create opportunities for direct funding, with an independent board of Trustees, made up of at least 50% young people aged 16 - 24.

We have actively recruited to the board 10 trustees, including 4 young trustees representing our 5 member organisations. Trustees bring a variety of personal and professional experiences from across the sector and further afield including, community and voluntary sector leadership, financial, Further Education, Marketing, Safeguarding, Business leadership, Operational and Building management.

Stratford Youth Collectives believes that good quality governance of the organisation can best be delivered by recruiting and training the most able and qualified trustees. Well-qualified, experienced and motivated trustees perform a very valuable contribution to the work of Stratford Youth Collective and effective recruitment and selection are important to the success of the organisation. We are committed to working towards equality and diversity principles.

Trustees are volunteers and are recruited by a range of formal and informal networks. It may be necessary at times to use advertising to attract people with specific skills and Stratford Youth Collective's recruitment policy will inform the process.

Prospective trustees may have been approached by Stratford Youth Collective, approached Stratford Youth Collective themselves, or responded to advertisements. They will be invited to visit and meet with at least two people drawn from staff and trustees where an informal interview will take place, and roles and responsibilities of Trustees discussed. Applicants will be given time to consider joining the Board of Trustees, while existing Trustees will consider the suitability of the applicant. A decision is made by the Chair of Trustees whether to offer the applicant an informal place on the Board of Trustees until the date of the next planned Annual General Meeting. Trustees are only formally confirmed in their role once they have been elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for ensuring an induction process is completed, and training will be arranged where required.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr M Campos
Trustee

22 May 2026

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Stratford Youth Collective (the Charity) for the Period ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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22 May 2026

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	6,031	130,711	136,742	121,477	164,880	286,357
Investments	4	-	856	856	-	595	595
Total income		6,031	131,567	137,598	121,477	165,475	286,952
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	581	-	581
Charitable activities	6	52,432	135,902	188,334	120,846	17,558	138,404
Total expenditure		52,432	135,902	188,334	121,427	17,558	138,985
Net income/(expenditure)		(46,401)	(4,335)	(50,736)	50	147,917	147,967
Transfers between funds		47,682	(47,682)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	9	1,281	(52,017)	(50,736)	50	147,917	147,967
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		50	147,917	147,967	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		1,331	95,900	97,231	50	147,917	147,967

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the Period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		61,399		25,589
Current assets					
Debtors	14	21,810		4,006	
Cash at bank and in hand		42,057		125,534	
		63,867		129,540	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(28,035)		(7,162)	
Net current assets			35,832		122,378
Total assets less current liabilities			97,231		147,967
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	16		95,900		147,917
Unrestricted funds	17		1,331		50
			97,231		147,967

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 May 2026

Mr M Campos
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Stratford Youth Collective is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. It is governed by a trust deed, dated 14th August 2023, and adopted by its members. The charity's address is Stratford Youth Hub, 2 Birmingham Road, Stratford, CV37 0BH

1.1 Reporting period

The comparative period covers the period from 14 August 2023 to 31 August 2024. This period is longer than 12 months and therefore the comparative figures are not directly comparable with those for the year ended 31 August 2025.

1.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants without conditions are recognised in the SoFA as the charity is entitled to the income when receivable, including grants given to provide a fixed asset.

1.6 Expenditure

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

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold Improvements	15 year straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing Balance
Computers	25% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	1,831	-	1,831	624	-	624
Grants	4,200	130,711	134,911	120,853	164,880	285,733
	6,031	130,711	136,742	121,477	164,880	286,357

4 Income from investments

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	856	595

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	-	581

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Direct costs
	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	75,965	74,767
Depreciation and impairment	4,981	1,941
Young people activities	6,729	2,098
Rent & rates	22,819	19,345
Cleaning	1,060	579
Power, light and heat	1,238	3,357
Repairs	21,028	444
Insurance	1,945	1,131
Travelling expenses	35	258
Bank charges	71	-
Legal and professional	1,694	383
Consultancy fees	7,200	31,442
Printing and stationery	281	115
Computer running costs	851	300
Sundry expenses	493	180
	146,390	136,340
Members costs of activities (see note 7)	37,846	-
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance	4,098	2,064
	188,334	138,404
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	52,432	120,846
Restricted funds	135,902	17,558
	188,334	138,404

7 Members costs

	Direct costs
	2025
	£
Members costs:	
ILEAP	9,412
Escape Community Art In Action	9,621
Lifespace	18,813
	37,846

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	4,098	2,064
Analysed between:		
Accountancy	4,098	2,064

Governance costs includes payments to the accountants of £2,514 (2024: £1,500) for independent examiner fees and £1,584 (2024: £564) for bookkeeping and payroll services.

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner:		
- for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,514	1,500
- for other financial services	1,584	594
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	4,981	1,941

10 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the Period.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the Period was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	3	4

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	74,479	74,731
Other pension costs	1,486	36
	75,965	74,767

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Employees (Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	52,047	15,154

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 September 2024	26,602	134	794	27,530
Additions	40,472	-	319	40,791
At 31 August 2025	67,074	134	1,113	68,321
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 September 2024	1,773	33	135	1,941
Depreciation charged in the Period	4,664	25	292	4,981
At 31 August 2025	6,437	58	427	6,922
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2025	60,637	76	686	61,399
At 31 August 2024	24,829	101	659	25,589

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,585	2,879
Prepayments and accrued income	1,225	1,127
	21,810	4,006

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,613	1,469
Trade creditors	21,949	3,999
Other creditors	275	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,198	1,694
	28,035	7,162

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Police & Crime Commisioners Office	7,000	-	(7,000)	-	-
District council - Community Infrastructure Levy	140,917	856	(25,986)	(47,682)	68,105
Holiday Activity Fund	-	9,192	(9,192)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Warwickshire County Council	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Heart of England CSW Fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
YMCA George Williams College	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Rotary Club of Stratford	-	2,640	(2,640)	-	-
29th May 1961	-	7,500	(1,250)	-	6,250
Municipal Charities	-	2,000	(333)	-	1,667
Lifeways	-	4,250	(2,834)	-	1,416
Stratford Town Trust	-	92,129	(73,667)	-	18,462
	147,917	131,567	(135,902)	(47,682)	95,900

16 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous period:	**At 1 September 2023**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Transfers**	**At 31 August 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Warm Hubs Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
Police & Crime Commisioners Office	-	10,000	(3,000)	-	7,000
District council - Community Infrastructure Levy	-	149,595	(8,678)	-	140,917
Holiday Activity Fund	-	5,380	(5,380)	-	-
	-	165,475	(17,558)	-	147,917

The Police & Crime Commissioners Office grant provided for the delivery of Alternative Provision activities, covering staff time and activity delivery costs.

Works relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy grant from Stratford-upon-Avon District Council have enabled us to improve facilities, access and usage of our space, The Youth Hub. Works have taken place throughout the period improving our kitchen facilities, making the lighting more efficient and appropriate for use and creating additional spaces through the erection of partition walls and development of the garden. Work is ongoing and further improvements into the next period.

The Holiday Activity Fund covers staff time and activity costs that take place during the school holiday time.

BBC Children in Need, Warwickshire County Council Grant and Heart of England Community Fund have contributed towards staff time and delivery costs associated with our varied programme of group-based activities held throughout the year.

A research project for monitoring and evaluation tools used for young people's services was completed with and supported by YMCA George Williams College.

Rotary Club of Stratford provided for additional time and transport costs associated with a Youth Hostel Association funded summer residential break.

29th May 1961 grant covered core costs and overheads.

Lifeways Trust and Municipal Charities grants contribute to the Alternative Provision project work and supports associated staff time and activity delivery costs.

Stratford Town Trust are our primary funder who provide funding that covers our core costs and enables us to provide our varied programme of support together with our collective members and partners.

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	50	6,031	(52,432)	47,682	1,331

Previous period:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	121,477	(121,427)	-	50

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2025:			
Tangible assets	762	60,637	61,399
Current assets/(liabilities)	569	35,263	35,832
	1,331	95,900	97,231

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2024:			
Tangible assets	760	24,829	25,589
Current assets/(liabilities)	(710)	123,088	122,378
	50	147,917	147,967

19 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the Charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	22,500	22,500
Between two and five years	13,125	35,625
	35,625	58,125

20 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the Period the Charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Sale of services		Purchase of services	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Member organisations	950	-	37,846	72,126
Other related parties	-	-	-	7,959
	950	-	37,846	80,085

Stratford Youth Collective (SYC) delivers universal provision and manages the building (The Youth Hub). SYC, together with the five member organisations, facilitates and identifies opportunities for working together based on needs and enables, with appropriate funding, provision from member organisations based on their specialisms.

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1204343

Accounts

Charity registration number 1204343 (England and Wales)

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms R Key	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Ms J Bishop	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Ms S Mitchell	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Ms Z Leask	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
	Ms J Parsons	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
	Ms E Chapman	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
	Ms N Chiba	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
	Mr R Langley-Swain	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Mr M Campos	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
Senior management	A Bishop	Operations Manager
Charity number (England and Wales)	1204343	
Independent examiner	Jerroms GCN Limited West Point, Second Floor Mucklow Office Park Mucklow Hill Halesowen B62 8DY	

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STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

Stratford Youth Collective is made up of 5 local organisations who deliver pioneering activities for young people in Stratford-upon-Avon. The Collective works in partnership under our shared vision and was originally brought together by Stratford Town Trust (STT).

Based on the impact that each organisation was having individually, STT wanted to support a sustainable model of youth provision in the town. Funding cuts to county youth services meant that the town lost its universal offer more than 12 years ago.

All member organisations of SYC are committed to supporting all young people to achieve their potential and to be heard.

Our Charitable Objects

1. To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
2. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Stratford without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants by operating, managing and maintaining a community centre when the organisation's property is not required for the organisation's primary purpose of operating a youth club.

Our Mission

To provide an integrated approach to support for young people, through partnership, collaboration and young people's voices.

Our Vision

Our Vision for Stratford Upon Avon to be a safe place where every young person can find community, activities and support to enable them to flourish as individuals and help them invest in their own future and the future of the town.

Our Values

Youth-led: *Everything we do should be informed by the young people we aim to support. Young people should be part of decision making at every stage.*

Collaboration: *Stratford Youth Collective is about multiple organisations coming together for the greater good, delivering services in a strategic and joined-up way that maximises the impact and support to the young people of Stratford Upon Avon.*

Open: *We want to ensure that every young person can access the help and support they need or seek, without barriers. To be a service that is genuinely for every young person.*

Local: *We remain 100% focussed on delivering support for young people in Stratford Upon Avon District, working with local delivery partners and member organisations who are also based here.*

Our Aims

- To be a Safe place for young people of Stratford Upon Avon.
- A thriving interconnected network of projects, events and support for young people.
- Vibrant and energetic provision which other organisations want to be a part of.
- Co-ordinating stakeholder meetings, for all organisations and young people involved.
- Grow to be an open service - seven days a week for those young people who need face to face support, so know they have somewhere to go.
- Stratford Youth Together to be the voice that actively drives the service forwards, with representation from young people supported by all member organisations.
- Change the narrative, let people know there is a place for young people in Stratford Upon Avon to go to and there is lots happening.
- Amplifying the voice of young people

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Delivery

Universal Delivery

Initially delivered by Escape Community Arts, services and responsibility transferred to SYC in June 2024. Sessions throughout, and ongoing, are supported by Lifespace staff. 250 young people have accessed universal services delivered by SYC through the Hub. This totalled 2,515 attendances across 139 sessions. Since June 2024, 101 individual young people have accessed at least 1 of 52 sessions provided which comprised 599 attendances and averaged 17.5 hours of youthwork support each during this period.

Escape, Community Arts

Since the transfer of universal provision, the role of Escape has evolved. They have continued supporting some sessions with volunteers, especially the gaming group with several volunteers opting to become SYC volunteers also. A new arts award group session commenced with 12 young people accessing support.

Lifespace Trust

Support junior and senior group sessions, building links with young people to also ease their involvement with mentoring programmes where a need is identified. They have also made use of the building for staff training events and the mentoring room for additional 121 support needs. Over the last year they have established a community mentoring programme which is delivered 189 hours of support from the Hub, supporting young people with an average of 9.5 hours of direct support each over the period.

New Meaning

In partnership with Lifespace all students attending the New Meaning provision benefit from the support of a Lifespace mentor engaging with students weekly.

ILEAP

Over the last year ILEAP have used the opportunity to support the additional work of staff to build and develop services in the Stratford area. They have made use of the facilities at the Hub to run some small group arts activity sessions.

Warwickshire Pride

Have made use the building to run regular weekly sessions for young people to access where they require additional support. In July, Warwickshire Pride held their countywide prom at the Hub which was well attended. Engagement of LGBTQ young people within universal provision is positive with 36 young people recorded as making use of services.

Achievements and performance

The acquisition of our own premises, the Hub at 2 Birmingham Road, Stratford, has allowed us to provide a safe, young people focussed premises to offer services from and for young people. Thanks to funding from Stratford District Council we have been able to make the building more accessible from the front elevation and through available facilities. Further developments and enhancements to the building are planned to enable greater efficiencies and improvements allowing for more opportunities for young people.

The Launch Event held in April 2024 was well attended by partner organisations, local and regional dignitaries, young people and family members. As well as showing off the building and sharing the work of partner organisations guests were entertained by some of our young people.

We have successfully recruited and transferred staff forming our staff team working from the Hub. As well as looking after the building staff are delivering and overseeing activities and support for young people.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the charity's first period ended 31 August 2024 shows incoming resources of £286,952 and resources expended of £138,985 generating net incoming resources of £147,967.

As a result, the net assets of the charity at 31 August 2024 are £147,967.

The Trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the period to have been satisfactory.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy aims to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves which covers between 3 to 6 months of core operational expenditure, as recommended by the Charity Commission. The trustees recognise the need to build our reserves to this level and a fundraising strategy is in place, in line with our strategic aims and objectives, to achieve this.

Structure, governance and management

Stratford Youth Collective CIO will be governed by its Articles of Association and Charity Commission.

Stratford Youth Collective CIO will be sole leaseholders of Stratford Youth Hub, where members delivering 'SYC Youth related - and SYC funded programs' will have use of the building. The Hub will also be available to hire during non-delivery periods to deliver a commercial return.

The Trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms R Key	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Ms J Bishop	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Ms S Mitchell	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Ms Z Leask	(Appointed 1 March 2024)
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Mr R Langley-Swain	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Mr M Campos	(Appointed 1 March 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

In establishing SYC, the founding members agreed to create a new CIO, under the name Stratford Youth Collective. SYC will be the mechanism for collaboration and create opportunities for direct funding, with an independent board of Trustees, made up of at least 50% young people aged 16 - 24.

We have actively recruited to the board 10 trustees, including 4 young trustees representing our 5 member organisations. Trustees bring a variety of personal and professional experiences from across the sector and further afield including, community and voluntary sector leadership, financial, Further Education, Marketing, Safeguarding, Business leadership, Operational and Building management.

Stratford Youth Collectives believes that good quality governance of the organisation can best be delivered by recruiting and training the most able and qualified trustees. Well-qualified, experienced and motivated trustees perform a very valuable contribution to the work of Stratford Youth Collective and effective recruitment and selection are important to the success of the organisation. We are committed to working towards equality and diversity principles.

Trustees are volunteers and are recruited by a range of formal and informal networks. It may be necessary at times to use advertising to attract people with specific skills and Stratford Youth Collective's recruitment policy will inform the process.

Prospective trustees may have been approached by Stratford Youth Collective, approached Stratford Youth Collective themselves, or responded to advertisements. They will be invited to visit and meet with at least two people drawn from staff and trustees where an informal interview will take place, and roles and responsibilities of Trustees discussed. Applicants will be given time to consider joining the Board of Trustees, while existing Trustees will consider the suitability of the applicant. A decision is made by the Chair of Trustees whether to offer the applicant an informal place on the Board of Trustees until the date of the next planned Annual General Meeting. Trustees are only formally confirmed in their role once they have been elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for ensuring an induction process is completed, and training will be arranged where required

Other matters

Our Members

Escape Arts

For 25 years Escape Arts has embedded high impact community arts and heritage practice across Warwickshire. Escape Arts became a charity in 2003, as a result of two local organisations: Escape Workshop, founded by Robin Wade in 1997 and Community Art in Action, founded by Karen Williams the same year, joining forces under a shared vision: bringing people together through creativity to address isolation, improve wellbeing and build strong, vibrant, inclusive and happy communities.

ILEAP

ILEAP works with people aged from 4 years and over and delivers a children's programme, a youth programme and an adult programme of inclusive leisure activities. ILEAP members generally have a mild / moderate learning disability although anyone with Additional Needs is welcome to join.

Lifespace Trust

Lifespace is a youth charity that supports the wellbeing of young people (7 to 19) so that they have the self-esteem, resilience and confidence to thrive. Our office is in Stratford-upon-Avon and we work across South/Mid Warwickshire. We celebrated our 18th Birthday in 2022! We believe that young people are amazing and should be able to get the support they need as soon as life gets tough and for as long as they need it. This is part of our Vision, Mission and Values which we refreshed in 2021 with young people, staff and volunteers.

New Meaning Learning

We're based in Stratford-upon-Avon but our work reaches out across Warwickshire, Coventry and the West Midlands. New Meaning Training Warwickshire opened its doors in June 2021. We provide further education in Warwickshire for post sixteens as well as training and work experience for people with an EHCP. Our aim is to help young people to make progress with their learning and feel inspired about their future, becoming either work-ready or taking their learning journey onto the next step.

Warwickshire Pride

Warwickshire Pride is a charity working with and for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) people across the county. They provide a range of services and activities, including the Proud Youth group for LGBT+ people aged 12 - 18 years old. Proud Youth is all about supporting LGBT+ young people to be who they are, feel more confident, make friends, and achieve their potential. All LGBT+ young people are welcome and will be accepted for who they are. Proud Youth is a safe space for anyone who needs it.

The support and efforts from across the collective have been instrumental in establishing Stratford Youth Collective and supporting the solid foundation on which it has been built. The Trustees, staff and collective member organisations would like to acknowledge the support that has been given by Rob Langley-Swain both in the facilitation of our steering group and initial set-up of the organisation. Having acted also as chair of Stratford Youth Collective throughout the period and supporting the organisation through it 's initial setup.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr M Campos
Trustee

12 February 2025

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Stratford Youth Collective (the Charity) for the period ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	121,477	164,880	286,357
Investments	4	-	595	595
Total income		121,477	165,475	286,952
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	581	-	581
Charitable activities	6	120,846	17,558	138,404
Total expenditure		121,427	17,558	138,985
Net income and movement in funds		50	147,917	147,967
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 14 August 2023		-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		50	147,917	147,967

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**12**		25,589
Current assets			
Debtors	**13**	4,006	
Cash at bank and in hand		125,534	
		129,540	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(7,162)	
Net current assets			122,378
Total assets less current liabilities			147,967
The funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	**15**		147,917
Unrestricted funds	**16**		50
			147,967

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 February 2025

Mr M Campos
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Stratford Youth Collective is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. It is governed by a trust deed, dated 14th August 2023, and adopted by its members. The charity's address is Stratford Youth Hub, 2 Birmingham Road, Stratford, CV37 0BH

1.1 Reporting period

The financial statements are for the charity's first period and cover from the date of registration on 14 August 2023 to the end of the reporting period.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants without conditions are recognised in the SoFA as the charity is entitled to the income when receivable, including grants given to provide a fixed asset.

1.6 Expenditure

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

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold Improvements	15 year straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing Balance
Computers	25% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Donations and gifts	624	-	624	-	-
Grants	120,853	164,880	285,733	-	-
	121,477	164,880	286,357	-	-

4 Income from investments

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds £
Interest receivable	595	-

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	581	-

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024 £
Direct costs	
Staff costs	74,767
Depreciation and impairment	1,941
Young people activities	2,098
Rent & rates	19,345
Cleaning	579
Power, light and heat	3,357
Repairs	444
Insurance	1,131
Travelling expenses	258
Legal and professional	383
Consultancy fees	31,442
Printing and stationery	115
Computer running costs	300
Sundry expenses	180
	136,340
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)	
Governance	2,064
	138,404
Analysis by fund	
Unrestricted funds	120,846
Restricted funds	17,558
	138,404

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £
Governance costs	2,064
Analysed between:	
Accountancy	2,064

Governance costs includes payments to the accountants of £1,500 for independent examiner fees and £564 for bookkeeping services.

8 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner:	
- for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,500
- for other financial services	594
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,941

9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the period.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was:

	2024 Number
	4

Employment costs	2024 £
Wages and salaries	74,731
Other pension costs	36
	74,767

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	15,154

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Additions	26,602	134	794	27,530
At 31 August 2024	26,602	134	794	27,530
Depreciation and impairment				
Depreciation charged in the period	1,773	33	135	1,941
At 31 August 2024	1,773	33	135	1,941
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2024	24,829	101	659	25,589

13 Debtors

	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£
Trade debtors	2,879
Prepayments and accrued income	1,127
	4,006

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024
	£
Other taxation and social security	1,469
Trade creditors	3,999
Accruals and deferred income	1,694
	7,162

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 14 August 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Warm Hubs Grant	-	500	(500)	-
Police & Crime Commisioners Office	-	10,000	(3,000)	7,000
District council - Community Infrastructure Levy	-	149,595	(8,678)	140,917
Holiday Activity Fund	-	5,380	(5,380)	-
	-	165,475	(17,558)	147,917

The restricted grant received from District council - Community Infrastructure Levy is intended for future building development to cover new kitchen, partition walls, survey and installation of solar panels, garden development, improvement of lighting efficiencies and media equipment in one of the newly formed rooms.

The Warm Hubs grant was to fund the purchase of warm snacks and drinks. This project has now finished.

The grant from the Police & Crime Commissioners Office was to cover additional salary costs for the Youth Work Manager and her team. The project started in June 2024 and ends in March 2025.

The Holiday Activity Fund is to cover additional costs, including staff time and activities that take place during the summer holidays. A further £1,920 was received shortly after the year end in September 2024.

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 14 August 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	121,477	(121,427)	50

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 August 2024:			
Tangible assets	760	24,829	25,589
Current assets/(liabilities)	(710)	123,088	122,378
	50	147,917	147,967

18 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the Charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £
Within one year	22,500
Between two and five years	35,625
	58,125

19 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the period the Charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Purchase of services 2024 £
Member organisations	72,126
Other related parties	7,959
	80,085

Stratford Youth Collective (SYC) delivers universal provision and manages the building (The Youth Hub). SYC, together with the five member organisations, facilitates and identifies opportunities for working together based on needs and enables, with appropriate funding, provision from member organisations based on their specialisms.