



Young Tongues

Annual Report

Period: 2023/2024

1. Executive Summary

The Young Tongues officially became an Incorporated Charitable Organisation (ICO) in September 2023, registered under Charity Number 1204866. During the process of securing a dedicated bank account, a collaborative fundraising agreement was established with the Oracle Cancer Trust (1142037) through the creation of the Young Tongues Fund. This partnership allowed fundraising activities to commence while ensuring all funds raised would be transferred to the Young Tongues once fully operational.

On 15th January 2024, Metro Bank approved and granted a dedicated bank account for the Young Tongues, marking a significant step towards financial independence. Throughout the financial year, the organisation successfully raised a total of £2,679.60 through community fundraising initiatives alone. Operational overheads amounted to £871.14, resulting in a closing balance of £1,807.86.

This financial progress reflects the Young Tongues' commitment to responsible financial management and effective fundraising strategies in its foundational year as an ICO.

2. Income Summary

Date	Item description	Code	Code description	Income
15.01.2024	Oracle Cancer Trust - Young Tongues Fund	207	Community Fundraising	£1,900.71
23.02.2024	Eventbrite	207	Community Fundraising	£55.00
29.02.2024	Eventbrite	207	Community Fundraising	£85.00
11.03.2024	JustGiving	207	Community Fundraising	£322.08
18.03.2024	JustGiving	207	Community Fundraising	£316.81
			TOTAL	£2,679.60

3. Expenditure Summary

Date	Item description	Code	Code description	Outgoing
26.01.2024	Wordpress	351	Website	£100.80
13.02.2024	Scout Insurance Services	330	Insurance	£310.00
20.02.2024	Envato - Website theme	351	Website	£54.55
20.02.2024	Non-Sterling Transaction	323	Non Sterling Transaction Fee	£1.63
22.02.2024	123 Reg Ltd - Website Hosting	351	Website	£85.97
14.03.2024	Ohmcloughltd	381	Fundraising Costs	£24.28
28.03.2024	Loomly	355	Digital Marketing	£285.96
28.03.2024	Non-Sterling Transaction	323	Non Sterling Transaction Fee	£8.55
			TOTAL	£871.74

4. Activities, progress and challenges

As a newly established charity, Young Tongues is committed to building a financially sustainable future that enables organisational growth, delivering on our charitable objectives through daily activities, and developing, as well as implementing good governance principles. The key challenge these first few months of being a registered charity has been limited resources, as our trustee and founder Barbara Fountain operated on a voluntary basis alongside part-time paid employment. However, progress has been made with the successful securing of a grant that will allow Barbara to receive a part-time freelance wage, enabling full-time dedication to the management and development of Young Tongues in the next financial year. As per our constitution a quorum of trustees (without the participation of Barbara Fountain) met and agreed for Barbara Fountain to take on the role of CEO & Founder, in addition to her duties as trustee.

Despite limited resources, the following activities took place during these first few months in alignment with our key objectives:

Objective 1: Support Services

- Maintained and managed the Young Tongues patient and supporter groups on Facebook and WhatsApp.
 - Young Tongues private support group: 608 members



- Young Tongues supporters groups: 63 members
- Hosted monthly virtual meetups.
- Provided tailored, one-to-one support to patients with terminal diagnoses, addressing their specific emotional and practical needs.
- Created and published social media content.
- Started the development of a new and improved website aimed at helping patients navigate information more easily.
- Continued producing episodes for our Young Tongues Podcast.

Objective 2: Awareness & Education

- Appeared on the Eastmans Dental Podcast.
- Delivered a speech at Queen Mary University of London for their Barts Squamous Cancer Annual Symposium.
- Received an invitation from the Mouth Cancer Foundation for Young Tongues to participate in the Mouth Cancer Awareness Walk in September.
- Agreed to deliver an article for World Patient Safety Day in September, which will be published in the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh magazine.
- Collaborated with Radiotherapy UK to feature Young Tongue Kelly Watson in multiple media stories across press and TV, which also led to a meeting with Lib Dem Leader Ed Davies.

Objective 3: Policy Campaigning

- Joined Cancer 52, the collective voice for rare and less common cancers, in addition to our existing membership of the Head and Neck Cancer Coalition, One Cancer Voice, and the #CatchUpWithCancer campaign led by Radiotherapy UK.
- Participate in Radiotherapy UK Parliamentary #CatchUpWithCancer campaign, where we highlighted cancer treatment delays.
- Attended the Cancer52 Parliamentary event, where their manifesto "The Other Half" was launched.
- Supported the Save Sick Pay campaign led by the Centre for Progressive Change.
- Actively networked and built relationships with key community stakeholders around the globe, including clinicians, researchers, and pharmaceutical companies, to foster collaboration and support.

Objective 4: Research

- Launched our first Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) group following a request from Sean Porazinski of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney, who was preparing a grant application for research on personalised cancer therapies for tongue cancer patients.
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5. Approval and Sign-Off

Prepared By Barbara Fountain

Date 06.01.2025

Approved By Laura Marston
Kathryn Hall
Susan Smith

Date 09.01.2025

End of Report

Date	Item description	Code	Code description	Income	Outgoing	Balance
15.01.2024	Opening Bank account					£0.00
15.01.2024	Oracle Cancer Trust - Young Tongues Fu	207	Community Fundraising	£1,900.71		£1,900.71
26.01.2024	Wordpress	351	Website		£100.80	£1,799.91
13.02.2024	Scout Insurance Services	330	Insurance		£310.00	£1,489.91
20.02.2024	Envato - Website theme	351	Website		£54.55	£1,435.36
20.02.2024	Non-Sterling Transaction	323	Non Sterling Transaction Fee		£1.63	£1,433.73
22.02.2024	123 Reg Ltd - Website Hosting	351	Website		£85.97	£1,347.76
23.02.2024	Eventbrite	207	Community Fundraising	£55.00		£1,402.76
29.02.2024	Eventbrite	207	Community Fundraising	£85.00		£1,487.76
11.03.2024	JustGiving	207	Community Fundraising	£322.08		£1,809.84
14.03.2024	Ohmclothingltd	381	Fundraising Costs		£24.28	£1,785.56
18.03.2024	JustGiving	207	Community Fundraising	£316.81		£2,102.37
28.03.2024	Loomly	355	Digital Marketing		£285.96	£1,816.41
28.03.2024	Non-Sterling Transaction	323	Non Sterling Transaction Fee		£8.55	£1,807.86
			TOTAL	£2,679.60	£871.74	

	Profit and Loss					
	Young Tongues					
	For the year ended 31 March 2024					
	Account		2024			
	Turnover					
	Community Fundraising		£2,679.60			
	Total Turnover		£2,679.60			
	Gross Profit		£2,679.60			
	Administrative Costs					
	Digital Marketing		£285.96			
	Fundraising Costs		£24.28			
	Insurance		£310.00			
	Non Sterling Transaction Fee		£10.18			
	Website		£241.32			
	Total Administrative Costs		£871.74			
	Closing Bank Balance		£1,807.86			

	Balance Sheet					
	Account		31 Mar 2024			
	Current Assets					
	Cash at bank and in hand					
	Young Tongues		1,807.86			
	Total Current Assets		0			
	Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		0			
	Total Assets less Current Liabilities		0			
	Net Assets		0			
	Capital and Reserves					
	Closing Bank Balance		1,807.86			