

Lancaster District Young People's Foundation

Charity registration number 1209353

**Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the year
ending 31 March 2025**

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Reference & Administrative Details

Lancaster District Young People's Foundation

Charity registration number 1209353

Principal office:

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Trustees:

Yakub Patel

Craig Brown

James Murphy

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Steven Naylor

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Guy Christiansen

Secretary:

Nicholas Smith

Structure, Governance & Management

Lancaster District Young People's Foundation was established as an association model CIO, registered on 31 July 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The CIO's charitable objects are:

To promote efficiency and effectiveness in the charitable activities of not-for-profit organisations, voluntary groups and charities working with and for the benefit of children and young people and operating in the local government area of Lancaster District and elsewhere including by:

1. Enhancing the capacity and resources of voluntary and community organisations to help achieve positive outcomes for children and young people;
2. Co-ordinating both charitable and non-charitable agencies that have a common goal of providing charitable services or relief for children and young people;
3. Making grants to charities and voluntary organisations that advance in life and fulfil the needs of children and young people through doing any or all of the following:
 - a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities in the interest of the social welfare and health and wellbeing of children and young people, designed to improve their lives and increase their opportunities;
 - b) Provide support and activities which develop the skills, capacities and capabilities of children and young people, to enable them to participate in society as healthy, happy and responsible individuals.

The charity's trustees have adopted a mission statement for the CIO:

We empower cross-sector collaboration and influence change, for a district where all children and young people are heard, happy, inspired and dare to dream.

The charity's trustees consider that they have complied with their duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.

Achievements and Performance

Message from the Chair

I am incredibly proud to present our first Annual Report. This marks an important milestone in our journey, not only as a newly registered charity, but as a partnership built on more than twenty years of collaboration across our district's youth sector.

This year has been defined by growth, connection and collective ambition. Lancaster District Young People's Foundation has worked towards strengthening its foundations, expanding its reach and continuing to build an environment where youth organisations feel supported, connected and valued. We have seen powerful examples of young people shaping decisions, designing programmes and influencing how services across our communities respond to their needs.

From youth-led mental health investment to new work experience pathways, and from collaborative training to grassroots coordination, our work demonstrates what is possible when partners come together with a shared purpose. None of this would have been achievable without the dedication of our members, the leadership of our trustees, and the invaluable support of Lancaster District CVS, who have provided essential hosting, HR, finance and governance support during our formative phase.

I want to express my sincere thanks to our funders, particularly the Francis Scott Charitable Trust and the Westminster Foundation whose investment has enabled our development, our staffing, and our ability to deliver meaningful impact.

Most importantly, I want to thank the young people who continue to guide and inspire this work. Their honesty, leadership and creativity remain the driving force behind everything we do.

LDYPF has now established strong roots, and the year ahead presents real opportunity. As we shape our next strategic chapter, we remain committed to our vision: a district where all children and young people are heard, happy, inspired, and dare to dream.

Yak Patel, Chair, Lancaster District Young People's Foundation

Introduction

The Lancaster District Young People's Foundation (LDYPF) was established in response to a long-standing recognition that no single organisation can meet the diverse needs of children and young people alone. For more than two decades, youth organisations across the district have collaborated through local partnerships, strategies and multi-agency forums. These relationships laid strong foundations, but partners increasingly recognised the need for a more formal, stable and strategic structure capable of securing long-term investment and coordinating shared priorities.

LDYPF emerged from this collective ambition. Incubated through Lancaster District CVS, and inspired by the national Young People's Foundation movement, LDYPF exists to strengthen the youth sector, amplify young people's voices and coordinate collaborative action to improve outcomes for young people across the district.

This report outlines our work and impact during the period up to 31 March 2025, marking the completion of our initial period as a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Our Purpose

LDYPF exists to bring together voluntary, community, faith, statutory and education partners to:

- Strengthen the capacity of youth organisations
- Ensure young people shape decisions that affect them
- Reduce inequalities in access, opportunity and wellbeing
- Coordinate shared responses to local needs
- Champion youth work as a vital part of community wellbeing

'We believe in a district where all children and young people are heard, happy, inspired, and dare to dream'

Overview of Activity

Building the Foundation

Throughout this period, LDYPF continued to strengthen its infrastructure, governance and networks. With dedicated development support provided by LDCVS, we expanded engagement with youth organisations, statutory services and community partners, and continued to grow the Children and Young People's Multi-Agency Forum (CYPMAF), now comprising over 250 members.

The Foundation also worked closely with the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations, schools, health partners, local authorities, the Integrated Care Board and the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure young people's perspectives were embedded in wider district priorities.

Strengthening the Sector

The Young People's Foundation Officer, hosted by Lancaster District CVS with multi-year funding from the Francis Scott Charitable Trust, has been central in building relationships, coordinating partners, supporting collaborative bids and amplifying the work of the youth sector.

During this reporting period, LDYPF delivered:

- Shared safeguarding and workforce development sessions

- Regular youth forums exploring issues such as mental health, climate action and safety
- Support for organisations to access funding, training and partnership opportunities
- Representation on the Morecambe Bay Anchor Network to influence inclusive employment pathways for young people
- Youth Voice and Participation

Young people's leadership continued to be a core driver of our work. Key achievements included:

- Expansion of the Youth Advisory Board
- Ongoing consultation activity across communities
- Commitment to co-producing program priorities linked to mental health, NEET support, and aspirations
- Continued leadership from the young people involved in Break the Mould, our youth-led £60,000 grantmaking programme delivered in partnership with the Francis Scott Charitable Trust

Programmes and Partnerships

LDYPF has supported or coordinated a range of initiatives that strengthened opportunities for young people, by participating in:

- Break the Mould - training 20 young people to design and distribute a youth-led grants programme.
- Minds Within the Bay - a youth-led mental health grants scheme delivered with West End Morecambe Big Local.
- Work Experience and learning pathways - in partnership with University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay, enabling young people to access meaningful, supported opportunities.
- Step Up Fund - delivered on behalf of the Banks Lyons Trust, offering small grants to support young people aged 16–25 with personal development goals.
- Collaboration with community organisations across the district to strengthen youth-led community action.

These programmes demonstrate the growing reach and credibility of LDYPF as a trusted convenor in the local youth sector.

Management and Governance

Throughout this period, Lancaster District CVS continued to provide essential hosting support to the Foundation, including:

- Secretariat functions
- Line management of the Young People's Foundation Officer

- HR and financial administration
- Governance support and organisational development

This arrangement has ensured stability during LDYPF's formative phase and enabled the charity to establish strong systems and structures as it moves toward greater independence.

On 31 July 2024, LDYPF achieved CIO status, a significant milestone strengthening our governance, accountability and ability to attract funding. Our trustees bring expertise from youth work, community development, education and voluntary sector leadership, steering the Foundation's mission and strategic direction.

Looking Forward

LDYPF has reached a pivotal moment in its development, with the infrastructure, partnerships, and momentum now in place to shape a strategic business plan. This marks an exciting next chapter in our journey toward long-term sustainability and impact.

- Our priorities for the coming year include:
- Strengthening sector infrastructure and membership
- Expanding youth voice and co-production
- Supporting NEET young people through coordinated district-wide action
- Deepening partnerships with employers and anchor institutions
- Continuing to address mental health and wellbeing
- Hold its first district wide Young People Festival
- Developing a multi-year strategic plan

LDYPF is now well positioned to lead collaborative, youth-focused initiatives that reflect the ambitions, needs and voices of young people across the district.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Yakub Patel
Trustee
21 January 2026

Lancaster District Young People's Foundation

Statement of Financial Activity
for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

<u>Incoming Resources</u>	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	<u>3</u>	31.03.25	31.03.25	31.03.25
		£	£	£
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>				
Donations		-	-	-
Grants		0	9,000	9,000
Income from own activities		0	-	0
Investment Income		-	-	-
<u>Other Incoming Resources</u>		-	-	-
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>		0	9,000	9,000
<u>Resources Expended</u>	4 - 7			
Costs of Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects		0	0	0
Management and Administration (Support costs)		0	-	0
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Accountancy		-	-	0
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		0	0	0
<u>Net Incoming Resources</u>		0	9,000	9,000
<u>Fund Balance Brought Forward</u>		0	0	0
RETAINED SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		0	9,000	9,000

The notes form part of these financial statements

Lancaster District Young People's Foundation

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31.03.25</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets		-	
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	8	-	
Stock		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,000	
		<u>9,000</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>0</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			9,000
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			<u>9,000</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year		<u>-</u>	
NET ASSETS:			<u><u>9,000</u></u>
FUNDS:			
Unrestricted Income Funds			0
Restricted Funds			9,000
			<u><u>9,000</u></u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mr Steven Naylor
TREASURER

Approved by the Board on the 21 January 2026

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102);
 - and with Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2015);
 - and with the Companies Act 2006,
 - and with the Charities Act 2011.
- Financial Reporting Standard Number 1: Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Donations and income from own activities

Donations and income from own activities are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of receipt.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Capital expenditure funded by grants

Capital expenditure which is funded by grants is treated as an addition to fixed assets. The associated grant is credited to a restricted or designated fund account, depending on the terms of the grant, and is released to the statement of financial activities over the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Activities to further the charity's objectives comprises costs of providing club activities.

Management and administration comprises costs of running the charity itself as an organisation.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees

Restricted funds - these are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further details of the purposes of each fund are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

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3 ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds 31.03.25	Restricted Funds 31.03.25	Total Funds 31.03.25
Donations:			
Other Donations	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Grants:			
West End Big Local (WEM) Partnership - Big Lottery Fund	-	9,000	9,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Income from own Activities:			
	-	-	-
Partnership Income	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment Income:			
Interest	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

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4 ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds 31.03.25 £	Restricted Funds 31.03.25 £	Total Funds 31.03.25 £
Activities to further Charity's Objects			
Gross Wages	-	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-
Heat & Light	-	-	-
Rates & Water	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-
Cleaning	-	-	-
Activity purchases	-	-	-
Maintenance & Repairs	-	-	-
Motor & Travel	-	-	-
Trip Expenses	-	-	-
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-
Bank and credit charges	-	-	-
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Management and administration of the Charity			
Telephone	-	-	-
Website costs	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-
Office Stationery and printing	-	-	-
Licences and Affiliation fees	-	-	-
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5 DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 31.03.25	Restricted Funds 31.03.25	Total Funds 31.03.25
Accountancy Services - Independent Examiner	-	-	-
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

6 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 31.07.24	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31.03.25
West End Big Local (WEM) - Big Lottery Fund	-	9,000		9,000
Accumulated surplus carried forward	0	9,000	0	9,000

7 PAID EMPLOYEES

7.1 Staff Costs

	31.03.25
	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-
	0

31.03.25

7.2 Average number of employees in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work:	Fundraising	-
	Charitable Activities	-
	Governance	-
	Other	-
		0

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Period Ended 31 March 2025

8 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	<u>31.03.25</u>
	<u>£</u>
<i>8.1 Analysis of Debtors</i>	
Debtors	-
PAYE	-
Prepayments	-
	<u>0</u>

9 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	<u>31.03.25</u>
	<u>£</u>
<i>9.1 Analysis of Creditors</i>	
Trade Creditors	-
Social Security	-
Net Wages	-
Other Creditors	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	-
	<u>0</u>

10 TAXATION

The charitable incorporated organisation is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.