

Charity registration number: 229988

North West Young People's Development Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs K M Barton JP FCA Mr N J Clough LLB Mr M J Hanson BA FCA ACIB Ms W Priscott Mr J C Barnett
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Chair of Trustees	Mrs KM Barton JP FCA
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Charity Administrator	Mr M J Hanson BA FCA ACIB
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Independent Examiner	Menzies LLP Chartered Accountants One Express 1 George Leigh Street Ancoats Manchester M4 5DL
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North West Young People's Development Trust

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objectives, strategies and activities

The NWYPDT is an independent grant-making charitable trust. Its principal objective is to fund organisations who work to achieve positive change in the lives of young people within the North West of England who face challenges in achieving their potential.

The Trust does not itself directly engage in the provision of services to Young People, nor does it engage in fund raising activities. Instead, its strategy is to focus on managing and protecting its investment funds effectively so as to generate sustainable income to support grant making activity over the longer term.

During the year the Trust distributed grants totalling £149,124 (2024: £99,190) to a total of 12 organisations who it felt had the ability to drive change and make a long-term difference to young peoples' lives.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The year to 31 March, 2025 saw continuing and significant fluctuations within investment markets. Previous years had seen economic uncertainty and higher rates of inflation due to the impact of the War in Ukraine and rising fuel prices. During 2025 these factors continued to undermine market confidence and were significantly compounded by the generally negative reaction of world markets to what were perceived to be inconsistent policies announced by the incoming American Government Administration, particularly with regard to its proposed implementation of trade tariffs and their threatened withdrawal from previously agreed international agreements and working partnerships.

Throughout this period Trustees monitored these developments and worked closely with the Trust's two firms of Investment Managers to ensure that our Investment Policies and positions were kept under review and that appropriate measures were taken to mitigate the underlying risks. As a result of this, by the end of the year the fall in the value of the Trust's Investments held in our two portfolios (which totalled £6,352,839 at the year-end) had been limited to £172,285. Since the year-end there has been some recovery in portfolio values, however the Trustees believe that substantial uncertainties remain within world markets and so we have an expectation that there will be continuing, and significant, fluctuations well into the future.

Against this backdrop, Trustees continue to fulfill the Trust's charitable purpose by seeking to maintain an effective level of grant support without compromising the Trust's capital position. We believe that our careful monitoring of our two investment portfolios, both of which have a modest risk profile, has been proven to have been effective in this regard and we continue to be diligent and proactive in this regard. We are currently undertaking an in depth comparative review of the performance of our two Investment Managers to ensure that the performance of each remains at the level required to satisfy the Trust's needs and objectives.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

During 2023 the Trust obtained an independent valuation on the land held for many years at Garstang Road, Blackpool which the Trustees had not known the original cost value of. The value of the land at the 31 March 2023 year end was deemed to be £650,000. During the year to 31 March 2024 a conditional sale of the land was negotiated at this level which was subject to an application for planning permission submitted by the intended purchaser to the local authority being successful. In July 2025 this application was granted however at the date of this report the proposed purchaser has yet to meet their contractual commitment to complete the purchase. Having informally discussed the current value of the land with local agents Trustees believe that its current value is not less than the originally determined sales value.

Financial review

The fair value of the Trust's investments at 31st March 2025 was £ 6,352,839 (2024: £6,526,987).

The Trust's net surplus for the year, before unrealised investment losses, was £59,054 (2024: £93,111).

The net decrease in funds, after taking into account unrealised investment losses of £172,285, was £113,231.

Going concern

The Trustees manage the assets of the Trust on a conservative basis and ensure that over the longer-term the level of return on its assets is sufficient to sustain the level of grants distributed without diminishing its reserves.

It manages the risks it faces appropriately and the Trustees are not aware of any long-term uncertainties which have not been mitigated appropriately.

On this basis the Trustees believe that the Trust continues to operate as a going concern.

Policy on reserves

The Trust's reserves at the year end, which are all unrestricted, totalled £7,725,096 (2024: £7,838,327). Investments totalled £7,002,831 (2024: £7,176,986) which leaves free reserves of £722,257 (2024: £661,341).

The Trustees seek to maintain a level of reserves which will allow the Trust to maintain its current level of grants making whilst recognising and safeguarding against the negative impact of inflation and potential swings and variations in investment returns over time.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees work in conjunction with two separate professional investment managers when formulating investment policy and do not themselves directly deal in investments.

Each Investment Manager has an individually agreed Investment Strategy which defines the objectives of the portfolio, the agreed risk appetite and desired investment profile and has a mandate to determine which investments should be held within that framework.

The two investment management firms appointed by the Trust are RBC Brewin Dolphin and CCLA Investment Management. They have each been allocated a separate tranche of the Trust's investment funds in order to provide comparatives of performance and alternative market insights.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Trust was established and regulated by indenture dated 29 September 1856 and subsequently amended by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners in 1876 and by schemes made by the Board of Education in 1903 and 1925.

In 1994 the Trust's powers were extended and the scheme was registered with the Charity Commission on 15 February 1994. The charity's name was changed to North West Young People's Development Trust.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trustee Body is responsible for maintaining effective Board succession strategies and for the Recruitment, appointment and induction and training of new trustees. The Trust seeks to maintain the necessary range of skills and experience within the Trustee Body to ensure that it is effectively managed and meets the charitable objectives.

The charity and its property are administered and managed by the Body of Trustees listed on page 1.

On the 28 August 2024 Jeremy Barnett was appointed as a Trustee which increased the number of trustees serving at the year-end (and at the date of this Trustees' Report) to 5.

Trustees are appointed for a term of 5 years by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting. Trustees meet at least four times a year.

The Trust does not have any employees.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 14 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Mrs K M Barton JP FCA
Chair of Trustees

North West Young People's Development Trust

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of North West Young People's Development Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of North West Young People's Development Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of North West Young People's Development Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the North West Young People's Development Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 North West Young People's Development Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed by:



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Helen Binns FCA

Menzies LLP

Chartered Accountants

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14 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Investment income	2	228,002	228,002	210,131
Total income		<u>228,002</u>	<u>228,002</u>	<u>210,131</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3	(12,731)	(12,731)	(12,367)
Charitable activities	4	(156,217)	(156,217)	(104,653)
Total expenditure		<u>(168,948)</u>	<u>(168,948)</u>	<u>(117,020)</u>
Net income		59,054	59,054	93,111
Other recognised gains and losses				
Other gains/losses		-	-	(5,405)
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(172,285)</u>	<u>(172,285)</u>	<u>571,790</u>
Net movement in funds		(113,231)	(113,231)	659,496
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,838,327</u>	<u>7,838,327</u>	<u>7,178,831</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>7,725,096</u></u>	<u><u>7,725,096</u></u>	<u><u>7,838,327</u></u>

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	7,002,839	7,176,986
Current assets			
Debtors		1,378	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>732,246</u>	<u>676,576</u>
		733,624	676,576
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(11,367)</u>	<u>(15,235)</u>
Net current assets		<u>722,257</u>	<u>661,341</u>
Net assets		<u><u>7,725,096</u></u>	<u><u>7,838,327</u></u>
Funds of the Charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,725,096</u>	<u>7,838,327</u>
Total funds	13	<u><u>7,725,096</u></u>	<u><u>7,838,327</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 14 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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 Mrs K M Barton JP FCA
 Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

North West Young People's Development Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

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

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

The charity is not registered for VAT, therefore expenditure is accounted for inclusive of VAT.

Raising funds

The costs of raising funds consist of insurance costs, repairs and maintenance costs associated with the income receivable on investment properties and investment management costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant expenditure

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Investment property income	4,354	4,354	3,875
Income from listed Investments	195,034	195,034	186,086
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	28,614	28,614	20,170
	<u>228,002</u>	<u>228,002</u>	<u>210,131</u>

3 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Note			
Sundry expenses	480	480	41
Insurance	496	496	446
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	1,388
Brewin Dolphin management fees	11,755	11,755	10,492
	<u>12,731</u>	<u>12,731</u>	<u>12,367</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Note			
Grant funding of activities	6	149,124	149,124	99,190
Allocated support costs	5	1,806	1,806	1,217
Governance costs	5	5,287	5,287	4,246
		<u>156,217</u>	<u>156,217</u>	<u>104,653</u>

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Office expenses	300	300	225
Website costs	468	468	418
Legal and professional fees	1,038	1,038	574
	<u>1,806</u>	<u>1,806</u>	<u>1,217</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	2,000	2,000	1,800
Other fees paid to examiners	1,600	1,600	1,500
Trustees expenses	983	983	243
Trustee insurance	632	632	631
Bank Charges	72	72	72
	<u>5,287</u>	<u>5,287</u>	<u>4,246</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	2025 £	2024 £
Analysis		
Outward Bound Trust	22,750	22,750
MyBnk	-	15,000
Music International	7,000	7,000
Manchester YMCA	-	23,000
GMYN	10,000	10,000
Seashell Trust	15,000	15,000
Safari Kids Club	-	6,440
Power 2 Limited	15,000	-
Blackpool Community Trust	10,000	-
Aliya Youth Project	10,234	-
Black Girls Hike	14,640	-
Onside Preston	10,000	-
National House Project	7,500	-
Talk,Listen,Change	12,000	-
Boathouse Youth Project	15,000	-
	149,124	99,190

7 Indemnity Insurance

Trustees indemnity insurance at a cost of £632 was held during the year to 31 March 2025 (2024: £632) to indemnify the trustees against potential claims.

8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No Trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

Expenses of £983 (2024: £243) were incurred in respect of the trustees' meeting expenses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Other fees to examiners		
All other services	<u><u>1,600</u></u>	<u><u>1,500</u></u>

11 Fixed asset investments

	Freehold Land £	Investment Funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 April 2024	650,000	6,526,987	7,176,987
Additions	-	370,019	370,019
Disposals	-	(364,648)	(364,648)
Net investment gains	<u>-</u>	<u>(179,519)</u>	<u>(179,519)</u>
Fair value at 31 March 2025	<u><u>650,000</u></u>	<u><u>6,352,839</u></u>	<u><u>7,002,839</u></u>
Historical cost at 31 March 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>4,653,969</u></u>	<u><u>4,653,969</u></u>

In February 2022, the Trustees obtained an independent valuation of land held at Garstang Road, Blackpool. The trustees consider that this valuation remains appropriate.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	6,291	8,735
Accruals	<u>5,076</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u><u>11,367</u></u>	<u><u>15,235</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	<u>7,838,327</u>	<u>228,002</u>	<u>(168,948)</u>	<u>(172,285)</u>	<u>7,725,096</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	<u>7,178,831</u>	<u>210,131</u>	<u>(117,020)</u>	<u>566,385</u>	<u>7,838,327</u>

14 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Investment income	2	<u>210,131</u>	<u>210,131</u>
Total income		<u>210,131</u>	<u>210,131</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(12,367)	(12,367)
Charitable activities		<u>(104,653)</u>	<u>(104,653)</u>
Total expenditure		(117,020)	(117,020)
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>571,790</u>	<u>571,790</u>
Net income		664,901	664,901
Other recognised gains and losses			
Other gains/losses		<u>(5,405)</u>	<u>(5,405)</u>
Net movement in funds		659,496	659,496
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,178,831</u>	<u>7,178,831</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>7,838,327</u>	<u>7,838,327</u>