

# MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 700738

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [01843226](#)

**Registered** 1989-02-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE AND CO-ORDINATE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER WELFARE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN MERSEYSIDE WHO HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR YOUTHFULNESS INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITY THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

**Activities:** The charity provides and co-ordinates in the interest of social welfare, facilities for recreation for young people in Merseyside in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** MERSEYSIDE
- Halton
- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,094,473	£4,082,585	£4,262,539	81
2024-03-31	£4,970,786	£5,046,722	£3,247,020	94
2023-03-31	£4,350,880	£4,312,548	£3,036,472	65
2022-03-31	£3,688,769	£3,957,323	£3,052,013	69
2021-03-31	£3,822,254	£3,535,886	£3,466,270	70

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ANDREW GIBBONS</b>	Chair	
DAVID RICHARD SWAFFIELD		
DEBRA COOKE		
Paul Boyce		2022-09-08
Paul Moonan		2023-07-13
Paul Singleton		2024-12-12
RICHARD DEARS		2013-01-30

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration number: 700738**  
**Company Registration number: 1843226**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**  
**(Limited by Guarantee)**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Charity Information**

Charity Name: Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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Charity Registration Number: 700738

Company Registration Number: 1843226

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23  
August, 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

Registered Office: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
Liverpool  
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Principal Business Address: Abney Building  
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L1 3DY

Directors/Trustees: P. Boyce  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons (Chairperson)  
P. Moonan  
P. Singleton (Treasurer)  
D. R. Swaffield

Company Secretary: G. Bainbridge

Chief Executive: G. Bainbridge

Accountants: Sloan Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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**Charity Information (continued)**

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Investment Managers:  
Limited

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors who acted during the year are as stated below:

P. Boyce

D. Cooke

R. T. Dears

A. Gibbons

J. C. Lewys-Lloyd (resigned 12 December 2024)

P. Moonan

P Singleton (appointed 12 December 2024)

D. R. Swaffield

P. Boyce and D. Cooke retire by rotation, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Acknowledgement of Former Treasurer**

The Board wishes to record its deep appreciation for the outstanding service and commitment of our former Treasurer, John Lewys-Lloyd, who sadly passed away recently. John continued to serve throughout the 2024/25 financial year, having dedicated more than 15 years to the charity. His guidance and stability were invaluable during some of the most challenging periods in our history. Although he expressed a wish to step down several years earlier, John generously remained in post until a suitable successor was appointed, ensuring continuity and support when it was most needed. He formally resigned at the 2024 AGM, and the charity is profoundly grateful for his exceptional contribution and lasting legacy.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first.

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**Appointment of Trustees (continued)**

The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-option of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

**Trustees induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan, a copy of the latest Annual Impact Report and Annual Trustees Report and Financial Statements. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet quarterly. The Board convenes sub-groups for specific purposes i.e. Finance and Risk, Property (quarterly), Fundraising and Partnerships, and Safeguarding (bi-annually). Additional sub-group meetings are arranged as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 11,500 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority and the Metro Mayor. As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and other infrastructure organisations.

VS6 has an agreed manifesto and action plan which aims to offer solutions to some of the most challenging economic issues facing our city region, drive community-centred approaches to transforming health and wellbeing and to provide a single point of contact for the city's Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE).

The CEO is a trustee and treasurer of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. It is a membership organisation that connects to the region's VCFSE sector through infrastructure organisations, equalities networks and large regional and national providers.

We continue our partnership with LCVS, Sefton CVS, St Helens and Halton CVA, One Knowsley and Community Action Wirral to coordinate the infrastructure offer across the city region.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth and is a member of Youth Focus North West and is part of their Strategic Leads group.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including LCR Employment and Skills team and UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) Providers group.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

We have also maintained our close strategic links with the Department of Work and Pensions including delivering a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters, with co-located DWP work coaches. This includes membership of the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Youth Hub Network.

The Charity has strategic links with Child, Adolescent, Mental Health Services (CAMHS) including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement Service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people, and their families in Sefton.

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in membership of the Fairer, Healthier Liverpool Group, with a focus on Liverpool gaining Marmot City Status.

MYA has embedded strong and effective strategic and operational partnerships linked to the delivery of Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes membership of the Knowsley Children and Families Board, and participation in network meetings in relation to several strategies including Stronger Communities, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Children, Health and Wellbeing, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Care Leavers and Crime and Communities team meetings.

We remain members of the Health Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people.

The CEO is also a VCS representative on Cheshire and Merseyside NHS Children and Young People's Committee taking a systemic, multi-disciplinary approach to meeting the health needs of children and young people. She is also a member of the Cheshire and Merseyside VCSE Children & Young People's Network group which seeks to connect the wider sector with the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) and to identify and address priority issues across the ICB footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (managed through the Combined Authority), UK Youth, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, Liverpool Learning Partnership, Youth Music, Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton Council for Voluntary Services, Liverpool CVS, National Citizens Service (Open via Youth Fed and targeted), National Lottery Communities Fund (Reaching Communities), Sefton and Knowsley Holidays Activities and Food (HAF) programmes, Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund).

Maria Tapioca is our new café provider, selling home-cooked food with a Brazilian twist. Cohens Chemist remains a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre, alongside Motiv8 who are operating their alternative education provision at the premises. Leisure United is providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble Playing Fields. All our tenants have abided by Government legislation and guidelines in relation to their opening and delivery of services.

Each project has operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of identity) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people.

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, Listening Ear and The Brain Charity, procured to deliver targeted services, via an SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

This year, we established a valuable partnership with fundraiser Lauren Evans to strengthen our corporate fundraising efforts and events. Lauren has a strong track record in driving business growth, with extensive experience in charitable fundraising.

**Risk management**

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all aspects of its work.

These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

WorkNest provide external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

Our internal HR function provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

A rolling programme of Health and Safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training. The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2025 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserves policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long-term intention of the Trustees to build up our unrestricted reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months' worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months' worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. These objectives have been met. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £4,218,626 and restricted reserves at the year-end date total £43,913.

**Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate, in the interests of social welfare, facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, so as to develop their physical, mental, and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Vision**

Liverpool City Region has young people who are able to learn, adapt, and thrive in their communities with pride, belief, hope, independence, and resilience.

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**Mission**

Our mission is to co-create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**Values:**

- Young Person Centred
- Inclusive, Adaptable and Accessible
- Responsive and Flexible
- Friendly and Non-judgemental
- Challenging and Rewarding
- Supportive and Developmental
- Effective and Efficient

**Offer:**


MYA is a trusted presence in the lives of young people, delivering community-based projects that support, inspire, and empower. Our core aims are:


- To give every child and young person the best start in life
- To foster a sense of belonging and inclusion
- To inspire young people to reach their full potential
- To equip children and young people with the skills and confidence to take control of their lives
- To contribute to the development of healthy, safe, and sustainable communities
- To build a skilled, positive and inclusive workforce, promoting fair employment in youth services

At MYA, we use a person-centred, holistic approach that supports young people through every stage of life. Our work is trauma-informed and designed to meet individual needs, building resilience and promoting wellbeing through a range of youth-focused activities.


**Our Core Activities Include:**


 **Centre-based and Detached Youth Work**

 **Group Work, Schools Engagement, and 1:1 Support**

 **Youth Voice and participation**

 **Music and Performing Arts**

 **Outdoor Education**

 **Workforce development and training**

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These activities aim to:

<b>Connect</b>	Connect young people and reduce social isolation
<b>Improve</b>	Improve health, lifestyles, relationships and social learning
<b>Support</b>	Support emotional wellbeing, creativity, and positive coping strategies
<b>Encourage</b>	Encourage identity exploration and a sense of belonging
<b>Promote</b>	Promote pro-social behaviour, inclusion, and diversity
<b>Raise</b>	Raise aspirations and support personal development
<b>Build</b>	Build essential life skills and improve social and emotional literacy
<b>Develop</b>	Develop skills and enhance employability

Through our work, MYA is committed to helping young people thrive—personally, socially, and educationally—while contributing to a fairer and more inclusive society.

### **Our Achievements**

#### **Vision, Values and Strategy**

This year, we have worked hard to promote our mission and vision both within the organisation and across our wider networks. These efforts were exemplified through our Impact Report, our website, and by achieving Fair Employment Charter status.

To strengthen governance, our Board of Trustees transitioned to quarterly meetings, ensuring more effective oversight and strategic leadership. We established dedicated sub-committees focusing on Finance and Risk, Premises, Fundraising, and Partnership and Safeguarding. These groups have helped streamline reporting, maintain strategic direction, and improve overall scrutiny. In addition, we welcomed a new Treasurer to the Board, reinforcing our financial leadership and expertise.

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**People and Culture**

We have revitalised several key internal processes to enhance our people-focused approach. New systems were introduced for recruitment and selection, induction, and a refreshed salary grading matrix to ensure fairness and transparency.

Performance management practices were made more consistent across the organisation, and we placed greater emphasis on staff wellbeing through a range of activities throughout the year. The creation of a Staff Wellbeing Group demonstrated our commitment to fostering a supportive and positive workplace culture.

**Key Policies and Procedures**

Maintaining high standards has remained a priority, and we were pleased to retain our ISO 9001 certification, the Matrix IAG standard, and DSPT compliance. Our use of technology was enhanced through improved deployment of systems such as our HR data platform, SharePoint for collaboration, and the Charity Log CRM for better data management. Alongside these improvements, we updated our Employee Handbook and contracts of employment, introduced enhanced financial systems and procedures, revised our Disaster Contingency Policy, and developed a comprehensive GDPR mapping document to ensure compliance and readiness.

**Reach and Engagement**

Our impact this year was extensive, with engagement from over 8,000 individual young people and more than 195,000 recorded contacts. We have continued to prioritise inclusivity and equity by setting and monitoring equalities targets across all our programmes and services.

**Curriculum Offer**

We continued to deliver safe, welcoming spaces where young people can access support to meet their basic needs and participate in programmes tailored to their development. Our projects fostered connection and reduced social isolation, enabling young people to build healthy peer relationships, explore their identities, and engage in activities that supported wellbeing, resilience, and creativity. Through our curriculum, we promoted diversity, pro-social behaviour, and anti-discriminatory practices. Young people developed essential life skills, increased their aspirations, and enhanced their social and emotional wellbeing in an environment that encouraged belonging and positive progression.

**Youth Voice**

Youth participation remained central to our work. We empowered young people to actively shape the services they receive, ensuring that their voices were heard and acted upon. Our staff were trained in the Lundy Framework of participation, embedding meaningful engagement across all levels of the organisation. Young people were supported to lead and influence through a broad range of consultation, co-design, and participatory activities, reinforcing our commitment to youth-led practice.

**Communications**

We strengthened our communication efforts through the successful completion of building branding projects, creating a consistent and professional visual identity. Our successes were showcased through targeted campaigns, impact-focused outcome reporting, engaging events, and a refreshed online presence via our website.

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**Partnership and Advocacy**

Our approach to partnership working has been dynamic and strategic. We maintained strong partnerships while expanding our network to support transitions and build multidisciplinary collaborations capable of delivering transformative interventions. Through constructive support and challenge, we helped partners uphold best practices and worked together to champion systemic change through a rights-based lens.

The formation of a Board sub-committee on partnerships has further enhanced our ability to advocate effectively and collaboratively.

**Premises and Facilities**

We undertook a review of all our leasehold buildings and agreements, ensuring they remain fit for purpose and aligned with our strategic goals. The Property Sub-Committee provided valuable oversight, helping to balance organisational needs with the opportunity to support the wider local sector through shared facilities. Key developments included the relocation of staff from the third to the fourth floor at our Head Office in Hanover Street, the installation of solar panels, and the completion of a kitchen refurbishment at SPACE, contributing to both sustainability and service quality.

**Financial Growth**

To support long-term financial sustainability, we implemented a 10% administration fee on bids exceeding £5,000 that did not include Full Cost Recovery. We set clear earned income targets and tracked progress against them, demonstrating a proactive approach to income generation. An external fundraiser was engaged to enhance our fundraising capacity, contributing to increased success in securing corporate sponsorship through events. Additionally, we collaborated closely with funders to evaluate our organisational capacity, resulting in secured funding for both fundraising strategy and property development consultancy.

**Risk Management**

This year, we made progress in developing an organisational risk register to support the proactive management of strategic and operational risks. We undertook Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) and continued to monitor our financial reserves and forward projections into 2025/26, helping to maintain financial stability and prepare for potential future challenges.

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with 8,218 different young people, with 195,314 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. We worked with 3,001 more young people this year than last year. Most of our projects work with young people regularly throughout the year, to build relationships and feelings of belonging. On average, each young person attends 23 times per year.

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**Outputs (continued)**

Equality data:

- 45.2% of the cohort identify as male
- 39.9% identify as female
- 1.2% identify as non-binary
- 11.9% of our cohort were from Black, Asian and Minoritized Ethnic Communities
- 3.6% of our cohort identified as LGBTQ
- 16.9% of our young people identified as disabled

Age:

- 16% of our young people were aged between 0-11
- 56% were aged between 12-16
- 23% were aged 17-21
- 5% were over 21 years

We have provided training to 3,943 different organisations/professionals reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health.

We have worked with 515 partner and referral agencies, once again demonstrating our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes**

This year we have enabled 558 young people to enter training, education or work and a further 538 have gained a qualification as a direct result of our work.

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long-term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills

**Finance**

MYA's annual income has increased by £123,687 in this financial year and reserves have increased by £1,015,504; much of that increase is attributable to the capital grant income received in the year totalling £1,196,259, for improvements at MYA SPACE. Excluding that capital grant income, annual income has fallen by £1,072,572, reflecting the difficult climate within which we continue to operate. Despite that, projects have been investing in direct work with young people, that reduced income being met with a decrease in expenditure of £964,117. The rise in investments, totalling £3,616, has also contributed to that increase in reserves.

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 68% has come from grants including European funding, Charitable Trusts, Foundations and public sector grants.

Our income from Local Authorities has fallen very slightly in absolute terms, remaining consistent at 23% of our total income.

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**Finance (continued)**

Our income from sales (training, project and programme income) and hire of facilities has remained relatively stable this year, reducing slightly from 7.6% to 7.4% of overall income. Hire of facilities and tenancy rentals alone has increased by £38,607 reflecting the increased use of our Hanover Street HQ and Our Place facility in Knowsley.

Income from donations and legacies and from investments (together) has reduced by £3,247, as income from donations and legacies has fallen and income from investments has increased slightly.

**Plans for the Future**

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement and long-term impact, MYA has identified ten strategic areas for development and established SMART targets for each. These priorities are designed to strengthen our organisation, enhance outcomes for young people, and ensure sustainability and resilience across all operations. Our focus areas and corresponding actions for the coming year are outlined below:

**1. Vision, Values and Strategy**

We will continue to embed our mission and vision both internally and externally through key communication channels, including our Impact Report, website, and promotion of our Fair Employment Charter status. The Board of Trustees aims to strengthen its strategic leadership by streamlining reporting, improving the function of sub-committees, maintaining strategic scrutiny, and diversifying board membership.

**2. People and Culture**

We aim to nurture a supportive and inclusive work environment by implementing wellbeing initiatives such as staff-led activities, regular wellbeing walks, and a themed full-staff conference. Our Equality and Diversity group will be reinvigorated to deliver an action plan and annual calendar of events. We will also enhance key HR policies, retain external quality marks, and improve systems and documentation, including updating our Employee Handbook, GDPR mapping, and disaster contingency procedures.

**3. Reach and Engagement**

Our target is to engage with 5,400 young people and facilitate 130,000 meaningful contacts annually. We aim for 94% of young people to report positive progression through the MYA outcome tool. Additionally, we will implement equalities monitoring, roll out a new CRM system, develop a data dashboard for Board oversight, and apply data insights to improve our reach.

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**Plans for the future (continued)**

**4. Youth Voice**

Empowering young people remains central to our mission. We will develop diverse youth voice platforms, implement the Lundy Framework, and create mechanisms to demonstrate our response to youth feedback ("You said, we did"). We will ensure that youth voice informs our campaigns, curriculum, and service delivery.

**5. Communications**

A full audit of our communications and social media will be conducted, supported by the establishment of a cross-organisational Comms group. A staff conference will focus on improving internal and external communication. We will strengthen our messaging to engage corporate supporters and showcase our achievements across campaigns, outcomes, and events including the Liverpool Tennis Tournament and MYA Golf Day.

**6. Partnership and Advocacy**

We aim to maintain and expand our partnerships, working across disciplines to deliver life-changing interventions. By advocating for systemic change and promoting a rights-based approach, we aim to influence best practices in the sector. We will also support Youth Centre trustees in building capacity and assuming lease responsibilities.

**7. Premises and Facilities**

A mapping exercise of our leasehold properties will be completed and will work towards concluding outstanding lease negotiations. Through our Property Sub-Committee, we will seek to maximise the value and impact of our assets, including potential asset transfers of a number of Youth Centres. A planned review aims to help our facilities better support income generation, improve adaptability, and enhance spatial efficiency where possible.

**8. Financial Sustainability**

A dedicated Fundraising professional will lead the development of a strategy to grow "Given Income" by £130,000 over three years. We will continue to explore new funding opportunities, set earned income targets, optimise the use of MYA facilities, and bring accountancy services in-house to reduce central costs. An upgraded financial system will enhance efficiency and financial oversight.

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**Plans for the future (continued)**

**9. Risk Management**

Risk management will be embedded throughout the organisation. We will maintain and refresh our risk register, strengthen succession planning, monitor income diversification, and undertake Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs). Revised risk assessment tools and quarterly ISO non-conformance reviews will ensure a proactive approach. Risk management will also feature centrally in Board sub-committee planning.

Knowledge transfer and capacity-building across staff and governance structures will help future-proof MYA and sustain organisational memory.

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (cont.)**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law 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 group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those 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 and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with FRS 102. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

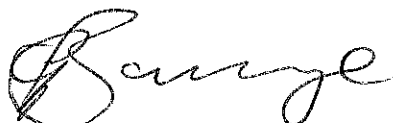
In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Bainbridge  
Secretary**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
(Limited by Guarantee)**

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited (cont.)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law).

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 16), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited (cont.)**

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of  
Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
Suite 13, Hattersley House  
1 Hattersley Court  
Off Burscough Road  
Ormskirk L39 2AY

*Paul Collins F.C.A*

Date:

*11/12/2025*

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
(Limited by Guarantee)**

**Statement of Financial Activities including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	4,196	2,734	6,930	10,644
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	203,628	48,604	252,232	202,934
<i>Investments</i>	5	8,249	-	8,249	7,782
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	1,204	4,825,858	4,827,062	4,749,426
<b>Total</b>		<u>217,277</u>	<u>4,877,196</u>	<u>5,094,473</u>	<u>4,970,786</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	10,010	-	10,010	4,489
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	420,639	3,651,936	4,072,575	5,042,213
<b>Total</b>		<u>430,649</u>	<u>3,651,936</u>	<u>4,082,585</u>	<u>5,046,702</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments</b>		(213,372)	1,225,260	1,011,888	(75,916)
Net gains on investments	13	1,787	-	1,787	18,673
Net gains on investment property		1,829	-	1,829	267,811
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before transfers</b>		<u>(209,756)</u>	<u>1,225,260</u>	<u>1,015,504</u>	<u>210,568</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	18	1,227,960	(1,227,960)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>1,018,204</u>	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>1,015,504</u>	<u>210,568</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,200,422</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,247,035</u>	<u>3,036,467</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>4,218,626</u>	<u>43,913</u>	<u>4,262,539</u>	<u>3,247,035</u>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 23 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	3,108,949	1,961,520
Investment assets: Investments	13	311,031	305,946
Investment assets: Investment property	13	835,017	833,188
		<b>4,254,997</b>	3,100,654
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	622,599	619,244
Cash at bank and in hand		10,536	128,948
		<b>633,135</b>	748,192
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(625,593)</b>	<b>(576,161)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>7,542</b>	172,031
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,262,539</b>	3,272,685
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	-	(25,650)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>4,262,539</b>	3,247,035
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	18		
Unrestricted		4,218,626	3,200,422
Restricted		43,913	46,613
		<b>4,262,539</b>	3,247,035

The notes on pages 23 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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A. Gibbons

  
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P. Singleton

Company Registration Number: 1843226

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	24	964,932	454,595
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		8,249	7,782
Proceeds from sale of investments		104,346	31,072
Purchase of investments		(113,585)	(29,575)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,233,725)	(183,677)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(1,234,715)</u>	<u>(174,398)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(40,810)	(37,374)
Interest paid		(4,274)	(19,995)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(45,084)</u>	<u>(57,369)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(314,867)	222,828
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		138,360	(84,468)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>(176,507)</u>	<u>138,360</u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		10,536	128,948
Bank overdraft		(190,386)	-
Cash equivalents		3,343	9,412
		<u>(176,507)</u>	<u>138,360</u>

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**1 Statutory information**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity information page. The Charity is also a public benefit entity.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Tangible fixed assets and deprecation (continued)**

All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager.

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash held at bank and in hand, together with cash held by our investment managers to facilitate transactions and bank overdrafts which are reported in current liabilities.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including cash, debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (cont.)**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2025 £	2024 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	4,196	2,734	6,930	10,644
<b>4 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	174,248	44,873	219,121	180,514
Insurance recharges	24,232	-	24,232	22,420
Fundraising events	5,148	3,731	8,879	-
	<u>203,628</u>	<u>48,604</u>	<u>252,232</u>	<u>202,934</u>
<b>5 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	624	-	624	126
Dividend income	7,625	-	7,625	7,656
	<u>8,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,249</u>	<u>7,782</u>
<b>6 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Alder Hey – NHS Trust	-	11,500	11,500	27,072
Badminton England	-	3,344	3,344	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	60,229	60,229	14,235
Brighter Sounds	-	-	-	25
Department for Work and Pensions	-	107,107	107,107	92,302
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	1,453	1,453	-
European Social Fund	-	-	-	1,162,665
Groundwork UK – Tesco Bags of Help	-	1,046	1,046	-
Knowsley MBC	-	1,039,626	1,039,626	1,009,853
Liverpool CC – Children’s Services	-	71,687	71,687	97,723
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	1,000	1,000	6,000
Merseyside Police	-	294,127	294,127	259,801
National Lottery Heritage	-	-	-	3,260
National Youth Agency	-	1,600	1,600	-
NCS Trust	-	76,223	76,223	27,161
NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	-	324,079	324,079	313,150
One Knowsley	-	15,894	15,894	58,148
Right to Succeed	-	-	-	3,000
Sefton CVS	-	10,050	10,050	11,990
Sefton MBC	-	47,000	47,000	53,355
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	962,604	962,604	202,125
UK Youth	-	54,174	54,174	46,400
Youth Endowment Fund	-	2,200	2,200	-
Youth Federation Limited	-	38,848	38,848	34,803
Youth Futures Foundation	-	160,061	160,061	884,022
Youth Investment Fund	-	1,356,712	1,356,712	213,082
Youth Music	-	28,456	28,456	20,111
Programme income	-	45,464	45,464	45,414
Project sales income	-	101,631	101,631	120,272
EMDR training income	-	7,743	7,743	29,079
Other income	1,204	2,000	3,204	14,378
	<u>1,204</u>	<u>4,825,858</u>	<u>4,827,062</u>	<u>4,749,426</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	5,364	-	5,364	216
Investment management costs	4,646	-	4,646	4,273
	<u>10,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>4,489</u>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	281,534	2,043,304	2,324,838	2,660,017
Staff pension costs	7,135	48,008	55,143	62,959
Agency costs	7,358	34,420	41,778	63,556
Compensation for loss of office	4,000	-	4,000	-
Redundancy costs	-	6,945	6,945	41,845
Staff training/health & safety	(9,936)	24,770	14,834	22,102
Staff fitness and wellbeing	2,090	1,400	3,490	361
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(6,458)	94,369	87,911	72,639
Service charges	-	40,050	40,050	38,050
Insurance	41,317	62,253	103,570	104,654
Light and heat	31,200	80,146	111,346	109,708
Cleaning and laundry	28,076	15,432	43,508	55,637
Repairs and maintenance	68,289	7,834	76,123	64,534
Accountancy	61,081	9,600	70,681	78,329
Advertising	-	475	475	-
Auditors' remuneration	20,800	-	20,800	18,000
Bad debts	11	40	51	1,399
Bank charges	7,475	-	7,475	10,084
Computer costs	31,213	43,761	74,974	66,881
Consultancy fees	336	20,304	20,640	14,573
EMDR training costs	-	34,158	34,158	58,795
ESF indirect overhead	(79,898)	79,898	-	-
ESF procured services	-	44,908	44,908	125,073
Equipment and resources	6,325	17,463	23,788	44,248
External supervision/support	2,696	3,145	5,841	7,299
Fees and subscriptions	1,828	7,567	9,395	9,512
Foodbank costs	-	1,530	1,530	1,636
Hire of equipment	7,585	6,426	14,011	14,739
Interest paid	4,274	-	4,274	19,995
IT support charges	(33,564)	33,564	-	-
Legal and professional costs	20,420	2,584	23,004	35,873
Marketing and communication	2,217	28,526	30,743	48,256
NOW Festival	-	23,362	23,362	12,917
Printing, postage & stationery	5,443	12,798	18,241	17,422
Programme expenses	(14,190)	191,315	177,125	200,201
Project start up/recruitment	(3,498)	3,498	-	-
Support services/other charges	(189,466)	189,466	-	-
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	361,514	361,514	770,070
c/fwd	<u>305,693</u>	<u>3,574,833</u>	<u>3,880,526</u>	<u>4,851,364</u>

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>8 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	305,693	3,574,833	3,880,526	4,851,364
Telephone	34,535	47,559	82,094	83,883
Travel and motor expenses	443	12,744	13,187	18,529
Vehicle expenses	-	966	966	1,174
Youth Hub administration fee	(11,976)	11,976	-	-
Depreciation	86,296	-	86,296	75,088
Sundries	5,648	3,858	9,506	12,175
	<u>420,639</u>	<u>3,651,936</u>	<u>4,072,575</u>	<u>5,042,213</u>

<b>9 Net (expenditure)/income</b>	2025	2024
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	86,296	75,088
Staff costs (see note 10)	2,379,981	2,722,977
Accountancy	70,681	78,329
Auditors' Remuneration	20,800	18,000

The auditor's remuneration of £20,800 (2024: £18,000) relates solely to the audit.

<b>10 Staff Costs</b>	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	2,128,068	2,434,405
Social Security Costs	196,770	225,612
Pension Costs	55,143	62,960
	<u>2,379,981</u>	<u>2,722,977</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administration	9	9
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	57	68
	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	-	1
From £70,001 - £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2024: £Nil) during the year. A total of £527 (2024: £517) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**11 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £55,143 (2024: £62,960).

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles	Buildings work in progress	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>						
At 1st April 2024	12,000	2,856,420	99,383	10,795	183,677	3,162,275
Additions	-	1,233,725	-	-	-	1,233,725
Transfers	-	183,677	-	-	(183,677)	-
At 31st March, 2025	<b>12,000</b>	<b>4,273,822</b>	<b>99,383</b>	<b>10,795</b>	-	<b>4,396,000</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>						
At 1st April 2024	8,880	1,132,287	56,046	3,542	-	1,200,755
Charge for the year	240	76,404	7,839	1,813	-	86,296
At 31st March, 2025	<b>9,120</b>	<b>1,208,691</b>	<b>63,885</b>	<b>5,355</b>	-	<b>1,287,051</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>						
At 31st March, 2025	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,065,131</b>	<b>35,498</b>	<b>5,440</b>	-	<b>3,108,949</b>
At 31st March, 2024	3,120	1,724,133	43,337	7,253	183,677	1,961,520

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>13 Investment assets</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	307,546	296,520
Cash held by investment managers	3,343	9,412
Accrued income due	137	9
	<u>311,031</u>	<u>305,946</u>
Investment property	835,017	833,188
	<u><b>1,146,048</b></u>	<u><b>1,139,134</b></u>

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPI at the year end date.

<b>Investment in subsidiary undertakings:</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

MYA Youth Limited was made dormant as at 31 March 2025.

**Listed investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	296,520	113,585	(104,346)	1,787	307,546
Cash	9,412				3,343
Accrued income	9				137
	<u><b>305,941</b></u>				<u><b>311,026</b></u>

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<b>14 Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	451,330	332,452
Prepayments and accrued income	169,235	281,639
Other debtors	<u>2,034</u>	<u>5,153</u>
	<u><b>622,599</b></u>	<u><b>619,244</b></u>

<b>15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank overdraft	190,386	-
Trade creditors	93,400	142,636
Bank loan	24,858	40,018
Accruals and deferred income	252,520	326,777
Taxation and social security	48,779	51,660
Other creditors	<u>15,650</u>	<u>15,070</u>
	<u><b>625,593</b></u>	<u><b>576,161</b></u>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture (including a fixed charge) dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

**16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loan	<u>-</u>	<u>25,650</u>

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**17 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	4,254,997	-	4,254,997
Current Assets	617,476	15,659	633,135
Current Liabilities	(653,847)	28,254	(625,593)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>4,218,626</b>	<b>43,913</b>	<b>4,262,539</b>

**18 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2024 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2025 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	981,810	641,883	(770,508)	73,516	926,701
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	635,560	-	(27,079)	23,320	631,801
MYA Know	12,767	-	(1,601)	-	11,166
MYA The Dam	7,253	-	(1,813)	-	5,440
MYA SPACE Project	36,965	-	(12,863)	1,388,934	1,413,036
Gordon Youth Centre	14,676	-	(688)	5,150	19,138
MYA YiF (Capital)	183,677	-	-	(183,677)	-
Starting Point	1,070,620	-	(42,252)	-	1,028,368
	<u>1,961,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(86,296)</u>	<u>1,233,727</u>	<u>3,108,949</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
MYA Foodbank	4,942	-	-	(425)	4,517
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	-	-	-	-
MYA Know	32,193	-	-	(31,516)	677
MYA MVP	6,787	-	-	(6,300)	487
MYA Noise	-	-	-	9,170	9,170
MYA Raise	212,672	-	-	(66,580)	146,092
MYA SPACE Project	-	-	-	19,460	19,460
MYA YOU	500	-	-	2,058	2,558
Gordon Youth Centre	-	55,999	(50,834)	(5,150)	15
	<u>257,094</u>	<u>55,999</u>	<u>(50,834)</u>	<u>(79,283)</u>	<u>182,976</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>3,200,422</b>	<b>697,882</b>	<b>(907,638)</b>	<b>1,227,960</b>	<b>4,218,626</b>

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**18 Movement on funds (cont.)**

	At 1st April, 2024 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	254,655	(258,234)	3,579	-
MYA Foodbank	-	1,105	(1,530)	425	-
MYA Know	-	857,358	(844,211)	(13,147)	-
MYA MVP	-	100,000	(106,300)	6,300	-
MYA Navigators	-	189,342	(188,730)	(612)	-
MYA NCS Targeted	8,978	77,023	(74,273)	(11,728)	-
MYA Noise	-	42,849	(32,275)	(9,170)	1,404
MYA Raise	-	443,168	(409,748)	(33,420)	-
MYA Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	6,816	-	-	-	6,816
MYA SPACE Project	-	168,110	(148,650)	(19,460)	-
MYA Talent Match Youth Futures	19,859	191,035	(175,201)	-	35,693
MYA The Dam	-	92,254	(136,917)	44,663	-
MYA YiF (Revenue Fund)	-	160,452	(161,575)	1,123	-
MYA YiF (Capital Fund)	-	1,196,259	-	(1,196,259)	-
MYA YOU	-	51,687	(49,629)	(2,058)	-
MYA Youth Hub	10,960	107,107	(118,067)	-	-
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	963,799	(965,603)	1,804	-
Total restricted funds	<u>46,613</u>	<u>4,896,203</u>	<u>(3,670,943)</u>	<u>(1,227,960)</u>	<u>43,913</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>3,247,035</b></u>	<u><b>5,594,085</b></u>	<u><b>(4,578,581)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>4,262,539</b></u>

**Name of fund                      Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

**Unrestricted funds**

General fund                      Any monies not included in any other fund.

**Designated unrestricted capital reserves**

The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:

Headquarters  
Gordon Youth Centre  
MYA Know  
MYA The Dam  
MYA SPACE Project  
MYA YiF (Capital)  
Starting Point

This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.

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**18 Movement on funds (cont.)**

<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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**Designated unrestricted funds**

The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:

MYA Foodbank

MYA Know

MYA MVP

MYA Noise

MYA Raise

MYA SPACE

MYA YOU

Gordon Youth Centre

This is a leasehold property located in the Netherton area of the city. The centre is utilised as a project base for our Talent Match team and supports its delivery of personalised pathways to education and employment for young people. There are also tenants located at the centre including a pharmacy who have a licence to operate in the designated area to serve the local community. Income from tenancies is used to finance the operating and maintenance costs of the building.

**Restricted funds**

MYA Choices Knowsley

Choices Knowsley is a Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council funded 'Short Breaks' service for disabled children/young people and their families. The main purpose of a short break is to give parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability the opportunity to have a break from their caring role. Provision is available for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 and currently residing in Knowsley.

MYA Know

Funded through Knowsley MBC, this project supports young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The project works in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, Detached Youth Work etc., The project team also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people. The majority of services are delivered from MYA's 'Our Place' venue located in Longview, Huyton and The Dam at Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA MVP	The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.
MYA Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim, survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
MYA NCS Targeted	Funded by NCS (National Citizens Service), this project provides an opportunity for young people to gain life skills, employability skills and develop their own social action project.
MYA Noise	The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.
MYA Raise	This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.
Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	This a small fund established in memory of Siobhan Price who was a Social Worker with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. She had a passion for making a difference for young people and was an avid outdoor pursuit enthusiast. Following her sudden and unexpected passing at a very young age, family and colleagues of Siobhan raised a sum of money and approached MYA to hold the money and use it to provide opportunities for young people to engage in the activities that Siobhan loved such as paddleboarding.
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200-seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

Talent Match – Youth Futures	Funded by Youth Futures Foundation who are a “what works” funder. This programme supports young people who have been out of training, education or work for 12 months or more. This project works with young people aged 15-29 providing intensive mentoring and bespoke wraparound support to enable them to achieve their goals. Evaluated by King’s College London, this programme aims to provide an evidence base on “what works” to address youth unemployment in order to influence future unemployment strategies.
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	This is a central pillar of the UK government’s Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. Under the People and Skills Priority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority commissioned a number of community-led employment projects to work with economically inactive and socially excluded people to offer a range of personalised support to move them closer to employment.
MYA YOU	The YOU Project funded through Liverpool City Council, is a citywide, strategic approach to providing services for disabled children and young people as well as their families.
MYA Youth Hub	Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.
MYA Youth Investment Fund (Revenue & Capital)	The Youth Investment Fund is funded by the UK government to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services in the out of school youth sector, to drive positive outcomes for young people. It is used to improve the health and wellbeing of young people, equip them with skills for work and life and empower them to become active members of their community and society.

**19 Transfers between funds**

Eleven (2024: twelve) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves; other than for the three projects whose reserves have been restricted, the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts.

In respect of fixed asset additions in the year, £1,205,257 (2024: £183,677) has been transferred from restricted reserves to designated capital reserves. In addition, £23,320 was transferred from general unrestricted funds to designated capital reserves in respect of fixed asset additions.

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**19 Transfers between funds (continued)**

The most significant net transfers from designated unrestricted funds in the year are as below:

£31,516 was transferred from designated unrestricted funds to restricted funds to support a related project that had incurred a deficit in the year.

£100,000 (2024: £Nil) was transferred from designated unrestricted funds to the general unrestricted fund in respect of one project with a carried forward surplus; there was also a transfer of £33,420 from restricted funds to designated unrestricted funds in respect of the same project, as a result of a surplus in-year.

The most significant net transfers from restricted funds in the year represent:

As referred to above, £31,516 was transferred from designated unrestricted funds to restricted funds to support a related project that had incurred a deficit in the year. A further £13,147, representing the surplus for the year, was transferred from the restricted funds of the same project, to support that related project that had incurred a deficit. The overall transfer to support the project was therefore £44,663. The two projects are very much linked, but are retained as different departments for monitoring purposes.

Also as referenced above, there was a transfer of £33,420 from restricted funds to designated unrestricted funds in respect of the a project, as a result of a surplus in-year.

In addition, £1,196,259 was transferred from restricted funds to designated unrestricted capital reserves, as a capital project was completed in the year.

**20 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**21 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025:

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021. Therefore, the condition is in place until 31 March 2026.
- A potential liability exists in respect of the Social Investment Business Foundation (“SIBF”) monies of £1,367,252 received in respect of the current and previous financial years for the capital improvement of the property held under a lease at Seaview Road. A charge was registered on 15 December 2023 prohibiting any disposition of the land at Seaview Road, occupied by MYA SPACE, without the written consent of SIBF. This condition remains in place for 15 years from 13 October 2023, until 12 October 2038.

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**22 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 as follows:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	<b>31,365</b>	45,475
Between one and five years	-	-	<b>27,015</b>	58,214
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>58,380</b></u>	<u>103,689</u>

**23 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2024: £Nil) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £Nil(2024: £1,243,543).

**24 Cash generated by operating activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the year	1,015,504	210,568
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(8,249)	(7,782)
Depreciation	86,296	75,088
Net gains on investments	(3,616)	(286,484)
Interest payable	4,274	19,995
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<u><b>1,094,209</b></u>	<u>11,385</u>
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,483)	394,155
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(125,794)</u>	<u>49,055</u>
	<u><b>964,932</b></u>	<u>454,595</u>

**25 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**26 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity received a donation of £1,000 from Mason Owen Financial Services Limited, a company in respect of which A. Gibbons is a director. In support of the fundraising dinner held during the year, tables costing £400 and £800 were purchased by Mason Owen Financial Services Limited and Remstone Property Management Limited respectively. R.T Dears is a director of Remstone Construction Limited. There were no amounts due to, or from, these companies at the year end date (2024: £Nil).



**MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 700738

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration number: 700738**  
**Company Registration number: 1843226**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**  
**(Limited by Guarantee)**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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**Charity Information**

Charity Name: Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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Charity Registration Number: 700738

Company Registration Number: 1843226

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August, 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

Registered Office: Abney Building  
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J. C. Lewys-Lloyd (Treasurer)  
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**Charity Information (continued)**

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The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors who acted during the year are as stated below:

P. Boyce  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney (resigned 26 October 2023)  
I. Khan (resigned 7 September 2023)  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
P. Moonan (appointed 18 May 2023)  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn (resigned 19 December 2023)

D. Swaffield and R. Dears retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first. The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-option of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

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**Trustees induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan and a copy of the latest annual report and accounts. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet every six weeks. The Board will convene sub groups for specific purposes e.g. fundraising as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 8600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority, metro mayor and the LEP. As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCS's and other infrastructure organisations.

VS6 has an agreed manifesto and action plan which outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the City Region focused on three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

The CEO is a trustee of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. VSNW ensures that the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, in all its diversity, takes its full part in shaping the future of the North West. VSNW's activity to support the sector in the North West is currently focused on five areas: Devolution, System Change, Health and Social Care, Supporting Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

We continue our partnership with LCVS, Sefton CVS, St Helens and Halton CVA, One Knowsley and Community Action Wirral to coordinate the infrastructure offer across the city region.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group) and is a member of Youth Focus North West and is part of their Strategic Leads group.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and UKSPF Provers group.

We have also maintained our close strategic links with the Department of Work and Pensions including delivering a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters, with co-located DWP work coaches. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

The Charity has strategic links with CAMHS (including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board) and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people, and their families in Sefton.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in membership of the Fairer, Healthier Liverpool Group, addressing the social determinates of health. We have also been proactive in the Liverpool City Council Youth Service Review, attending the steering group.

MYA has embedded strong and effective strategic and operational partnerships linked to the delivery of Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes membership of the Knowsley Children and Families Board, and participation in network meetings in relation to several strategies including Stronger Communities, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Children, Health and Wellbeing, ASB, Care Leavers and Crime and Communities team meetings.

We remain members of the Heath Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people.

The CEO is also a VCFS representative on Cheshire and Merseyside NHS Children and Young people's Committee taking a systemic, multi-disciplinary approach to meeting the health needs of children and young people. She is also a member of the Cheshire and Merseyside VCSE CYP Network group which seeks to connect the wider sector with the ICB and to identify and address priority issues across the ICB footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, The Youth Futures Foundation, the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), UK Shared Prosperity Fund (managed through the Combine Authority), UK Youth, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council England, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Liverpool CVS, National Citizens Service (Open via Youth Fed and targeted) Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund), PRS Foundation, VOLA and YPAS.

Malmo Café rebranded to become Yonder. They remain a tenant of the building, running a café from the ground floor in our city centre base. This arrangement will come to a close following their relocation to the Baltic Quarter, and we will be seeking a new café provider in the next financial year. Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble Playing Fields.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of identity) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people.

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, Listening Ear and The Brain Charity, procured to deliver targeted services, via an SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited, and following a review has suspended use of the company.

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**Risk management**

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all other aspects of its work.

These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

WorkNest provide external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

A rolling programme of health and safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2023 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserves policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long-term intention of the Trustees to build up our unrestricted reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months' worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months' worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. These objectives have been met. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £3,200,407 and restricted reserves at the year end date total £46,613.

**Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances as to develop their physical, mental, spiritual capacities that may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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**Mission**

Our mission is to co-create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**Vision:**

Liverpool City Region has young people able to learn, adapt and thrive in their communities with pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience.

**Aims:**

- To give every child and young person the best start in life
- To enable a sense of belonging in our young people
- To inspire our young people to achieve their full potential
- To enable all children and young people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- To contribute to the development of healthy and sustainable places and communities
- To build a strong, positive and dynamic workforce, creating fair employment within MYA and across children's and young people's services

**Objectives:**

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To co-design a responsive curriculum that predicts and responds to needs
- To embed the IDEA framework in all our planning
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To influence for positive systemic change with and for young people and their organisations and services with which they engage
- To utilise reflective practice as an employer as well as a provider
- To maintain our external quality assurance framework

**Values:**

- Young Person Centred
- Inclusive, adaptable and Accessible
- Responsive and Flexible
- Friendly and Non-judgemental
- Challenging and Rewarding
- Supportive and Developmental
- Effective and Efficient

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**Key Enablers**



TO BE PEOPLE  
FOCUSED



TO NURTURE  
BELONGING  
AND DEVELOP  
A SENSE OF  
IDENTITY



TO BUILD AND  
SUSTAIN  
INTERVENTIO  
NS THAT  
RESPOND TO  
NEED



TO BE  
COMMUNITY  
BUILDERS



TO BE  
CHANGE  
MAKERS



TO FOCUS ON  
WELLBEING  
AND  
RESILIENCE  
THROUGH A  
TRAUMA-  
INFORMED  
LENS

**Needs analysis**

Our Youthwork offer starts with an analysis on what young people's needs are, and our offer and curriculum are developed to address them.

Our young people's needs include:

**Feelings:**

- Social Isolation
- Identity
- Feelings of belonging
- Feelings of safety
- Peer relationship difficulties
- Anxiety and depression
- Health anxiety
- Body image
- Hopelessness
- Apathy
- Fear of the future

**Behaviours:**

- Unhealthy relationships
- Risk taking
- Vaping
- Smoking
- Eating difficulties
- Poor sleeping patterns
- Violent behaviour
- Criminal behaviour
- On-line harm
- Gambling
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Self-Diagnosis of disability or health issues
- Conflict escalation
- Lack of structure or purpose

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**Needs analysis (continued)**

***External issues:***

- Costs of living crisis
- Poverty
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Family issues
- Social pressure including social media
- Lack of support networks
- Racism
- Exploitation
- School difficulties
- Difficulties accessing SEND diagnosis

**Responsive Curriculum Offer:**

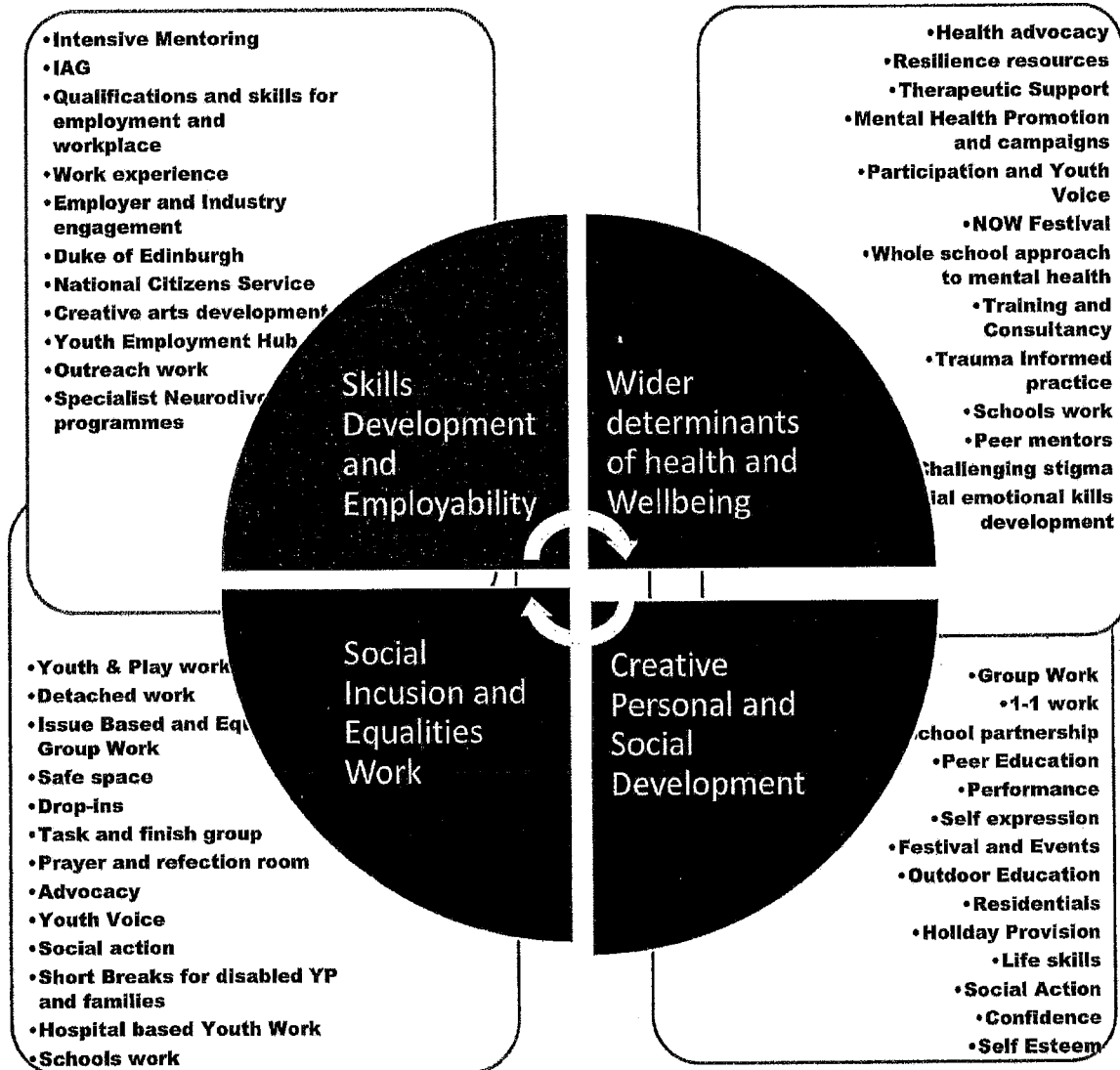
We have undertaken a needs and gaps analysis and have agreed the following priorities in the coming year:

- Provide Safe spaces for young people where their basic needs can be met.
- Provide projects which:
  - Connect young people to each other
  - Reduce social isolation
  - Create healthy and positive peer relationships and learning
  - Focus on wellbeing, health, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
  - Enable young people to explore their identity
  - Engender a sense of belonging
  - Promote pro-social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
  - Enhance young people's aspirations and progressions
  - Develop Life skills
  - Enhance social and emotional development

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MYA Offer



Resilience framework, Safe spaces, Progressive pathways,  
Professional workforce

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**MYA Offer (continued)**

MYA's staff are often the trusted adult in young people's lives, providing place based, community facing projects that provide:

**Life-changing opportunities**

From creative workshops to interventions, we create life-changing opportunities and transitions, celebrating and recognising the small outcomes as well as the big ones.

**Whole person approach**

We keep young people at the centre of everything we do, with a responsive whole person approach that allows individuals to reach their potential.

**Skills that equip them for life**

We want to give young people the skills they need throughout their lives. All our projects are intended to instil pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience so young people can learn, adapt and thrive.

**Achievements and performance**

We're committed to our vision for Liverpool City Region, to be a place where young people are able to learn, adapt and thrive in their communities with pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience.

We want to open doors to an inclusive, flexible, respectful experience where we can create positive cascading impact that opens eyes, minds and possibilities far and wide.

The foundation to this is building a sense of belonging that can and will last a lifetime, empowering children and young people to find their place in the world.

We know from experience how important strong communities are, and that positive change is infectious. By championing children and young people at a personal and societal level, our efforts ripple out, doing good we may never see.

So, every interaction – big or small – is another step forward, a chance to influence the system and sector as they evolve, a way of growing our wider community, and of inspiring and empowering children and young people to take ownership over their lives.

**Skills Development and Employability**

**MYA Talent Match** celebrated 10 years of delivery, with a conference at St George's Hall. This gave us a chance to showcase some amazing case studies proving quite clearly "what works". We looked back on young people, whose Talent Match journeys started some time ago, and asked Where are you now? Each one attributed their journey and their destination to Talent Match and their Intensive Mentor. Films showcased their achievements and mapped how far they had come, demonstrating powerfully the impact that Talent Match can have on young peoples' lives.

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**Skills Development and Employability (continued)**

Our ESF/YEI programme was completed in December, with the following whole programme results:

<b>Results</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Achieved</b>	<b>% Achieved</b>
Inactive participants engaged in job-search	376	342	91%
In training / education upon leaving	898	938	104%
Participants gaining a qualification upon leaving	1,539	1,513	98%
In employment (incl. self-employment) upon leaving	1,055	1,006	95%
Unemployed participants who complete the YEI supported intervention	2,403	2,368	99%
Unemployed who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	1,479	1,460	99%
Unemployed participants who are in education, training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	1,960	2,016	103%
Long term unemployed who complete the YEI supported intervention	1,979	1,959	99%
Long term unemployed who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	1,139	1,188	104%
Long term unemployed participants who are in education training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	1,620	1,657	102%
Inactive participants who complete the YEI supported intervention	801	807	101%
Inactive participants who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	458	470	103%
Inactive participants who are in education training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	622	663	107%

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**Skills Development and Employability (continued)**

We were successful in securing UK SPF funding from the LCR Combined Authority to continue our work.

**MYA Youth Hub**

Over the last year The Youth Hub has evolved into a hub of action for 18 to 24-year-olds, referred by Job Centre Plus as an alternative offer with specialist support. The Hub is intended to be a welcoming, trusted, and safe space, and that's exactly what it has become. We know this from the number of young people who pop in even when they don't have an appointment. Drop-in sessions encourage social interaction and group activities that explore transferable skills are always welcomed.

Our person-centred, individualised support puts young people in the lead and helps us see life through their lens. Everyone referred to the Youth Hub also gets access to Neurodiverse Mentor, Marginalised Communities Mentor, DWP Coaches, and partnership work with Talent Match.

Taking a partnership approach to our work with DWP has been essential to our growing success. Marketplace events are facilitated jointly and held at MYA, giving young people open access to opportunities with employers from right across the region.

**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing**

**MYA Raise Team** worked with over 2,300 young people this year, delivering mental health and emotional wellbeing support to children, young people, their families and those who support them.

We've developed and delivered various projects, including the impactful ROCKET Resilience Champion programme. This one-day resilience-building initiative, delivered in Key Stage 2, has yielded significant results. Over 87% of the children who took part not only gained a deep understanding of resilience but also the necessary tools to foster it, showcasing the effectiveness of our approach.

The 2024 NOW Festival – centred around the theme of ACEs – was a powerful platform that brought together 19 schools and community groups from across Merseyside.

Other areas of work have included a project working with young asylum seekers, insight work on the 16-25 service and the promotion of safety planning for young people with suicidal ideation.

Our Bitesize training has been delivered to over 3,000 delegates (parents, carers and members of the children and young people's workforce) covering a range of mental health themes, from eating disorders and self-harm to suicide awareness, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and managing anxiety and low mood.

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**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing (continued)**

**MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention**

The RAISE team have successfully delivered the Mentors in Violence Prevention Project across 30 Secondary schools throughout the Liverpool City Region, working with 492 Mentors and 4,054 mentees. This is based on the five core components: Adopting an Active Bystander Approach, Developing Leadership, Challenging Victim Blaming, Exploring Violence through a gender lens and understanding violence. This enables both mentors and mentees to explore a range of scenarios which will support their personal and social skills development.

**Social Inclusion and Equalities work**

**MYA Know**

Another standout in 2023-24 has been our second full year of delivery since the launch of MYA's Integrated Youth Service, funded by Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The project has become established and then embedded locally within the existing structures and mechanisms which are in place. In total we have supported 1,687 young people in Knowsley with over 18,000 contacts.

MYA's Integrated Youth Service is a comprehensive service comprising of:

- One-to-one intensive mentoring
- Health
- Detached Youth Work
- Participation and Youth Voice

Each department and area of work is integrated both internally – to maximise opportunities for young people – and externally within the wider sector, to ensure value and quality of intervention experience. Highlights include delivering intensive mentoring support to 133 young people, delivering 1,743 hours of detached youth work, with 7,147 contacts and 370 young people undertaking planned sessions.

Think Health have delivered 12 health campaigns, delivered school assemblies and drop ins to 2,698 pupils and trained 131 professionals in health related topics.

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**Social Inclusion and Equalities work (continued)**

**The Dam**

MYA's Outdoor Education Centre, has completed its the first full year of independent delivery using our own team of instructors and trainers. Set lakeside in breath-taking surroundings within The Lord Derby's Estate in Prescot, Knowsley, 'The Dam' is an exclusive access centre which makes for a remote and magical experience for participants. 1,951 young people have participated in a range of exciting and engaging activities including:

- Canoeing
- Paddle Boarding
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Bushcraft
- Archery

Our highly experienced and qualified instructors also provide a number of professional sector qualifications and accreditations. Over the last year we have trained 50 professionals, strengthening the local sector and adding further value.

**MYA Navigators**

In September 2023, two additional Navigators were recruited. a full staff team of four means that we now have a higher presence across the hospital sites, increasing staff awareness and knowledge of the project.

Promotional drives, along with having a full staff team for half of the year, has helped us increase referrals. Navigators successfully worked with these young people, referring and signposting them onto services such as YPAS, Victim Care Merseyside, Merseyside Domestic Violence Service, and MYA projects including SPACE, Noise and Talent Match.

**MYA Choices Knowsley**

This is a Short Break service for young people with complex needs and disabilities. We are funded by Knowsley Council (KMBC) and work closely with them to provide the best service for our young people that is safe and enjoyable, whilst also providing respite for parents and carers.

A variety of activities are offered across our sessions. We plan each programme in relation to different sensory stimulation and educational tools, so young people can develop new skills and have opportunities for learning that promote independence and inclusivity. Holiday sessions include swimming, bigger venues with trampolines, sports rooms, outdoor play areas, and lots of space for the young people to enjoy free play, choosing the activity they want to do.

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**MYA Choices Knowsley (continued)**

This year, we have successfully delivered to 74 young people with 1,619 contacts (an average of 21 sessions per young person). This included 10 weeks of holiday provision and around 40 weekend sessions. One clear achievement is the consistency of our young people, who attend provision each week and/or holiday and always come in excited to attend. Even with the new referrals, they have built a strong foundation that incorporates their needs – particularly sensory needs – into the programme and allows them to express themselves freely.

As our young people have individual complex needs, we need to continue working to a professional standard, providing new opportunities in a safe and secure environment. Looking into the new year, we plan to keep increasing referrals whilst making sure safety remains paramount. We also hope to plan more trips and continue creating session plans to incorporate the young peoples' wants and needs, with adaptability and inclusivity.

**MYA You**

The MYA You Splice project has had some big changes this year, including leaving our long-term venue in Everton and moving to Speke Adventure Playground (The Venny) in May 2023. Our cohort has grown, with many young people moving with us and new referrals settling in and building relationships well. Now we're established, we continue to grow and develop as part of the local community.

A new youth-led programme has allowed us to ask the young people more about what they want. We have trips planned to Hollywood Bowl, McDonalds, and Pizza Hut, which have all helped aid their ability to budget and understand money. New skills have been developed in the form of bowling and socialising in the local community. Socialising can be daunting for some, but with the support of staff and friends everyone has enjoyed their time.

Childwall Splice is still running smoothly, and we benefit from ongoing visits from a cricket coach who attends most weeks. This has brought new young people to the group who stay and socialise after the sport session ends. We are really proud of how many young people attend each week, some of whom have been part of Splice for many years.

Overall we proved 51 young people with over 9,000 contacts (an average of 17 sessions per young person). Our aim is for the young people to feel safe and happy in a positive environment that celebrates their differences, building trusting relationships and supporting them if they need advice or help. There are so many barriers for young people with SEND to access mainstream services. We want them to feel empowered to develop new skills and promote inclusivity through our services, adapting our sessions to meet their needs.

**Creative Personal and Social Development**

**MYA SPACE**

SPACE is based in the Linacre ward of Bootle where it offers performing and creative arts and wellbeing as a tool for youth work and informal education. A varied program of youth work is delivered, giving over 600 young people opportunities to learn new skills in everything from dance and drama, to music, singing, musical theatre, script writing, set building, costume making, media and film, music production, and band development.

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**Creative Personal and Social Development (continued)**

**MYA SPACE (continued)**

We also provide a strong mental health and emotional wellbeing offer in schools, offering listening ear and programmes to support young people who are struggling to return or remain in school.

Outcomes for these sessions include creating theatre for other young people and the community – like our fun pantos – band performances and dance shows, and other more educational pieces. 'BULLY' was a theatre in education project that young people wrote and performed. 'Behaviour Yourself' were short films used for an antisocial behaviour project, and 'A Lad in Bootle' was our panto with a twist.

SPACE have also facilitated mental health and wellbeing projects working in both schools and our centre. These include one-to-one space to talk, projects around stress and exams, advice on relationships, sexual health, money matters, drugs and substance misuse, and health and nutrition – all of them helping young people to gain knowledge and skills, and build their resilience.

Highlights include gaining YIF funding to refurbish our building and funding from The National Lottery for our MIND, BODY & SPACE project, facilitating a wellbeing food offer for young people. We look forward to facilitating all our projects with young people into 2024 – so watch this SPACE!

**MYA Noise**

Partnership working has been key for Noise this year. Linking in with LCR Music Board SIF and Talent Match has enabled Noise to deliver another successful music focused programme whilst exploring new directions.

Through collaborative working, Noise piloted a Music Wellbeing Group – a four-week programme with two Noise staff members and two trained councillors. Young Artists were invited to attend two-hour group counselling sessions to discuss the anxieties and stresses that come with a life in music, whilst receiving professional therapeutic and pragmatic guidance and advice. For most in the group this was their first experience with any kind of counselling.

A new Talent Development activity – Next Gen – was funded by Talent Match and delivered in-house by Noise. The aim was to help young people with an interest in music in exploring the industry as an employment or enterprise route for them, providing innovative ways to up-skill young people and cultivate transferable skills.

Record Club is a monthly opportunity for some of our young Artists to meet in the studio and play new music for each other, before gaining essential constructive feedback. We are up to our 12th Record Club and have a dedicated cohort who gain a great deal from these monthly sessions.

**MYA NCS**

We successfully delivered our first two NCS Targeted programmes running from January - March 2024 for 14 SEND young people, and April - June for 34 young people from the Knowsley and Liverpool boroughs.

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**MYA NCS (continued)**

The young people engaged in the 12-week development course, completing sessions around Life Skills, including a day at MYA's The Dam, Employability Skills, and delivering a social action project for their local community. A key success was the retention of the young people, with all 48 young people completing the full 12 sessions on NCS, highlighting how they enjoyed their NCS experience. We have now successfully recruited the full staff team and are set for a strong Year 2 programme delivery.

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with 5,277 different young people, with 120,041 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. We worked with 481 more young people this year than last year. Most of our projects work with young people regularly throughout the year, to build relationships and feelings of belonging. On average, each young person attends 22 times per year.

**Equality data:**

- 47% of the cohort identify as male
- 51% identify as female
- 2 % identify as non-binary.
- 9 % of our cohort were from Black, Asian and Minoritized Ethnic Communities.
- 6% of our cohort identified as LGBTQ.
- 15% of our young people identified as disabled.

**Age:**

- 39% of our young people were aged between 0-11
- 46% were aged between 12-16
- 9% were aged 17-21.
- 6% were over 21 years.

This shows a shift to working with a younger cohort, which reflects our work in Knowsley and our Holidays and Food programmes in Sefton and Knowsley.

We have provided training to 3,391 different organisations/professionals reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health.

We have worked with 479 partner and referral agencies, demonstrating our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes**

This year we have enabled 291 young people to enter training, education or work and a further 510 have gained a qualification as a direct result of our work.

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long-term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills

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**Outcomes (continued)**

In relation to the results from MYA's Outcomes star, these percentages show the number of young people who have demonstrated increases in the following outcomes for 2023-24:

- Motivation – 94%
- Skills – 94%
- Resilience – 93%
- Aspiration – 93%
- Belonging – 93%

**SROI**

For the last 5 years, Ark Consultancy have been undertaking their Social Return on Investment evaluation of the Talent Match Programme. This year's social value on outcomes was £26,018,684, an average of £36,086 per participant.

The 5-year cumulative values of Talent Match is £94,224,501, an average value of £27,141 per programme participant.

Further analysis of the data highlighted that:

- 515 participants stated they were suffering from anxiety or depression. With 36% reporting a reduction during their journey.
- 252 of the participants stated they felt they had lacked family support on joining the programme, 45% of participants improved their family relations during the programme.
- 70 of the participants had caring or parental responsibility.
- 77 stated they had problems with drugs or alcohol, 51% of those participants left the programme stating they no longer had dependency issues.
- 259 of the participants stated they had a disability.
- 370 participants stated on joining the programme they felt a lack of control of their life, around 72% of participants left the programme feeling more in control of their life.

The health and wellbeing social value interventions and activities achieved £53m (56%) of the total £94,224,501 social value, a significantly higher value than the other 3 themes. The top 3 categories represent:

- Those young people whose confidence had increased during the programme with a value of £21.2m (40%)
- Young people who experienced a reduction in anxiety or depression with a value of £15.8m (29.8%)
- Young people whose overall health had improved with a value of £10.4m (19.7%)

**Facilities**

MYA premises in Hanover Street have been used by over 15 different groups in this 12-month period, raising income of £51,933.

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**Facilities (continued)**

MYA SPACE, our Youth Arts Centre has begun its refurbishment, funded via the YIF Programme. Work has begun on the new windows, lighting, cladding and ventilation. The programme is due to be completed in July 24, when the new kitchen and dining area and solar panels will be installed.

Our Place in Knowsley has increased their usage and income generation by working in partnership with community organisations, Local Authority departments and public sector partners. Their income from facilities was £43,032, an increase of £2,767 from last year.

The Dam has made £4,400 in hire of facilities and has income from sales and programme of £40,970.

**Finance**

MYA's annual income has increased by £619,906 in this financial year and reserves have increased by £210,548. Projects have been investing in direct work with young people, that increased income being met with an increase in expenditure of £734,174. The charity's investment in that direct work has gone beyond that, as projects have spent their reserves brought forward to increase their reach with support to young people. The rise in investments, totalling £286,484, has positively contributed to that increase in reserves.

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 68% has come from grants including European funding, Charitable Trusts, Foundations and public sector grants.

Our income from Local Authorities has decreased in percentage terms by 4% and now represents 23% of our total income.

Our income from sales (training, project and programme income) and hire of facilities has remained consistent at from 8% of overall income. Hire of facilities alone and tenancy rentals has increased by £12,992 reflecting the increased use of our Hanover Street HQ and Our Place facility in Knowsley.

Income from donations and legacies and from investments (together) has increased by £2,179, as both categories of income have increased.

**Quality Assurance**

MYA successfully achieved its re-certification of **ISO9001(2015)** award in May 23.

We have also maintained our IAG Matrix Standard and NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit.

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**Quality Assurance (continued)**

We have undertaken Data Impact Assessments on all areas of work, and we continue to review our cloud security to ensure we are as compliant and secure as possible. We have re-tendered our external IT support and are working with MRD, which supports our cloud-based systems.

We have begun the implementation of HR software (YouManage) that will enable MYA to improve the quality and effectiveness of the HR management processes.

**Marketing**

We have launched the new website and have seen a significant increase in traffic through the site, which has positively impacted our hire of facilities.

We have rebranded all our external comms and are rolling out the rebranding of our buildings.

**Plans for the Future**

We have embedded the IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality and Accessibility) framework into our planning at Business and Project level.

We have identified 10 key areas for development and have set out SMART targets for the coming year. They are as follows:

**1. Vision, Values and Strategy**

- Promote updated mission and vision internally and externally
  - ✓ Impact Report
  - ✓ Website
  - ✓ Promote Fair Employment Charter status
- Ensure Board of Trustees set strategy and provide strategic leadership and oversight of the work of MYA:
  - ✓ Move to quarterly Board meetings
  - ✓ Implement sub- committee structure
  - ✓ Maintain strategic focus and scrutiny
  - ✓ Streamline reporting
  - ✓ Diversify Board membership

**2. People and Culture**

- Refresh and implement new processes:
  - ✓ Recruitment and selection
  - ✓ Induction
  - ✓ Salary grading matrix
- Improve consistency of performance management processes
- Develop a skills pipeline for employment within the organisation

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**Plans for the Future (continued)**

**3. Key Policies and procedures**

- Retain External Quality Marks
- Improve use of IT via:
  - ✓ HR data system
  - ✓ Share Point
- Implement updated:
  - ✓ Employee Handbook
  - ✓ Contract of employment
  - ✓ Financial systems and procedures
  - ✓ Disaster Contingency Policy
  - ✓ GDPR mapping document

**4. Reach and Engagement**

- Engage 4,000 different young people a year
- Facilitate 130,000 contacts a year
- Set and monitor equalities targets
- Implement new:
  - ✓ CRM system
  - ✓ SROI outcomes monitoring
- Utilise data analysis to target reach
- Identify our community and utilise its assets

**5. Curriculum Offer**

- Provide Safe spaces for young people where their basic needs can be met.
- Provide projects which:
  - ✓ Connect young people to each other
  - ✓ Reduce social isolation
  - ✓ Create healthy and positive peer relationships and learning
  - ✓ Focus on wellbeing, health, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
  - ✓ Enable young people to explore their identity
  - ✓ Engender a sense of belonging
  - ✓ Promote pro-social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
  - ✓ Enhance young people's aspirations and progressions
  - ✓ Develop Life skills
  - ✓ Enhance social and emotional development

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**Plans for the Future (continued)**

**6. Youth Voice**

- Create and develop diverse youth voice platforms within projects
- Empower young people to shape the services they receive
- Utilise Lundy Framework
- Champion youth voice, platform, action
- Demonstrate the impact "You said, we did"
- Implement learning from youth voice into campaigns, curriculum and delivery

**7. Communications**

- Audit of current comms/social media and review gaps
- Set up a Comms group for support and coordination
- Complete building branding
- Facilitate staff conference on communications
- Showcase our successes:
  - ✓ Campaigns
  - ✓ Outcomes
  - ✓ Events
  - ✓ Website

**8. Partnership and advocacy**

- Sustain existing partnerships and networks
- Expand partnerships and networks to support transition
- Forge multi-disciplinary partnership to build life changing interventions
- Support and challenge partners ensuring best working practices across the sector
- Advocate with partners to motivate for systemic change and a rights-based approach
- Review Leasehold buildings and agreements
- Finalise outstanding leases:
  - ✓ JH playing fields
  - ✓ Knowsley
- Facilitate Property Sub-Committee of the Board
- Use properties to strengthen local sector whilst balancing needs of MYA
- Full review of Hanover St usage:
  - ✓ Maximising income
  - ✓ Flexibility for change
  - ✓ Efficient internal spacial plans
- SPACE – relaunch refurbished centre and monitor Solar impact

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**Plans for the Future (continued)**

9. Financial Growth

- Horizon scan to remain ahead of the fundraising curve
- Seek new funders to sustain offer
- Responding to new funds and applying for new opportunities
- Implement a 10% admin fee on bids over £5k with no FCR costs
- Set and monitor earned income generation targets
- Optimising MYA facilities
- Utilising space in Hanover Street and MYA premises

10. Risk management

- Develop organisation risk register
- Improve succession/continuity planning within projects.
- Undertake DPIAs
- SLT to scrutinise new funding bids considering capacity and risk
- Close analysis of Cashflow 2024/25
- Implement revised risk assessment forms
- Monitor reserves and financial projections into 2025/26
- Improve internal communication
- Implement quarterly review of project ISO non-conformance and mitigations with SLT review

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (cont.)**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law 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 group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those 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 and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with FRS 102. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Bainbridge  
Secretary**

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law).

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 30), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**  
Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of  
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*Paul Collins* FCA

Date: *17th December 2024*

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	1,179	9,465	10,644	9,164
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	153,052	49,882	202,934	187,262
<i>Investments</i>	5	7,782	-	7,782	7,083
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	7,184	4,742,242	4,749,426	4,147,371
<b>Total</b>		<u>169,197</u>	<u>4,801,589</u>	<u>4,970,786</u>	<u>4,350,880</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	4,544	-	4,544	4,545
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	277,806	4,764,372	5,042,178	4,308,003
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>282,350</u>	<u>4,764,372</u>	<u>5,046,722</u>	<u>4,312,548</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments</b>		(113,153)	37,217	(75,936)	38,332
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	18,673	-	18,673	(11,284)
Net gains on investment property		267,811	-	267,811	(42,589)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<u>173,331</u>	<u>37,217</u>	<u>210,548</u>	<u>(15,541)</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	18	150,159	(150,159)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>323,490</u>	<u>(112,942)</u>	<u>210,548</u>	<u>(15,541)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,876,917</u>	<u>159,555</u>	<u>3,036,472</u>	<u>3,052,013</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>3,200,407</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,247,020</u>	<u>3,036,472</u>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 34 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 27 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

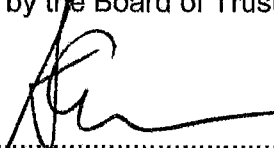
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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,961,520	1,852,931
Investment assets: Investments	13	305,946	283,764
Investment assets: Investment property	13	833,188	565,377
		<b>3,100,654</b>	<b>2,702,072</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	619,244	1,013,408
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,913
		<b>748,192</b>	<b>1,024,321</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(576,161)</b>	<b>(623,925)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>172,031</b>	<b>400,396</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,272,685</b>	<b>3,102,468</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(25,650)</b>	<b>(66,001)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,247,035</b>	<b>3,036,467</b>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	18		
Unrestricted		3,200,422	2,876,912
Restricted		46,613	159,555
		<b>3,247,035</b>	<b>3,036,467</b>

The notes on pages 33 to 49 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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A. Gibbons

  
.....  
J.C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 34 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

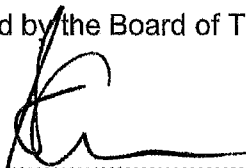
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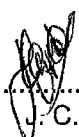
**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,961,520	1,852,931
Investment assets: Investments	13	305,941	283,759
Investment assets: Investment property	13	833,188	565,377
		<b>3,100,649</b>	<b>2,702,067</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	619,244	1,013,408
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,923
		<b>748,192</b>	<b>1,024,331</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(576,171)</b>	<b>(623,925)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>172,021</b>	<b>400,406</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,272,670</b>	<b>3,102,473</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(25,650)</b>	<b>(66,001)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,247,020</b>	<b>3,036,472</b>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>	18		
Unrestricted -			
Retained within the company		3,200,422	2,876,912
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		(15)	5
		<b>3,200,407</b>	<b>2,876,917</b>
Restricted		46,613	159,555
		<b>3,247,020</b>	<b>3,036,472</b>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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A. Gibbons

  
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J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	23	454,575	(254,287)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		7,782	7,083
Proceeds from sale of investments		31,072	13,331
Purchase of investments		(29,575)	(24,149)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(183,677)	(21,330)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(174,398)</u>	<u>(25,065)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(37,374)	(36,280)
Interest paid		(19,995)	(8,021)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(57,369)</u>	<u>(44,301)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>222,808</b>	<b>(323,653)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		(84,458)	239,195
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u><b>138,350</b></u>	<u><b>(84,458)</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,923
Bank overdraft		(10)	(99,796)
Cash equivalents		9,412	4,415
		<u><b>138,350</b></u>	<u><b>(84,458)</b></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1 Statutory information**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity information page. The Charity is also a public benefit entity.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)**

All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager. The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including cash, debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	1,179	9,465	10,644	9,164
<b>4 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	130,632	49,882	180,514	167,522
Insurance recharges	22,420	-	22,420	19,740
	<u>153,052</u>	<u>49,882</u>	<u>202,934</u>	<u>187,262</u>
<b>5 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	126	-	126	41
Dividend income	7,656	-	7,656	7,042
	<u>7,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,782</u>	<u>7,083</u>
<b>6 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Alder Hey – NHS Trust	-	27,072	27,072	12,204
Arts Council England	-	-	-	797
Big Lottery Fund	-	14,235	14,235	-
Brighter Sounds	-	25	25	6,140
Department for Work and Pensions	-	92,302	92,302	104,401
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	-	-	7,478
European Social Fund	-	1,162,665	1,162,665	1,143,163
Groundwork UK: Tesco Bags of Help	-	-	-	1,000
Knowsley MBC	-	1,009,853	1,009,853	984,960
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	97,723	97,723	50,579
Liverpool CCG	-	-	-	80,616
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	6,000	6,000	24,045
Merseyside Police	-	259,801	259,801	371,678
National Lottery Heritage	3,260	-	3,260	27,325
NCS Trust	-	27,161	27,161	-
NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	-	313,150	313,150	148,400
One Knowsley	-	58,148	58,148	45,724
PRS Foundation	-	-	-	4,992
Right to Succeed	-	3,000	3,000	-
Sefton CVS	-	11,990	11,990	9,300
Sefton MBC	-	53,355	53,355	93,943
Sports England	-	-	-	(2,020)
Street Games	-	-	-	20,000
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	202,125	202,125	-
UK Youth	-	46,400	46,400	-
Young Persons Advisory Service	-	-	-	52,617
Youth Federation Limited	-	34,803	34,803	-
Youth Futures Foundation	-	884,022	884,022	763,221
Youth Investment Fund	-	213,082	213,082	-
Youth Music	-	20,111	20,111	46,409
Programme income	-	45,414	45,414	9,167
Project sales income	-	120,272	120,272	131,154
EMDR training income	-	29,079	29,079	9,178
Other income	3,924	10,454	14,378	900
	<u>7,184</u>	<u>4,742,242</u>	<u>4,749,426</u>	<u>4,147,371</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,273	-	4,273	4,199
Trading subsidiary expenditure	55	-	55	130
	<u>4,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>4,545</u>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	193,126	2,466,891	2,660,017	2,241,199
Staff pension costs	8,578	54,381	62,959	50,653
Agency costs	9,720	53,836	63,556	97,715
Redundancy costs	41,845	-	41,845	-
Staff training/health & safety	(7,570)	29,672	22,102	30,044
Staff fitness and wellbeing	361	-	361	1,583
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(26,363)	99,002	72,639	61,814
Service charges	-	38,050	38,050	34,813
Insurance	39,169	65,485	104,654	88,279
Light and heat	33,003	76,705	109,708	100,204
Cleaning and laundry	34,881	20,756	55,637	50,951
Repairs and maintenance	53,623	10,911	64,534	89,290
Accountancy	51,054	27,275	78,329	58,741
Advertising	-	-	-	2,939
Auditors' remuneration	18,000	-	18,000	17,000
Bad debts	764	600	1,364	2,226
Bank charges	10,079	5	10,084	8,350
Computer costs	34,191	32,690	66,881	55,258
Consultancy fees	6,895	7,678	14,573	12,960
EMDR training costs	-	58,795	58,795	65,758
ESF indirect overhead	(152,018)	152,018	-	-
ESF procured services	-	125,073	125,073	121,274
Equipment and resources	8,628	35,620	44,248	67,422
External supervision/support	2,916	4,383	7,299	5,816
Fees and subscriptions	1,742	7,770	9,512	7,127
Foodbank costs	-	1,636	1,636	2,580
Hire of equipment	9,326	5,413	14,739	13,426
Interest paid	19,995	-	19,995	8,021
IT support charges	(33,249)	33,249	-	-
Legal and professional costs	25,643	10,230	35,873	36,977
Management support fee	(12,460)	12,460	-	-
Marketing and communication	5,038	43,218	48,256	20,328
NOW Festival	-	12,917	12,917	12,203
Printing, postage & stationery	3,964	13,458	17,422	21,895
Programme expenses	(7,180)	207,381	200,201	178,226
Project start up/recruitment	(4,452)	4,452	-	-
Support services/other charges	(189,042)	189,042	-	-
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	770,070	770,070	552,379
c/fwd	<u>180,207</u>	<u>4,671,122</u>	<u>4,851,329</u>	<u>4,117,451</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
<b>8 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	180,207	4,671,122	4,851,329	4,117,451
Telephone	25,028	58,855	83,883	75,065
Travel and motor expenses	282	18,247	18,529	10,446
Vehicle expenses	-	1,174	1,174	-
Volunteers	-	-	-	150
Youth Hub administration fee	(9,690)	9,690	-	-
Depreciation	75,088	-	75,088	73,170
Sundries	6,891	5,284	12,175	31,721
	<u>277,806</u>	<u>4,764,372</u>	<u>5,042,178</u>	<u>4,308,003</u>

<b>9 Net (expenditure)/income</b>	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	75,088	73,170
Staff costs (see note 10)	2,722,977	2,291,851
Accountancy	78,329	58,741
Auditors' Remuneration	18,000	17,000

The auditor's remuneration of £18,000 (2023: £17,000) relates solely to the audit.

<b>10 Staff Costs</b>	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and Salaries	2,434,405	2,046,280
Social Security Costs	225,612	194,919
Pension Costs	62,960	50,653
	<u>2,722,977</u>	<u>2,291,852</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Administration	9	9
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	68	54
	<u>79</u>	<u>65</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2023: £Nil) during the year. A total of £517 (2023: £494) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**11 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £62,960 (2023: £50,653).

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets**

<u>Parent Company and Group</u>	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles	Buildings work in progress	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>						
At 1st April 2023	12,000	2,856,420	99,383	10,795	-	2,978,598
Additions	-	-	-	-	183,677	183,677
At 31st March, 2024	<b>12,000</b>	<b>2,856,420</b>	<b>99,383</b>	<b>10,795</b>	<b>183,677</b>	<b>3,162,275</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>						
At 1st April 2023	8,640	1,067,695	48,208	1,124	-	1,125,667
Charge for the year	240	64,592	7,838	2,418	-	75,088
At 31st March, 2024	<b>8,880</b>	<b>1,132,287</b>	<b>56,046</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200,755</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>						
At 31st March, 2024	<b>3,120</b>	<b>1,724,133</b>	<b>43,337</b>	<b>7,253</b>	<b>183,677</b>	<b>1,961,520</b>
At 31st March, 2023	3,360	1,788,725	51,175	9,671	-	1,852,931

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>13 Investment assets</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	296,520	279,344
Cash held by investment managers	9,412	4,415
Accrued income due	9	-
	<u>305,946</u>	<u>283,764</u>
Investment property	<u>833,188</u>	<u>565,377</u>
	<u><u>1,139,134</u></u>	<u><u>849,141</u></u>

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

<b>Investment in subsidiary undertakings:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

It is the intention that the trading company donates its profits to the charity on a regular basis

The profit and loss account of the trading company for the year ended 31st March, 2024 was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Turnover	<u>35</u>	<u>107</u>
Gross profit	<u>35</u>	<u>107</u>
Administrative expenses	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(130)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Retained reserves brought forward	<u>5</u>	<u>28</u>
Retained reserves carried forward	<u><u>(15)</u></u>	<u><u>5</u></u>

**Listed investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	279,344	29,575	(31,072)	18,673	296,520
Cash	4,415				9,412
Accrued income	-				9
	<u>283,759</u>				<u>305,941</u>

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<b>14 Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>		
Trade debtors	332,452	257,932
Prepayments and accrued income	281,639	751,000
Other debtors	5,153	4,476
	<u>619,244</u>	<u>1,013,408</u>
<b>15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Bank overdraft	-	99,796
Trade creditors	142,636	100,964
Bank loan	40,018	37,041
Accruals and deferred income	326,777	316,560
Taxation and social security	51,660	52,840
Other creditors	15,070	16,724
	<u>576,161</u>	<u>623,925</u>
 <u>Group</u>		
Bank overdraft	10	99,796
Trade creditors	142,636	100,964
Bank loan	40,018	37,041
Accruals and deferred income	326,777	316,560
Taxation and social security	51,660	52,840
Other creditors	15,070	16,724
	<u>576,171</u>	<u>623,925</u>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture (including a fixed charge) dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on restricted funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

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**16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>25,650</u>	<u>66,001</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2023: £Nil) is due after more than 5 years.

**17 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	3,100,649	-	3,100,649
Current Assets	647,586	100,606	748,192
Current Liabilities	(522,178)	(53,993)	(576,171)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(25,650)	-	(25,650)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u>3,200,407</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,247,020</u>

**18 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2023 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2024 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	670,888	986,121	(734,422)	59,223	981,810
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	662,445	-	(26,885)	-	635,560
MYA Know	24,038	-	(1,601)	(9,670)	12,767
MYA The Dam	-	-	(2,417)	9,670	7,253
MYA SPACE Project	38,253	-	(1,288)	-	36,965
Gordon Youth Centre	15,321	-	(645)	-	14,676
MYA YIF (Capital)	-	-	-	183,677	183,677
Starting Point	1,112,872	-	(42,252)	-	1,070,620
	<u>1,852,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,088)</u>	<u>183,677</u>	<u>1,961,518</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
MYA Foodbank	6,504	-	-	(1,562)	4,942
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	-	-	-	-
MYA Know	89,334	-	-	(57,141)	32,193
MYA MVP	21,796	-	-	(15,009)	6,787
MYA Navigators	13,106	-	-	(13,106)	-
MYA Raise	217,701	-	-	(5,029)	212,672
MYA SPACE Project	-	-	-	-	-
MYA YOU	4,654	-	-	(4,154)	500
Gordon Youth Centre	-	43,467	(46,692)	3,225	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	5	-	(55)	35	(15)
	<u>353,100</u>	<u>43,467</u>	<u>(46,747)</u>	<u>(92,741)</u>	<u>257,079</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>2,876,917</u>	<u>1,029,588</u>	<u>(856,257)</u>	<u>150,159</u>	<u>3,200,407</u>

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**18 Movement on funds (cont.)**

	At 1st April, 2023 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	240,235	(264,367)	24,132	-
MYA MVP	9,642	106,000	(130,651)	15,009	-
MYA Foodbank	-	74	(1,636)	1,562	-
MYA Know	-	898,628	(924,760)	26,132	-
MYA NCS Targeted	-	27,161	(18,183)	-	8,978
MYA Noise	-	53,675	(72,975)	19,300	-
MYA The Dam	-	99,653	(130,662)	31,009	-
MYA YOU	-	75,223	(60,732)	(14,491)	-
MYA Youth Hub	13,414	92,302	(94,756)	-	10,960
MYA YiF (Revenue Fund)	-	29,405	(30,717)	1,312	-
MYA YiF (Capital Fund)	-	183,677	-	(183,677)	-
MYA Navigators	-	131,391	(146,583)	15,192	-
MYA Raise	-	466,773	(371,802)	(94,971)	-
MYA Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	-	6,816	-	-	6,816
MYA SPACE Project	-	156,486	(157,050)	564	-
MYA Step Up Fund	8	-	(8)	-	-
MYA Talent Match	14,205	-	(14,273)	68	-
MYA Talent Match Plus	23,895	1,162,666	(1,193,106)	6,545	-
MYA Talent Match Youth Futures	98,391	894,050	(972,582)	-	19,859
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	202,125	(204,280)	2,155	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b><u>159,555</u></b>	<b><u>4,826,340</u></b>	<b><u>(4,789,123)</u></b>	<b><u>(150,159)</u></b>	<b><u>46,613</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>3,036,472</u></b>	<b><u>5,855,928</u></b>	<b><u>(5,645,380)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,247,020</u></b>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>	
General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
<b><u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u></b>	
The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:	
Headquarters	
Gordon Youth Centre	
MYA Know	
MYA The Dam	
MYA SPACE Project	
MYA YIF (Capital)	
Starting Point	This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.
<b><u>Designated unrestricted funds</u></b>	
The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:	
MYA Foodbank	
MYA Choices Knowsley	
MYA Know	
MYA MVP	
MYA Navigators	
MYA Raise	
MYA SPACE Project	
MYA YOU	
Gordon Youth Centre	This is a leasehold property located in the Netherton area of the city. The centre is utilised as a project base for our Talent Match team and supports its delivery of personalised pathways to education and employment for young people. There are also tenants located at the centre including a pharmacy who have a licence to operate in the designated area to serve the local community. Income from tenancies is used to finance the operating and maintenance costs of the building.
Trading subsidiary – MYA Youth Limited	This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

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**Restricted funds**

**MYA Choices  
Knowsley**

Choices Knowsley is a Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council funded 'Short Breaks' service for disabled children/young people and their families. The main purpose of a short break is to give parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability the opportunity to have a break from their caring role. Provision is available for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 and currently residing in Knowsley.

**MYA MVP**

The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.

**MYA Know**

Funded through Knowsley MBC, this project supports young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The project works in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, Detached Youth Work etc., The project team also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people. The majority of services are delivered from MYA's 'Our Place' venue located in Longview, Huyton and The Dam at Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley.

**MYA NCS Targeted**

Funded by NCS (National Citizens Service), this project provides an opportunity for young people to gain life skills, employability skills and develop their own social action project.

**MYA Noise**

The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.

**MYA YOU**

The YOU Project funded through Liverpool City Council, is a citywide, strategic approach to providing services for disabled children and young people as well as their families.

**MYA Youth Hub**

Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City Region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.

**MYA Raise**

This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Youth Investment Fund (Revenue & Capital)	The Youth Investment Fund is funded by the UK government to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services in the out of school youth sector, to drive positive outcomes for young people. It is used to improve the health and wellbeing of young people, equip them with skills for work and life and empower them to become active members of their community and society.
MYA Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim, survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200 seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.
Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	This a small fund established in memory of Siobhan Price who was a Social Worker with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. She had a passion for making a difference for young people and was an avid outdoor pursuit enthusiast. Following her sudden and unexpected passing at a very young age, family and colleagues of Siobhan raised a sum of money and approached MYA to hold the money and use it to provide opportunities for young people to engage in the activities that Siobhan loved such as paddleboarding.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.
Talent Match – Youth Futures	Funded by Youth Futures Foundation who are a “what works” funder. This programme supports young people who have been out of training, education or work for 12 months or more. This project works with young people aged 15-29 providing intensive mentoring and bespoke wraparound support to enable them to achieve their goals. Evaluated by King’s College London, this programme aims to provide an evidence base on “what works” to address youth unemployment in order to influence future unemployment strategies.
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	This is a central pillar of the UK government’s Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. Under the People and Skills Priority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority commissioned a number of community-led employment projects to work with economically inactive and socially excluded people to offer a range of personalised support to move them closer to employment.

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**19 Transfers between funds**

Twelve (2023: eleven) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves; other than for the four projects whose reserves have been restricted, the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts.

Net transfers to designated unrestricted funds in the year represent:

Transfers from designated funds to general unrestricted funds in respect of projects that incurred surpluses totalled £9,183 (2023: £8,114). In addition, adjustments were necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £3,260 (2023: £11,077) has been transferred to designated funds to cover this shortfall, including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. Further, the directors have made transfers from designated to restricted funds totalling £86,818 (2023: £24,994) as brought forward designated funds have been utilised, while £Nil (2023: £115,518) has been transferred from restricted to designated funds in respect of surpluses generated by projects. In the previous year, a further £8,188 was transferred from restricted to designated funds to support MYA Foodbank and £5,446 was transferred from unrestricted reserves to designated capital reserves in respect of fixed asset additions.

Net transfers from restricted funds in the year represent:

Transfers from restricted funds to general unrestricted funds in respect of projects that incurred surpluses totalled £109,462 (2023: £15,159). In addition, adjustments were necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £56,162 (2023: £58,407) has been transferred from general unrestricted funds to restricted funds to cover this shortfall, including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. Further, the directors have made transfers from designated to restricted funds totalling £86,818 (2023: £24,994) as brought forward designated funds have been utilised, while £Nil (2023: £115,518) has been transferred from restricted to designated funds in respect of surpluses generated by projects. In the previous year, a further £8,188 was transferred from restricted to designated funds to support MYA Foodbank.

In respect of fixed asset additions in the year, £183,677 (2023: £10,795) has been transferred from restricted reserves to designated capital reserves. A transfer of £9,670 has been made from the designated unrestricted capital reserves of one project to another, representing an asset transfer.

**20 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**21 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024:

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021. Therefore, the condition is in place until 31 March 2026.

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**21 Contingent liabilities (continued)**

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Social Investment Business Foundation ("SIBF") monies of £183,677 due to be received in respect of the financial year for the capital improvement of the property held under a lease at Seaview Road. A charge was registered on 15 December 2023 prohibiting any disposition of the land at Seaview Road, occupied by MYA SPACE, without the written consent of SIBF. This condition remains in place for 15 years from 13 October 2023. Therefore, the condition is in place until 12 October 2038.

**22 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 as follows:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	45,475	3,739
Between one and five years	-	-	58,214	1,322
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,689</u>	<u>5,061</u>

**23 Cash generated by operating activities**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	210,548	(15,541)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(7,782)	(7,083)
Depreciation	75,088	73,170
Net (gains)/losses on investments	(286,484)	53,873
Interest payable	19,995	8,021
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<u>11,365</u>	<u>112,440</u>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	394,155	(176,865)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	49,055	(189,862)
	<u>454,575</u>	<u>(254,287)</u>

**24 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2023: £30,000) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £1,243,543 (2023: £Nil).

**25 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

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**26 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity wrote off the balance due from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited, in the amount of £35. Balances due from group companies are shown in Note 14 of the financial statements.

**27 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	2,708	6,456	9,164
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	146,497	40,765	187,262
<i>Investments</i>	5	7,083	-	7,083
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	-	4,147,371	4,147,371
<b>Total</b>		<b>156,288</b>	<b>4,194,592</b>	<b>4,350,880</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	4,545	-	4,545
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	240,428	4,067,575	4,308,003
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>244,973</b>	<b>4,067,575</b>	<b>4,312,548</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before losses on investments</b>		<b>(88,685)</b>	<b>127,017</b>	<b>38,332</b>
Net losses on investments		(11,284)	-	(11,284)
Net losses on investment property		(42,589)	-	(42,589)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>(142,558)</b>	<b>127,017</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>66,259</b>	<b>(66,259)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(76,299)</b>	<b>60,758</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<b>2,953,216</b>	<b>98,797</b>	<b>3,052,013</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,876,917</b>	<b>159,555</b>	<b>3,036,472</b>

**MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 700738

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration number: 700738  
Company Registration number: 1843226

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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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**Charity Information**

Charity Name: Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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Charity Registration Number: 700738

Company Registration Number: 1843226

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August,  
1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

Registered Office: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
Liverpool  
L1 3DY

Principal Business Address: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
Liverpool  
L1 3DY

Directors/Trustees: P. Boyce  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons (Chairperson)  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd (Treasurer)  
P. Moonan  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn

Company Secretary: G. Bainbridge

Chief Executive: G. Bainbridge

Accountants: Sloan Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
PO Box 798  
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CW9 9WE

Auditor: Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
Suite 13, Hattersley House  
1 Hattersley Court  
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Bankers: HSBC plc  
99-101 Lord Street  
Liverpool  
L2 6PG

Barclays Bank plc  
48b & 50 Lord Street  
Liverpool  
L2 1TD

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**Charity Information (cont.)**

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors as at the date of this report, are as stated below:

P. Boyce (appointed 8 September 2022)  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney (resigned 26 October 2023)  
I. Khan (resigned 7 September 2023)  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
P. Moonan (appointed 18 May 2023)  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn

D. Cooke, J.C. Lewys-Lloyd and M. W. Wynn retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first. The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-optation of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (cont.)**

**Trustees induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan and a copy of the latest annual report and accounts. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet every six weeks. The Board will convene sub groups for specific purposes e.g. fundraising as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 8600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority, metro mayor and the LEP.

As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCS's and other infrastructure organisations.

VS6 has an agreed manifesto and action plan which outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the City Region focused on three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

The CEO is a trustee of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. VSNW ensured that the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, in all its diversity, takes its full part in shaping the future of the North West. VSNW's activity to support the sector in the North West is currently focused on five areas: Devolution, System Change, Health and Social Care, Supporting Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

We continue our partnership with LCVS, Sefton CVS, St Helens and Halton CVA, One Knowsley and Community Action Wirral to coordinate the infrastructure offer across the city region.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group) and is a member of Youth Focus North West and is part of their Strategic Leads group.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and Housing First Steering Group.

We have also maintained our close strategic links with the Department of Work and Pensions including delivering a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters, with co-located DWP work coaches. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity has strategic links with CAMHS (including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board) and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people, and their families in Sefton.

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in membership of the Liverpool Marmot Partnership Group, addressing the social determinates of health.

MYA has embedded strong and effective strategic and operational partnerships linked to the delivery of Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes membership of the Knowsley Children and Families Board, and participation in network meetings in relation to a number of strategies including Stronger Communities, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Children, Health and Wellbeing, ASB, Care Leavers and Crime and Communities team meetings.

We remain members of the Heath Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, The Youth Futures Foundation, the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council England, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Liverpool CVS Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund), PRS Foundation, VOLA and YPAS.

Malmo Café continue to be a tenant of the building and run a café from the ground floor in our city centre base and Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble Playing Fields. All our tenants have abided by Government legalisation and guidelines in relation to their opening and delivery.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of identity) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people.

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, Listening Ear and The Brain Charity, procured to deliver targeted services, via an SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited, and following a review has suspended use of the company.

**Risk management**

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all other aspects of its work.

These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

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**Risk management (continued)**

WorkNest provide external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

A rolling programme of health and safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2022 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserve policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long-term intention of the Trustees to build up our unrestricted reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months' worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months' worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. These objectives have been met. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £2,876,917 and restricted reserves at the year end date total £159,555.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances as to develop their physical, mental, spiritual capacities that may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Mission**

Our mission is to create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**Alms:**

- To inspire our young people to fulfil their full potential
- To increase our positive impact in the field of work with young people
- To build a strong and positive workforce, within MYA and across children and young people's services

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**Objectives:**

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To present MYA as a key influencer for positive change and to support organisations who work with young people

**Vision:**

To become the provider of choice for children and young people's services, training and premises/facilities in Liverpool City Region.

**Fundamental Principles:**

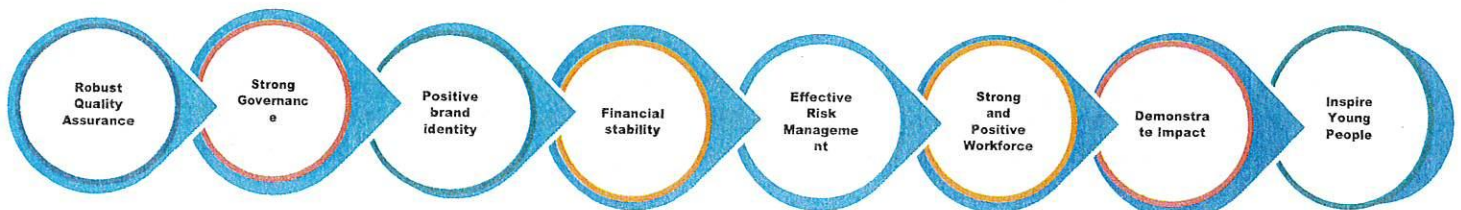
We will do this by adhering to our values and key principles of being:

- Young people focused - keeping the young person at the centre
- Inclusive and accessible - to all our stakeholders
- Responsive and flexible - in relation to service provision and internal structures
- Effective and efficient - a can do, low risk organisation which offers value for money.

**Activities:**

The charity has been implementing its Business Plan which is underpinned by the following objectives:

- Delivered high quality support and services responding to children and young people's needs
- Delivered our targets and client outcomes to make a positive and lasting change
- Promoted MYA's Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment
- Provided accessible, sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities to support excellence in delivery and to maximise income generation
- Managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and future growth
- Provided a healthy, safe and high-quality working environment to maximise staff and service user satisfaction and to minimise risk
- Provided a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change
- Strengthened the MYA brand via an effective communications and marketing strategy to ensure increased stakeholder recognition and identification
- Grown and diversified sources of profitable income to invest in our future



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*MYA Offer*



**Achievements and performance**

We have delivered **high quality support and services** responding to children and young people's needs.

We have dedicated ourselves to this aim since 1890, and today we are better at it than ever. We have combined all that passion, experience, and knowledge into a dynamic approach that places children and young people at the centre of everything we do.

We are committed to being Merseyside's number one choice for high quality services for young people – and those who work with them. Because by opening doors to an inclusive, flexible, respectful experience we can create positive cascading impact that opens eyes, minds and possibilities far and wide.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

Life has its ups and its downs. We can't always make it fun and games. But we can make sure every interaction is meaningful. We believe deeply in building a sense of belonging that can and will last a lifetime, empowering children and young people to find their place in the world.

Every journey is personal; from mental health training to making noise, digital discoveries, career opportunities and all manner of creative workshops – including creating the space carers and parents need to come back stronger. And we are proud to make all of them possible thanks to our team of passionate, relatable people and their shared understanding of what is right.

We know from experience how important strong communities are, and that positive change is infectious. By championing children and young people at a personal and societal level, our efforts ripple out, doing good we may never see.

So, every interaction – big or small – is another step forward, a chance to influence the system and sector as they evolve, a way of growing our wider community, and of inspiring and empowering children and young people to take ownership over their lives.

This generation of young people have seen a perfect storm of challenges that have impacted their childhood and adolescence. As if being a teenager is not hard enough, they have lived through 15 years of austerity and cuts to public services, a global pandemic, Brexit and the costs of living crisis. Alongside that there have been seismic changes to how we engage and communicate with the world and our peers. The birth of social media, AI and technological advances has changed the ways we live, work, and socialise. This has brought opportunities, but also risks and it has never been more important for our young people to have access to trusted sources of information, places to express themselves and interact with others from different backgrounds and experiences.

MYA's staff are often the trusted adult in young people's lives, providing place based, community facing projects that provide:

**Life-changing opportunities**

From creative workshops to interventions, we create life-changing opportunities and transitions, celebrating and recognising the small outcomes as well as the big ones.

**Whole person approach**

We keep young people at the centre of everything we do, with a responsive whole person approach that allows individuals to reach their potential.

**Equipped for life**

We want to give young people the skills they need throughout their lives. All our projects are intended to instil pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience so young people can learn, adapt and thrive.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

Our project work is:

- Driven by young people for young people
- Demand Led and bespoke – focusing on wellbeing first
- Motivational and inspiring
- Holistic and Multi-disciplinary
- Asset led - built on young people's resilience, skills, knowledge and interests

We shape our curriculum to address young people's mental health and wellbeing, social isolation and engagement in education, training or work. This will include:

- Ensuring our facilities are Safe spaces for young people where their basic needs can be met.
- Projects which connect young people to each other, reduce social isolation and create healthy and positive peer relationships and learning
- Projects which focus on wellbeing, health, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
- Projects which enable young people to explore their identity and have a sense of belonging
- Projects that promote pro-social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
- Projects that enhance young people's aspirations and progressions in education, training or employment

We are Merseyside Youth Association and we're on a mission to create real, wide-reaching change that ensures children and young people are better equipped to shape their own futures.  
*Today.....Tomorrow.....Forever.*

**Skills development and employability achievements:**

**MYA Talent Match**

Liverpool City Region Talent Match has changed lives. Working with ever more complex young people, our programme has delivered multiple interventions, threaded onto the core of coordinated and accessible intensive mentoring.

We deliver a range of interventions, stabilising personal circumstances, enhancing personal and social development, and building life skills. This support is person centred, bespoke, and tailored to young people's interests and needs.

Our Therapeutic Offer provides instant access to a range of therapeutic and emotional support including counselling, speech and language/coaching and communication support.

Our Employability journey guides young people through an individualised and personalised offer working with a range of hard and soft skills to support young people to transition into positive destinations.

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**MYA Talent Match (continued)**

Key Achievements 2022 – 2023:

- We have transitioned from National Lottery Funding to Youth Futures Foundation Funding, funded through dormant assets until December 2023 with ESF/YEI Match.
- We have established working relationships with Kings College London on evaluation and feasibility of up scaling the programme with a larger cohort to create an evidence base of what works.
- We have secured two years funding for the Youth Hub, a national demonstrator model, funded by DWP through Flexible Support Fund.
- We are supporting APPG for Youth Employment on Placed based approach, and Youth Employment UK.
- We have presented to DCMS – on behalf of YFF to ensure that youth unemployment is on the government agenda, and to showcase the impact of the Talent Match LCR Programme through TNLCF, and YFF to ensure future dormant assets support youth employment programmes.

Challenges:

- Largest Percentage of barriers affecting young people are experience of Low Confidence, anxiety and depression and lack of control of life.
- When compared to 2020 (pandemic), 2023 has seen a 36% increase on the average number of barriers reported – climbing higher than numbers reported for years prior to pandemic.
- In 2022 females aged 18 – 24 reported an average number of barriers that were 7.6% higher than that reported by males in the same age.

Outcomes

- 522 Young People engaged

EET – Outcomes

- Education/Training 96
- Employment 92
- Qualifications obtained – 150

**MYA Youth Hub**

The Hub had a very successful 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding. By the end of March 2023, the Hub had 270 young people referred from DWP and other local agencies. In this same time frame our Outreach worker supported 30 young people and our Neurodiverse mentor supported 22 young people. The partner delivery was on target at 106 for this period. The Hub was continually busy, despite the 6-week industrial action and the shutting down of two local job centres from DWP. Each young person has benefited from the wrap around support that can be offered when accessing our service rather than the standard job centre, this can be seen with our partnership with Talent Match, Noise and the offer of the foodbank.

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**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Achievements:**

**MYA Raise**

During 2022/23, the RAISE team has worked with 1867 young people who registered to the project, with over 5000 professionals, parents and carers taking up our training offers. We delivered 44 ROCKET programmes to classes of up to 30 children each time which has reached 1320 children across the city.

We hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> annual NOW Festival on Mental Health & Violence prevention, with over 33 groups and 330 young people performing to a sold-out audience each night, with almost 1000 audience members hearing the voices of children and young people. Training developments included the roll out and development of REACT, a five session, low level intervention around anxiety and low mood.

In addition to this, RAISE has been part of several strategic and working groups to develop more specialised areas of training, including CAPVA and Safety Planning. This work is undertaken with key professionals to underpin this offer. During 22/23, we also hosted our first Early Year's campaign, Hands Together. The team worked creatively with families and their children under 5 to kick start conversations around parental and infant mental health, leading to a successful campaign in the Museum of Liverpool.

**MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention**

Work has continued on our MVP programme, with several new schools signing up to take part, including Liverpool's SAFE Schools with over 500 mentors trained to delivering to over 2000 mentees. Working with key professionals across the city, and funders such as Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, we hosted a variety of youth consultation opportunities around themes such as community safety, poverty and inequality and racism and division. These were extremely well attended by young people and key professionals within the sector.

**Social Inclusion and Equality achievements:**

**MYA Choices Knowsley**

2022/23 has been an interesting year for the development and performance of Choices Knowsley 'Short Breaks' Project. Our contract changed in April 2022, and alongside another provider, Endorphins we have been providing 'Short Breaks' provision on behalf of Knowsley Council.

During this year we have continued providing engaging, inclusive sessions running from Hilltop Children's Centre, The Star Children's Centre, and MYA Our Place. Additional venues Bluebell Park School, and Stockbridge Leisure Centre are used to facilitate the school holiday provision.

Over the past year we have continued to recruit new staff which has ensured consistency and has been a great positive impact to our sessions.

We have provided 95 young people with Short Breaks Sessions over the year and 69 have now been consistently attending all our sessions which has meant we have built up strong relationships with the young people and their families.

Over the last year we have had Ofsted inspections at all 5 of MYA's registered settings which include children's centres, schools, and leisure centres, each receiving a 'Met Without Actions' the highest possible outcome for an out of school setting to receive.

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**MYA YOU**

Throughout 2022-2023, the MYA YOU staff team has continued to provide access to face to face groups and social interaction for disabled children and young people across Liverpool. We have continued to ensure that the sessions are led by our young people and their families.

An increase in funding has enabled us to increase staffing within our sessions, enabling more young people to join and providing consistency for each session across the week.

We have started a partnership with Lancashire Cricket Foundation who now provide activities every week at Childwall Splice facilitated by their disability cricket development officer .

Working in partnership with Wilful Misfits, a drama company, we have facilitated a weekly drama group with some of our young people and they will be performing their play at the Everyman Theatre.

We are also delivering sessions at a new venue, Speke Adventure Playground. During the first six weeks of delivery, we had 16 young people attend weekly and this continues to grow.

**MYA Know**

March 2023 marked the end of MYA's first full year delivery of Knowsley's new 'Integrated Youth Service' offer, from taking the keys to an empty building with only 2 members of staff, to a vibrant and inclusive community hub for youth activity, providing the base from which 17 members of staff deliver over 3000 contacts with young people on a quarterly basis. This includes detached youth work, Intensive mentoring , our Think Health offer and Participation work, including the facilitation of Knowsley Youth Council.

With 1205 registrations and 8686 contacts, the new service has performed brilliantly in line with KPI's and development goals. However, it isn't just the performance of the core contract which stands out, but the value added to the service through additional fundraising and delivery. In this first contract year, we have brought in an additional £141,922 of funding through external sources, equating to 19% of the £750,000 total contract value. This money has enabled us to perform above and beyond the tendered contract specification and provide an enhanced offer for children and young people. This has included 112 hours of school holiday provision serving over 2000 nutritious meals.

**The Dam**

Working in partnership with Local Solutions we have been working with school and youth organisations delivering water sport activities. The focus for the MYA team has been development of the business plan and fundraising. We successfully secured funding to deliver Duke and Edinburgh Awards and to deliver Activities Away from Home (UK Youth) both aimed at vulnerable young people. We have also purchased a minibus to support access to the site. In the coming year, The Dam will be operated as a separate project, to support monitoring of the income and expenditure for this element of work. Further, we will directly deliver outdoor education and training courses and recruit a young person as a trainee to support our offer.

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**MYA Navigators**

This was the second year of the Navigator project delivery for MYA and the project has now successfully embedded within Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Royal Liverpool University Hospital and Aintree University Hospital. In June 2022 the team were awarded an 'Excellence Reporting' certificate by the Chief Nursing Officer at Alder Hey Hospital, for excellent collaborative work and information sharing with the Alder Hey Safeguarding team. Building positive relationships with hospital staff led to an increase in referrals, with a total of 192 young people being referred into the project. Navigators successfully referred and signposted 50 of these young people onto services such as The Hive Youth Centre, YPAS, Victim Care Merseyside, Merseyside Domestic Violence Service, and MYA projects including SPACE, Noise and Talent Match. Due to the increasing number of referrals and positive embedding across the hospitals, the team were chosen to host a visit for the Northern Ireland Navigator team. The team were proud to be viewed as a high standard Navigator project that could share best practice and key learnings for the Northern Ireland team to take back and input to their own project.

**Creative Personal and Social Development Achievements:**

**MYA SPACE**

MYA SPACE has written and devised a large-scale musical "Merseykids" to celebrate MYA 130 years. Performed three times at Liverpool's Epstein theatre the musical took the audience on a journey through MYA's history, including the erection of the Liver Building two world wars, the birth of Merseybeat, the death of John Lennon, the Hillsborough disaster and . Through song, dance and spoken word, we were taken through MYA's response to the needs of young people, including the merger of the Union of Girl's clubs and the Boy's Association, the birth of detached youth work, holidays at Plas Geraint and the introduction of therapeutic work. It was a triumph.

As well as Merseyside, SPACE completed a further 15 different performances experience for young people across a busy year.

We have developed solid relationships with many local schools and colleges and have been commissioned to deliver "SPACE to TALK" 1:1 wellbeing support, Feelin' Sound - Alternative education, Getting Back – returning to school and SEND - inclusive music.

Youth Voice has been one of our focuses this year and our young people have been involved in creating "HOPE HACK" videos, looking at various youth matters and created a showcase about their history in Sefton called "Our Roots". We created a further two showcases looking at youth mental health.

The team has delivered holiday provision funded by Sefton HAF. This has allowed for us to support young people and families throughout the summer and Christmas period providing activities and food for young people. This has given us the ideas for the project moving forward and will help shape future developments within the project.

Our pilot work with "Street Games" saw us deliver a project for young people identified as "at risk". This proved challenging but very rewarding and spurred us on to develop a relationship with Street Games for future working.

We have worked intensely with 545 young people this year and had 17,073 contacts.

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**MYA Noise**

The Noise Project continues to attract young people in ever increasing numbers. We have worked with 59 new young people, with 1097 contacts. Our model has revived young musicians' stilted growth post pandemic, quietly instilling purpose back into those who found themselves bereft of direction, motivation, and ambition.

Our music offer provides instant access to instruments, studio space, software, recording, tuition and therapeutic support, all delivered within an environment which is enabled by its richest resource, the staff.

Through our work alongside Talent Match, we have equipped the hardest to reach young people with guitars and keyboards they can take home, we have also played a major role in the Talent Match conferences, ensuring young people are ready for performance and panel groupings.

We have established working relationships with industry focused ascendancies, these include Yaw Owusu (LIMF, PRS, Power UP), Liverpool International Music Festival, LIMF Academy, Culture Deck, One Fell Swoop PR, Stephen Cole of What Studio and Mike Cave (Mixing and Mastering Engineer).

One of our bands, Keyside, has played at the Isle of Wight festival this year, this is their first break into the national festival scene, they have also released 2 singles, which have captured the imagination of a growing home crowd, warranting local packed-out gigs. Local radio has also jumped on board, championing Keyside through regular airplay.

**Outcomes**

We have delivered **our targets and client outcomes** to make a positive and lasting change.

MYA works with Liverpool City Region's Local Authorities, health commissioners and the Combined Authority to ensure that the outcomes of our projects align and add value to strategic priorities. Our offer is aimed to deliver outcomes in the key priority areas of health (including mental and emotional health), educational and skills attainment and employability, personal and developmental outcomes for vulnerable and at-risk young people (including young disabled people, those at risk of being perpetrators of victims of violence, those with low educational attainment etc.).

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with **4796 different young people, an increase of 1050**, which reflects the mobilisation of our Knowsley Targeted Support Service. We **recorded 133,430 contacts** across 6 different local authority areas this year. The trend toward the need for longitudinal and intensive support continues, with young people accessing our services, on average, 27 times per year.

This year we worked with the same percentage of young men, with 48 % of the cohort identifying as male, 50% identifying as female and 2 % identifying as non-binary.

10 % of our cohort were from Black, Asian and Minoritized Ethnic Communities, an increase of 1% from last year. This may reflect our proactive outreach work in this area.

7.75% of our cohort identified as LGBTQ+, an increase of nearly 2% since last year.

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**Outputs (continued)**

26 % of our young people identified as disabled, which reflects our targeted work in relation to short breaks and inclusive youth work, alongside our Your Way Programme in Talent Match and Youth Hub Outreach work, which target young people with disabilities and those who are neurodiverse.

19.3% of our young people were aged between 0-11, an increase of 2% since last year.

55.3% are aged between 12-16 and 15.4% are aged 17-21. 10% are over 21 years. This shows a shift to working with a larger cohort of under 21's than last year.

We have provided training to 5,067 different organisations/professionals an increase of 1728 since last year, reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health and the need for professionals to have the skills to support young people with mental health issues, which have seen a dramatic up turn.

We have worked with 644 partner and referral agencies, an increase of 320 from last year, which continues the trend which see us working jointly with colleagues from a number of sectors and demonstrates our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment**

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long-term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills

MYA's Outcome Star measures these outcomes across all of our projects. Results for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were as follows:

- 93.4% increased their resilience
- 93.5% increased their motivation
- 95.1% increased their aspirations
- 97.1% increased their sense of belonging
- 94.5% increased their skills

These figures demonstrate that our focus on wellbeing has had a positive effect on our young people's outcomes. Research shows that the stronger our sense of belonging, the stronger our wellbeing. So, increasing young people's belonging is a cornerstone to their other achievements and progressions.

These figures also demonstrate that our work is delivering life changing outcomes for young people and making a significant difference to their ability to reach their potential.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on Investment (continued)**

Ark Consultancy have undertaken a Social Impact Report for Talent Match, which states that the social value and economic savings relating to individuals who exited the programme prior to December 2022 is £20,639,153. The average SROI value across the participants is £40,202. When we look at the number of barriers each of the participants were presenting at the start of the programme, we can see in 2018, 18% of participants joined the programme with 5 or more barriers. In 2019 this increased to 24%, in 2020 this increased to 26% and in 2022 this increased to 33%. This reflects the complexity of issues and barriers that participants present with.

**We have provided sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities.**

MYA premises in Hanover Street have been used by 21 different groups in this 12-month period, raising income of £60,000.

This includes regular weekly bookings with partners such as Southport College and Sophie Taylor Dance, as well as block bookings over the school holidays and "one-off" training, conference, and events.

We continue to work with Malmo, who occupy the café space within Hanover Street and who also provide refreshments for meetings and events.

In other developments, we have equipped all our training rooms in Hanover Street large screens for use with AV equipment and purchase new tables.

We have been working on a number of Youth Investment Fund Applications for the Space and Brunswick Centres and for three of our leasehold Youth Centres. The aim is to refurbish the Centres and make them more energy efficient, and to decrease utility costs. These will be submitted in Summer 2023.

At Our Place in Knowsley, we have maximised community usage of both sites as well as income generate to invest further in youth work in Knowsley. We have income generated £39,465 in unrestricted income through hire of facilities to a range of community organisations, local authority departments and other public and voluntary sector partners.

**We have managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and growth.**

MYA's annual income has increased by £662,111 in this financial year and reserves have reduced by £15,541. Projects have been investing in direct work with young people, that increased income being met with an increase in expenditure of £355,225. The charity's investment in that direct work has gone beyond that, as projects have spent their reserves brought forward in order to increase their reach with support to young people. The fall in investments, totalling £53,873, has also contributed to that reduction in reserves.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

The delivery of our outcomes and social impact is underpinned by robust financial management including:

- Efficient internal financial systems
- Efficiency and best value review of all service contracts
- Effective project budget monitoring and quarter review
- Management of investment portfolio to maximise income
- Paying off Loan within agreed payment schedule
- Diversification of income streams including:
  - Maximising the use of Our Place by Community providers and public sector partners
  - Enhancing our offer to schools
  - Securing funding to offer Duke of Edinburgh Awards
  - Securing funding to offer outdoor education experiences to vulnerable young people
  - Securing increased investment from Liverpool City Council for MYA YOU
  - Raise

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 65% has come from grants including European funding, Charitable Trusts, Foundations and public sector grants.

Our income from Local Authorities has increased in percentage terms by 13% and now represents 26% of our total income. This is due to our grant to provide Targeted Youth Support in Knowsley.

Our income from sales (training, project and programme income) and hire of facilities has increased this year from 7% to 8% of overall income. Hire of facilities alone and tenancy rentals has increased by £42,207 reflecting the increased use of our Hanover Street HQ and Our Place facility in Knowsley.

Income from donations and legacies and from investments (together) has reduced by £3,176, as income from donations and legacies has increased slightly and income from investments has fallen.

We have provided a **healthy, safe and high-quality working environment** by developing a person-centred approach within our staff teams and proactively bringing teams together across the organisation to develop a sense of belonging and team spirit.

We continued to support access to external counselling for staff welfare purposes. We continue to offer an Employee Assistance Programme, which offers 24-hour access to telephone counselling, financial advice and wellbeing support.

To maximize staff and service user satisfaction and to minimize other risk, we continue to work closely with health and safety consultant, WorkNest with regular premises audits and action planning.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

MYA has maintained Certification of **ISO9001(2015)** award. We facilitated our external Surveillance assessment in May 2022, resulting in a positive report and the assessor being most impressed by the number of continuous improvements achieved and we have been working towards our re-certification assessment, which is due in May 23.

We have continued to regularly review our progress against our **Investors in People** Action plan targets which culminated in a successful annual review with the external assessor and management team in January 2023. We will be undertaking re-certification in October 23.

At the end of this financial year, we once again, achieved **IAG Matrix Standard**.

Significant work has been completed throughout this year working alongside consultants to support the NHS DSPT (Data Security & Protection Toolkit) which was successfully submitted and approved.

We have undertaken Data Impact Assessments on all areas of work, and we continue to review our cloud security to ensure we are as compliant and secure as possible. We plan to re-tender our IT support contract in May 23.

We have begun the implementation of HR software (YouManage) that will enable MYA to improve the quality and effectiveness of the HR management processes.

We have also migrated our recruitment processes and application form to an online version within our new website.

We have provided a flexible **workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change**.

All staff undertake regular e learning modules in line with our requirement as set out in our Annual Training Plan.

Alongside this we have trained relevant staff in Evac Chair usage, Emergency First Aid, safeguarding and personal safety training. Coordinators and line managers have had opportunities to undertake supervision training and our management development programmes. The Senior Management Team has undertaken a GDPR away day and Menopause Policy training.

We also facilitate Early Bird breakfast training and lunch and learn sessions which are not mandatory but have covered issues such as marketing and IT.

This year's Full staff conferences have covered GDPR compliance, Health and Wellbeing, and Rewards and recognition.

The Equalities Task group have been reviewing our Equalities Policy and developing an equalities events calendar.

We have undertaken a review of **our marketing and communication strategy** and agreed a redesign of our brand and website. We have been working closely with Kaleidoscope and copywriter Matt Cook to design the site which will be launched in May 23.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

We held our Gala Dinner at the Town Hall, not only raising funds, but showcasing our work to key stakeholders and an audience of 180 supporters. Frank Cottrell Boyce was the Keynote speaker, Jimmy Mulville also spoke, and we promoted our work with young people via young people's performances and films of case studies.

We also launched our History Book 130 Years of Merseyside Youth Association, written by Dr Charlotte Clemence, who was also in attendance. 200 copies of the book have been sold or gifted and a copy will be held in our archive at Liverpool Records Office.

"Merseykids The Musical" written by SPACE's Brain McCann was performed at the Epstein Theatre over two nights and a matinee to over 800 people. Starring young people from MYA SPACE project and 5 professional actors, it showcased the history of MYA and Liverpool, using real life case studies and events to illustrate the difference MYA has made to the life and social history of our city and its young people.

Working with The Sewing Rooms, a group of MYA's young people have been working on a Tapestry inspired by our past, present and future. It was completed in June 23.

**Plans for future periods**

**Strategy**

In order to support a responsive curriculum and strategic approach, we have undertaken a needs analysis. Our Youthwork offer and curriculum will be developed to address these identified needs.

Our young people last year were presenting with the following:

**Feelings:**

- Social Isolation
- Identity
- No feelings of belonging
- Peer relationship difficulties
- Anxiety and depression
- Health anxiety
- Hopelessness
- Apathy
- Fear of the future

**Behaviours:**

- Unhealthy relationships
- Risk taking
- Vaping
- Violent behaviour
- Criminal behaviour
- Self-Diagnosis of disability or health issues
- Conflict escalation
- Lack of structure or purpose

**External issues:**

- Costs of living crisis
- Poverty
- Family issues
- Social pressure including social media
- Lack of support networks
- Racism
- Exploitation
- School difficulties
- Difficulties accessing SEND diagnosis

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**Strategy (continued)**

We have agreed the following priorities in the coming year:

- To address the personal and developmental gaps resulting from lost learning and cost of living pressures
  - To focus on wellbeing and resilience, through a trauma informed lens
  - To deliver a curriculum which is fun and creative which enable feelings of safety, create connections and peer interaction and is inclusive and anti-discriminatory
- To support the workforce to address issues
  - Utilise quality processes (including supervision and appraisal) to support staff responses
  - To deliver workforce development with a Learn, Adapt, Improve approach to CPD
  - To strengthen cross project working and skills exchange
- To increase brand reach and belonging
  - To express our brand identity in all aspects of our marketing
  - To promote our positive, caring, personal, Inclusive, dynamic and professional approach

We will review our project work in terms of those needs and we believe that our focus on young people's mental health, ACE work, social inclusion, personal and social development, equalities and employability will be front and centre of support to young people.

MYA Know – We will continue to embed and grow our Youth offer in all areas; detached, mentoring, health and participation. We will build on our HAF offer across two venues and seek opportunities to develop our youth offer via external funding opportunities.

The Dam – We underpin our Outdoor Education offer with a trauma informed approach, targeting young people who are hard to reach and vulnerable. We will deliver Duke of Edinburgh and NCS experiences to this cohort as well. We will financially monitor this within its own cost centre in the coming year.

MYA Talent Match - We will continue to develop our holistic and bespoke programme to unemployed young people, and complete our European funded programme. Our focus will be on securing funds to deliver the programme post December 23. We will also deliver a conference focusing on 10 years of successful Talent Match delivery.

MYA RAISE – Following a needs analysis we will develop new programmes to explore body image and healthy relationships. We will continue our blended training offer and youth participation work. We will explore opportunities to diversify our offer including delivery of the new NCS programme. Our 9<sup>th</sup> NOW Festival will be Over coming ACES and Trauma. We will hold a graduation event for our MVP mentors and continue to develop this offer in schools.

MYA Navigators – This year we will focus on increasing our conversation rate from referrals to face to face appointments. We also want to increase our referrals from the Royal Liverpool Hospital. We are recruiting to ensure we have a full team of 4 to provide this vital service to young people impacted by violence. There will also be a focus on identifying funding after the Violence Reduction Partnership grant ends.

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**Strategy (continued)**

MYA SPACE – We will apply for Youth Investment Fund monies to improve the energy efficiency of the building and build our offer to schools and delivery of the HAF programme. We will also seek funding to deliver NCS experiences via SPACE and seek to secure a substantive funding base to sustain programme delivery.

MYA NOISE – We will continue to develop our work with emerging young artists alongside our offer to enable young people to learn, create and record music. We will also deliver music mentoring to the Talent Match cohort and support mental health and wellbeing outcomes using music as a tool for self-expression and to build confidence and resilience. We will also seek sustainability funding for the project, post August 23.

MYA Youth Hub – we will apply for further funding from DWP to support the work of the MYA Youth Hub, working in partnership with DWP work coaches to support young people into employment. We will continue our outreach work into minoritized communities and with young people who are neurodiverse.

We will also complete our Heritage Lottery Programme, celebrating our history by completing our Tapestry.

Following our website redesign, we will ensure our branding is transitioned to the new guidelines, including letterhead, presentations, and other marketing collateral.

**Strategic Partnerships**

We will continue to develop our strategic and operational partnerships and networks to ensure that MYA is both influential in and responsive to developments in relation to the Liverpool City Region's VCFSE Manifesto and UKSPF Investment Plan. We will work to influence the Health agenda via working strategically with the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership, Integrated Care System as well as Liverpool's Marmot Partnership Group and Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership.

We will further develop our strategic and operational partnerships in Knowsley, to deliver an effective Integrated Targeted Youth Offer, including membership of the Children and Families Board, Vulnerable Children's Meeting and Stronger Communities Steering group.

Therefore, we will:

- Become integral to local skills offer within the Combined Authority working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Further develop links with the Metro Mayor – building on existing positive relationships with local politicians
- Lobby Combined Authority for the UKSPF Investment plan to involve VCS and the communities it represents
- Work with National Lottery Community Fund on learning from their strategic programmes to influence future policy and programmes
- Develop relationships with the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care system, including representation locally and regionally
- Contribute to the Youth Focus NW strategic Leads group
- Work with leaders and evaluators of Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership to reduce youth violence in the region

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**Strategic Partnerships (continued)**

MYA will also share its learning with the VCS Youth Sector and work with Youth Focus NW, VSNW, VS6 and infrastructure organisations to help identify new and emerging needs of young people and young people's organisations. This will include developing delivery partnerships with 4 Youth Centres and working closely with private sector Project management and construction providers on design, funding applications processes and if successful, capital project delivery.

We also seek to develop our strategic influence nationally, in relation to youth strategy, youth crime and violence and mental health. Our work with Youth Futures Fund and Kings College, London, will provide a robust evidence base to support policy development on the field of youth employment.

**Operational Partnerships**

MYA's operational partnership will focus on providing support for young people to address their barriers and issues, providing multi agency approaches and by utilising effective signposting and referral pathways.

This includes:

- Ongoing partnership with fellow CAMHS providers and other mental health professionals
- Working closely with Merseyside Violence Reduction partnership and their key stakeholders
- Partnership work with Knowsley Council and other youth providers in the borough
- Work closely with Alder Hey, Royal Liverpool and Aintree Hospital Trust to deliver Navigator's programme
- Day to day co-working with DWP Youth Coaches within the Youth Hub
- Operational interaction with other Youth Hubs within the City Region
- Knowsley Council (Early help and Early year teams) and parent carers forum to shape and deliver short breaks
- Work with Daisy UK to deliver provision of Inclusive disability provision across the city
- Partnership with Liverpool City Council Targeted support for young people to deliver SPLICE clubs
- Schools and alternative education providers across the region on range of support and project work
- Sefton council youth providers
- Arts organisations including Shakespeare in the North
- Sefton SEAs providers
- Voluntary and community sector organisation across the region
- Developing deeper links with minoritized communities, including outreach work

**Premises**

Across all of our buildings and premises, MYA will seek to improve access to our buildings, progress the energy efficiency of our buildings, maintain OFSTED registration for key venues and invest in improvement in health and safety in line with our action plans.

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**Premises (continued)**

**MYA HQ:**

To develop our City Centre premises via:

- Maximising tenancy rentals and hire of facilities via marketing, promotion and discounts – focusing on our accessibility and new learning space
- Operating as a Youth Employment Hub, co-locating DWP staff
- Continuing to enhance facilities for hire via investment in new technologies
- Continuing to invest in refurbishment of building and contents
- Improving our energy efficiency and reduce utilities cost

**SPACE:**

To develop our Performing Arts offer via:

- Maximising income for Hire of facilities in partnership with local training and education providers and community organisations
- Developing in line with SPACE business plan
- Improving facilities and energy efficiency by refurbishment of the building

**Gordon:**

To develop the youth and community offer at the Gordon via:

- Delivery of Talent Match
- Continuing regular hire of facilities by external agencies

**Our Place**

To develop the youth and community offer at Our Place via:

- Delivery of Talent Match
- Co-location of Listening Ear
- Co-location of Career Connect
- Supporting access to facilities for community usage
- Expanding youth work delivery
- Developing a plan to introduce a youth arts offer

**The Dam**

To develop the outdoor education offer at The Dam via

- Implementing our business and income generation plan
- Developing and promoting offer to schools
- Developing and promoting offer to youth groups

**Future funding**

**We aim to fund our future plans by:**

- Continuing to deliver innovative support to young people which meets their needs via our responsive curriculum and business plan
- Working with our partners to both strategically and operationally deliver a children and young people's offer that is fit for purpose
- Mapping our outcomes against the Marmott Indicators and principals
- Working with our Commissioners to maintain and grow our best practice
- Developing business plans and fundraising strategies for projects without secure funding post March 24

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**Future funding (continued)**

- Working with partners in the Health Sector and VCS sector to influence the delivery of the Integrated Care System and Place based approach
- Working with VS6 and the Combined Authority on the skills agenda—becoming integral to local offer working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Responding to new funding initiatives specifically to develop our work within LCR
- Increasing income via hire of facilities and tenancy rental

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**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law 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 group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those 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 and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with FRS 102. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

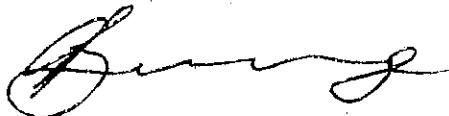
In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Balnbridge  
Secretary**

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law).

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 30), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of  
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Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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*Paul Collins FCA*

Date: 19/12/2023

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	2,708	6,456	9,164	7,624
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	146,497	40,765	187,262	141,549
<i>Investments</i>	5	7,083	-	7,083	11,799
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	-	4,147,371	4,147,371	3,527,797
<b>Total</b>		<b>156,288</b>	<b>4,194,592</b>	<b>4,350,880</b>	<b>3,688,769</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	4,545	-	4,545	6,035
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	240,428	4,067,575	4,308,003	3,951,288
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>244,973</b>	<b>4,067,575</b>	<b>4,312,548</b>	<b>3,957,323</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments</b>		<b>(88,685)</b>	<b>127,017</b>	<b>38,332</b>	<b>(268,554)</b>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	(11,284)	-	(11,284)	8,767
Net losses on Investment property		(42,589)	-	(42,589)	(154,470)
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before transfers</b>		<b>(142,558)</b>	<b>127,017</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>	<b>(414,257)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	18	<b>66,259</b>	<b>(66,259)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(76,299)</b>	<b>60,758</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>	<b>(414,257)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,953,216	98,797	3,052,013	3,466,270
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,876,917</b>	<b>159,555</b>	<b>3,036,472</b>	<b>3,052,013</b>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 35 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 27 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.


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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,852,931	1,904,771
Investment assets: Investments	13	283,764	292,164
Investment assets: Investment property	13	565,377	607,966
		<b>2,702,072</b>	2,804,901
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	1,013,408	836,543
Cash at bank and in hand		10,913	225,700
		<b>1,024,321</b>	1,062,243
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(623,925)</b>	(713,720)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>400,396</b>	348,523
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,102,468</b>	3,153,424
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(66,001)</b>	(101,439)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,036,467</b>	3,051,985
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	18		
Unrestricted		2,876,912	2,953,188
Restricted		159,555	98,797
		<b>3,036,467</b>	3,051,985

The notes on pages 35 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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 A. Gibbens

  
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 J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 35 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,852,931	1,904,771
Investment assets: Investments	13	283,759	292,159
Investment assets: Investment property	13	565,377	607,966
		<b>2,702,067</b>	2,804,896
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	1,013,408	836,543
Cash at bank and in hand		10,923	226,846
		<b>1,024,331</b>	1,063,389
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(623,925)</b>	(714,833)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>400,406</b>	348,556
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,102,473</b>	3,153,452
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(66,001)</b>	(101,439)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,036,472</b>	3,052,013
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>	18		
Unrestricted -			
Retained within the company		2,876,912	2,953,188
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		5	28
		<b>2,876,917</b>	2,953,216
Restricted		<b>159,555</b>	98,797
		<b>3,036,472</b>	3,052,013

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
A. Gibbons

.....  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	23	(254,287)	(108,732)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		7,083	11,799
Proceeds from sale of investments		13,331	20,999
Purchase of investments		(24,149)	(29,266)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(21,330)	(21,110)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(25,065)</u>	<u>(17,578)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(36,280)	(36,910)
Interest paid		(8,021)	(3,901)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(44,301)</u>	<u>(40,811)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(323,653)	(167,121)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		239,195	406,316
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>(84,458)</u>	<u>239,195</u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		10,923	226,846
Bank overdraft		(99,796)	-
Cash equivalents		4,415	12,349
		<u>(84,458)</u>	<u>239,195</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1 Statutory Information**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity information page. The Charity is also a public benefit entity.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager. The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including cash, debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	<u>2,708</u>	<u>6,456</u>	<u>9,164</u>	<u>7,624</u>
<b>4 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	126,757	40,765	167,522	125,315
Insurance recharges	19,740	-	19,740	16,201
Trading subsidiary income	-	-	-	33
	<u>146,497</u>	<u>40,765</u>	<u>187,262</u>	<u>141,549</u>
<b>5 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	41	-	41	-
Dividend income	7,042	-	7,042	11,799
	<u>7,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,083</u>	<u>11,799</u>
<b>6 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Alder Hey – NHS Trust	-	12,204	12,204	-
Arts Council England	-	797	797	9,752
BBC Children In Need	-	-	-	44,863
Big Lottery Fund – Talent Match	-	-	-	753,963
Brighter Sounds	-	6,140	6,140	-
Community Foundation	-	-	-	12,000
Department for Work and Pensions	-	104,401	104,401	117,153
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	7,478	7,478	-
European Social Fund	-	1,143,163	1,143,163	1,261,306
Grantscape – Burbo Bank	-	-	-	18,960
Groundwork UK: Tesco Bags of Help	-	1,000	1,000	-
Knowsley MBC	-	984,960	984,960	439,603
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	50,579	50,579	52,402
Liverpool CCG	-	80,616	80,616	255,966
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	-	-	17,700
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	24,045	24,045	65,300
Merseyside Police	-	371,678	371,678	220,442
National Lottery Heritage	-	27,325	27,325	-
NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	-	148,400	148,400	-
One Knowsley	-	45,724	45,724	-
PRS Foundation	-	4,992	4,992	4,992
Sefton CVS	-	9,300	9,300	17,640
Sefton MBC	-	93,943	93,943	31,693
Sports England	-	(2,020)	(2,020)	-
Street Games	-	20,000	20,000	-
Vola	-	-	-	12,618
Young Persons Advisory Service	-	52,617	52,617	33,800
Youth Futures Foundation	-	763,221	763,221	-
Youth Music	-	46,409	46,409	30,939
Programme income	-	9,167	9,167	8,361
Project sales income	-	131,154	131,154	84,985
EMDR training Income	-	9,178	9,178	24,900
Other income	-	900	900	8,459
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,147,371</u>	<u>4,147,371</u>	<u>3,527,797</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,199	-	4,199	4,319
Trading subsidiary expenditure	130	-	130	1,500
	<u>4,545</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,545</u>	<u>6,035</u>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	192,968	2,048,231	2,241,199	1,825,794
Staff pension costs	8,952	41,701	50,653	42,674
Agency costs	24,530	73,185	97,715	112,394
Compensation for loss of office	-	-	-	1,500
Staff training/health & safety	(7,010)	37,054	30,044	13,162
Staff fitness and wellbeing	1,583	-	1,583	-
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(34,872)	96,686	61,814	25,735
Service charges	-	34,813	34,813	-
Insurance	33,433	54,846	88,279	68,141
Light and heat	37,730	62,474	100,204	43,810
Cleaning and laundry	31,331	19,620	50,951	46,570
Repairs and maintenance	65,015	24,275	89,290	65,795
Accountancy	36,941	21,800	58,741	48,587
Advertising	-	2,939	2,939	4,351
Auditors' remuneration	17,000	-	17,000	16,200
Bad debts	1,576	650	2,226	-
Bank charges	8,350	-	8,350	8,425
Computer costs	29,632	25,626	55,258	48,798
Consultancy fees	-	12,960	12,960	2,620
EMDR training costs	-	65,758	65,758	94,870
ESF indirect overhead	(135,811)	135,811	-	-
ESF procured services	-	121,274	121,274	450,988
Equipment and resources	361	67,061	67,422	72,823
External supervision/support	2,778	3,038	5,816	4,586
Fees and subscriptions	1,492	5,635	7,127	2,797
Foodbank costs	-	2,580	2,580	5,726
Hire of equipment	8,850	4,576	13,426	9,906
Interest paid	8,021	-	8,021	3,901
IT support charges	(36,626)	36,626	-	-
Legal and professional costs	25,277	11,700	36,977	19,018
Management support fee	(12,204)	12,204	-	-
Marketing and communication	20,328	-	20,328	-
NOW Festival	-	12,203	12,203	5,407
Printing, postage & stationery	(1,250)	23,145	21,895	10,746
Programme expenses	(10,094)	188,320	178,226	156,622
Project start up/recruitment	(7,946)	7,946	-	-
Support services/other charges	(182,535)	182,535	-	-
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	(100)	552,479	552,379	597,449
	<u>127,700</u>	<u>3,989,751</u>	<u>4,117,451</u>	<u>3,809,395</u>
c/fwd				

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>8 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	127,700	3,989,751	4,117,451	3,809,395
Telephone	24,817	50,248	75,065	45,399
Travel and motor expenses	307	10,139	10,446	7,607
Volunteers	150	-	150	159
Depreciation	73,170	-	73,170	77,245
Sundries	14,284	17,437	31,721	11,483
	<u>240,428</u>	<u>4,067,575</u>	<u>4,308,003</u>	<u>3,951,288</u>

<b>9 Net (expenditure)/income</b>	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	73,170	77,245
Staff costs (see note 10)	2,291,852	1,868,467
Accountancy	58,741	48,587
Auditors' Remuneration	17,000	16,200

The auditor's remuneration of £17,000 (2022: £16,200) relates solely to the audit.

<b>10 Staff Costs</b>	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and Salaries	2,046,280	1,671,437
Social Security Costs	194,919	154,357
Pension Costs	50,653	42,673
	<u>2,291,852</u>	<u>1,868,467</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Administration	9	9
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	54	47
	<u>65</u>	<u>58</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2022; £Nil) during the year. A total of £494 (2022: £448) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**11 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £50,653 (2022: £42,673).

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles	Total £
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>					
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1st April 2022	12,000	2,850,974	94,294	-	2,957,268
Additions	-	5,446	5,089	10,795	21,330
At 31st March, 2022	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,856,420</u>	<u>99,383</u>	<u>10,795</u>	<u>2,957,268</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st April 2021	8,400	1,003,261	40,836	-	1,052,497
Charge for the year	240	64,434	7,372	1,124	73,170
At 31st March, 2022	<u>8,640</u>	<u>1,067,695</u>	<u>48,208</u>	<u>1,124</u>	<u>1,125,667</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31st March, 2023	<u>3,360</u>	<u>1,788,725</u>	<u>51,175</u>	<u>9,671</u>	<u>1,852,931</u>
At 31st March, 2022	<u>3,600</u>	<u>1,847,713</u>	<u>53,458</u>		<u>1,904,771</u>

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>13 Investment assets</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	279,344	279,810
Cash held by investment managers	<u>4,415</u>	<u>12,349</u>
	283,764	292,164
Investment property	<u>565,377</u>	<u>607,966</u>
	<u><u>849,141</u></u>	<u><u>900,130</u></u>

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

<b>Investment in subsidiary undertakings:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

It is the intention that the trading company donates its profits to the charity on a regular basis

The profit and loss account of the trading company for the year ended 31st March, 2023 was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Turnover	107	2,317
Cost of sales	-	(74)
Gross profit	-	2,243
Administrative expenses	<u>(130)</u>	<u>(1,426)</u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation	<u>(23)</u>	817
Retained profit brought forward	<u>28</u>	<u>(789)</u>
Retained profit carried forward	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>28</u></u>

**Listed investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	279,810	24,149	(13,331)	(11,284)	<u>279,344</u>
Cash	<u>12,349</u>				<u>4,415</u>
	<u><u>292,159</u></u>				<u><u>283,759</u></u>

<b>14 Debtors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade Debtors	257,932	319,939
Prepayments and accrued income	751,000	511,821
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-
Other debtors	<u>4,476</u>	<u>4,783</u>
	<u><u>1,013,408</u></u>	<u><u>836,543</u></u>

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<b>14 Debtors (continued)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<u>Group</u>		
Trade debtors	257,932	319,939
Prepayments and accrued income	751,000	511,821
Other debtors	4,476	4,783
	<b>1,013,408</b>	<b>836,543</b>
<b>15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Bank overdraft	99,796	-
Trade creditors	100,964	315,806
Bank loan	37,041	37,883
Accruals and deferred income	316,560	300,745
Taxation and social security	52,840	45,252
Other creditors	16,724	14,034
	<b>623,925</b>	<b>713,720</b>
<u>Group</u>		
Bank overdraft	99,796	-
Trade creditors	100,964	315,806
Bank loan	37,041	37,883
Accruals and deferred income	316,560	301,858
Taxation and social security	52,840	45,252
Other creditors	16,724	14,034
	<b>623,925</b>	<b>714,833</b>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture (including a fixed charge) dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on restricted funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

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**16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>66,001</u>	<u>101,439</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2022: £Nil) is due after more than 5 years.

**17 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	2,702,067	-	2,702,067
Current Assets	510,693	513,638	1,024,331
Current Liabilities	(269,842)	(354,083)	(623,925)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(66,001)	-	(66,001)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u><b>2,876,917</b></u>	<u><b>159,555</b></u>	<u><b>3,036,472</b></u>

**18 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2022 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	785,922	614,429	(678,163)	(51,300)	670,888
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	683,774	-	(26,418)	5,089	662,445
MYA Know	15,968	-	(2,725)	10,795	24,038
SPACE Project	39,542	-	(1,289)	-	38,253
Gordon Youth Centre	10,361	-	(486)	5,446	15,321
Starting Point	1,155,124	-	(42,252)	-	1,112,872
	<u>1,904,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(73,170)</u>	<u>21,330</u>	<u>1,852,929</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
MYA Foodbank	-	-	-	6,504	6,504
Choices Knowsley	15,781	-	-	(15,781)	-
MYA Know	39,962	-	-	49,372	89,334
MYA MVP	15,863	-	-	5,933	21,796
MYA Navigators	9,594	-	-	3,512	13,106
MYA Noise	-	-	-	-	-
MYA Peer Action Collective	8,114	-	-	(8,114)	-
MYA Raise	161,000	-	-	56,701	217,701
SPACE Project	7,459	-	-	(7,459)	-
MYA YOU	4,724	-	-	(70)	4,654
Gordon Youth Centre	-	33,871	(39,395)	5,524	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	28	-	(130)	107	5
	<u>262,525</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>(39,525)</u>	<u>96,229</u>	<u>353,100</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>2,953,216</b></u>	<u><b>648,300</b></u>	<u><b>(790,858)</b></u>	<u><b>66,259</b></u>	<u><b>2,876,917</b></u>

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**18 Movement on funds  
(cont.)**

	At 1st April, 2022 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	237,860	(268,152)	30,292	-
MYA MVP	-	173,182	(157,607)	(5,933)	9,642
MYA Birthday Celebration	-	55,251	(42,243)	(13,008)	-
MYA Foodbank	-	896	(2,580)	1,684	-
MYA Know	-	881,051	(820,885)	(60,166)	-
MYA Noise	-	60,378	(67,586)	7,208	-
MYA Peer Action Collective	-	47,617	(45,466)	(2,151)	-
MYA YOU	-	50,579	(50,649)	70	-
MYA Youth Hub	18,774	104,401	(109,761)	-	13,414
MYA Navigators	-	146,289	(142,777)	(3,512)	-
MYA Raise	-	390,476	(333,775)	(56,701)	-
SPACE Project	-	150,088	(185,744)	35,656	-
Step Up Fund	8	-	-	-	8
Talent Match	16,615	-	(2,410)	-	14,205
Talent Match 2019	63,400	-	(63,702)	302	-
Talent Match Plus	-	1,143,163	(1,119,268)	-	23,895
Talent Match – Youth Futures	-	763,221	(664,830)	-	98,391
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b><u>98,797</u></b>	<b><u>4,204,452</u></b>	<b><u>(4,077,435)</u></b>	<b><u>(66,259)</u></b>	<b><u>159,555</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>3,052,013</u></b>	<b><u>4,852,752</u></b>	<b><u>(4,868,293)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,036,472</u></b>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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**Unrestricted funds**

General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
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**Designated unrestricted capital reserves**

The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:

Headquarters

Gordon Youth Centre

MYA Know

SPACE Project

Starting Point

This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.

**Designated unrestricted funds**

The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:

Choices Knowsley

MYA MVP

MYA Know

MYA Navigators

MYA Peer Action Collective

MYA Raise

SPACE Project

MYA YOU

Gordon Youth Centre

This is a leasehold property located in the Netherton area of the city. The centre is utilised as a project base for our Talent Match team and supports its delivery of personalised pathways to education and employment for young people. There are also tenants located at the centre including a pharmacy who have a licence to operate in the designated area to serve the local community. Income from tenancies is used to finance the operating and maintenance costs of the building.

Trading subsidiary –  
MYA Youth Limited

This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

**Restricted funds**

Choices Knowsley

Choices Knowsley is a Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council funded 'Short Breaks' service for disabled children/young people and their families. The main purpose of a short break is to give parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability the opportunity to have a break from their caring role. Provision is available for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 and currently residing in Knowsley.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Birthday Celebration	Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Mason Owen Financial Services, this project has been set up to support the 130th birthday celebrations for the charity. This will include a number of events across the year including a book and a short film on our history showcasing young people's lives that have been changed by the charity, a musical, a tapestry and a new archive drop for further historical documents into Liverpool Records office.
MYA MVP	The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.
MYA Know	Funded through Knowsley MBC, this project supports young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The project works in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, Detached Youth Work etc., The project team also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people. The majority of services are delivered from MYA's 'Our Place' venue located in Longview, Huyton and The Dam at Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley.
MYA Noise	The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.
MYA Peer Action Collective	The Peer Action Collective (PAC) is a project funded by the Youth Endowment Fund. As the lead organization within the partnership YPAS will recruit 12 young people (16-20 yrs old) to undertake research with other young people to understand their experiences of violence within their communities and how best to tackle this through social action.
MYA YOU	The YOU Project funded through Liverpool City Council, is a citywide, strategic approach to providing services for disabled children and young people as well as their families.
MYA Youth Hub	Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City Region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim / survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
MYA Raise	This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200 seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.
Step Up Fund	The Step Up Fund is a small fund established through a legacy from Mrs Stella Warren. The fund is designed to help unemployed young people within MYA projects to access training or education by helping with course fees, travel costs, childcare etc. Awards of up to £350 are available (in exceptional circumstances awards of £500 may be made).
Big Lottery Fund: Talent Match	Intensive Mentoring Programme for young people aged 18-24 who have been out of the labour market for over 12 months.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.
Talent Match – Youth Futures	Funded by Youth Futures Foundation who are a “what works” funder. This programme supports young people who have been out of training, education or work for 12 months or more. This project works with young people aged 15-29 providing intensive mentoring and bespoke wraparound support to enable them to achieve their goals. Evaluated by King’s College London, this programme aims to provide an evidence base on “what works” to address youth unemployment in order to influence future unemployment strategies.

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**19 Transfers between funds**

Certain transfers between different funds relate to adjustments necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £46,406 (2022: £41,779) has been transferred from unrestricted funds to cover this shortfall, including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects.

Eleven (2022: fifteen) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves; other than for Talent Match Plus, whose reserves have been restricted, the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts. Following the success of such projects, the directors have made transfers to designated funds to enable further related work to be performed in future periods. During the current year, the directors have made a transfer to designated funds totalling £126,312 (2022: £83,642) to enable further related work on these projects to be performed. In addition, the directors have made further transfers to unrestricted funds in respect of projects that have incurred surpluses totalling £11,273 (2022: £370) and a transfer of £1,754 (2022: £95,556) from designated funds to support an in-year loss on two projects (2022: two projects). Further, following the success of MYA's Birthday Celebration, £12,000 was transferred to two departments (£6,000 to each) and a transfer of £8,188 was made between restricted and designated funds in order to support a new designation. In addition, £21,330 (2022: £21,110) has been transferred to designated unrestricted capital reserves from designated unrestricted funds in respect of fixed asset additions in the year.

**20 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**21 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liability at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023:

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021. Therefore, the condition is in place until 31 March 2026.

**22 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	3,739	11,840
Between one and five years	-	-	1,322	5,061
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,061</u>	<u>16,901</u>

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<b>23 Cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net expenditure for the year	(15,541)	(414,257)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(7,083)	(11,799)
Depreciation	73,170	77,245
Net losses/(gains) on investments	53,873	145,703
Interest payable	<u>8,021</u>	<u>3,901</u>
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<b>112,440</b>	<b>(199,207)</b>
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(176,865)	(159,671)
Increase)/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(189,862)</u>	<u>250,146</u>
	<u><b>(254,287)</b></u>	<u><b>(108,732)</b></u>

**24 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £30,000 (2022: £30,000) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £Nil (2022: £Nil).

**25 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**26 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity wrote off the balance due from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited, in the amount of £107. Balances due from group companies are shown in Note 14 of the financial statements.

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**27 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	5,163	2,461	7,624
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	137,099	4,450	141,549
<i>Investments</i>	5	11,799	-	11,799
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	7,153	3,520,644	3,527,797
<i>Other income</i>		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>161,214</u>	<u>3,527,555</u>	<u>3,688,769</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	6,035	-	6,035
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	178,653	3,772,635	3,951,288
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>184,688</u>	<u>3,772,635</u>	<u>3,957,323</u>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before losses on investments</b>		(23,474)	(245,080)	268,554
Net losses on investments		8,767	-	8,767
Net gains on investment property		(154,470)	-	(154,470)
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		(169,177)	(245,080)	(414,257)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		708,002	(708,002)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		538,825	(953,082)	(414,257)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		2,414,391	1,051,879	3,466,270
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,953,216</u>	<u>98,797</u>	<u>3,052,013</u>

**MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 700738

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration number: 700738  
Company Registration number: 1843226

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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**Charity Information**

Charity Name: Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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Charity Registration Number: 700738

Company Registration Number: 1843226

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August,  
1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

Registered Office: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
Liverpool  
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Principal Business Address: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
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L1 3DY

Directors/Trustees: P. Boyce  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons (Chairperson)  
J. R. Gosney  
I. Khan  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd (Treasurer)  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn

Company Secretary: G. Bainbridge

Chief Executive: G. Bainbridge

Accountants: Sloan Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
PO Box 798  
Northwich  
CW9 9WE

Auditor: Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
Suite 13, Hattersley House  
1 Hattersley Court  
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L39 2AY

Bankers: HSBC plc Barclays Bank plc  
99-101 Lord Street 48b & 50 Lord Street  
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**Charity Information (cont.)**

Solicitors:	Brabners Chaffe Street Horton House Exchange Flags Liverpool L2 3YL	Ellis Whittam Limited Woodhouse Church Lane Aldford Chester CH3 6JD
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Investment Managers:	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited The Plaza 100 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9AB
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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors as at the date of this report, are as stated below:

P. Boyce (appointed 8 September 2022)  
D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn  
I. Khan

A. Gibbons and D. R. Swaffield retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first. The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-option of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (cont.)**

**Trustees induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan and a copy of the latest annual report and accounts. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet every six weeks. The Board will convene sub groups for specific purposes e.g. fundraising as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 8600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority, metro mayor and the LEP.

As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCS's and other infrastructure organisations. Throughout 2021, VS6 held numerous assemblies with the sector both online with representatives from hundreds of VCFSE organisations across the City Region.

VS6 has an agreed manifesto and action plan which outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the development and recovery of the Liverpool City Region over the next three years are three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

The CEO is a trustee of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. VSNW ensured that the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, in all its diversity, takes its full part in shaping the future of the North West. VSNW's activity to support the sector in the North West is currently focused on five areas: Devolution, System Change, Health and Social Care, Supporting Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

We continue our partnership with LCVS, Sefton CVS, St Helens and Halton CVA, One Knowsley and Community Action Wirral to coordinate the infrastructure offer across the city region.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group) and this year has joined Youth Focus North West and is part of their Strategic Leads group.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and Housing First Steering Group.

We have also maintained our close strategic links with the Department of Work and Pensions including delivering a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters, with co-located DWP work coaches. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity has strategic links with CAMHS (including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board) and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people, and their families in Sefton.

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in supporting the development of the NEET strategy and Adolescence Strategy and the Liverpool Marmot Partnership Group, addressing the social determinates of health.

MYA has developed new strategic and operational partnerships as a result of being commissioned to deliver Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes membership of the Knowsley Children and Families Board, and participation in network meetings in relation to a number of strategies including Stronger Communities, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Children, Health and Wellbeing, ASB, Care Leavers and Crime and Communities team meetings.

We remain members of the Heath Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people. This has included information sharing in relation to the dissolution of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the restructuring of the NHS into Integrated Care Systems across a Cheshire and Merseyside footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, National Lotteries Community Fund (Talent Match), the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CAMHS), Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council England, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Liverpool CVS Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund), BBC Children in Need (Youth Investment Fund Phase One), Grantscape- Burbo Bank, PRS Foundation, VOLA and YPAS.

Malmo Café continue to be a tenant of the building and running a Scandinavian themed café from the ground floor in our city centre base and Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble playing Fields. All our tenants have abided by Government legalisation and guidelines in relation to their opening and delivery.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of identity) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people. Our Foodbank works in partnership with FairShares.

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, YPAS, ADDvanced Solutions, Elevate, Windmills and Kenyons, procured to deliver targeted services, via an SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited, and it is MYA's intention to review the position of the trading company in the next financial year.

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (cont.)**

**Risk management**

The risk management of Covid has remained a major focus, evolving in relation to government guidance and local infection rates.

MYA operated a 6-level risk assessment process (Green to Red High). As infection rates and government guidance and levels change, we move between different levels of risk assessment. This includes identifying and rating risk in relation to MYA buildings, staff and office-based work, face to face delivery, travel, external visitors, use of communal areas, meetings, dealing with symptomatic people on and off site, symptomatic people in households, mental health and emotional wellbeing, Emergency evacuation, and accidents.

Across the last year, a range of risk mitigations and controls were in place to reduce risk including, one-way systems, mask wearing, social distancing, screens, sanitation stations, increased hygiene and cleaning regimes and use of PPE. Prioritizing young people and offering support in a range of formats ensured that we are able to support for the most vulnerable clients at all levels.

Staff and young people were also individually risk assessed in relation to their own health and vulnerabilities as well as those with whom they live.

Each project had its own Covid-19 action plans, which included project specific procedures and mitigations, which take into account, for example if the project operates under education or youth sector guidance. It was nuanced in relation to the needs of the target cohort.

We work within the Government guidance and guidance outlined by National Youth Agency (in partnership with DCMS and Public Health England) and educational guidance for our OFSTED registered provision.

Therefore, throughout the year we provided Covid secure settings in line with nationally recognised guidance.

We clearly communicated each change of level, in advance to all staff members.

MYA has a Covid 19 Immunisation and Testing policy and mandated testing on a regular basis for all staff, in all Levels of Risk assessment except Green, to prevent the spread of the virus, and therefore helped to protect our vulnerable groups.

93% of our workforce have been vaccinated and we strongly encourage and recommend all staff to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

We have also developed a Covid recovery plan, in relation to curriculum, workforce and governance.

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all other aspects of its work. These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

Ellis Whittam provides external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

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**Risk management (continued)**

A rolling programme of health and safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2021 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserve policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long-term intention of the Trustees to build up our unrestricted reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve month's worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months' worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. These objectives have been met. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £2,953,216 and restricted reserves at the year end date total £98,797.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances as to develop their physical, mental, spiritual capacities that may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Mission**

Our mission is to create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**Aims:**

- To inspire our young people to fulfil their full potential
- To increase our positive impact in the field of work with young people
- To build a strong and positive workforce, within MYA and across children and young people's services

**Objectives:**

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To present MYA as a key influencer for positive change and to support organisations who work with young people

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**Vision:**

To become the provider of choice for children and young people's services, training and premises/facilities in Liverpool City Region.

**Fundamental Principles:**

We will do this by adhering to our values and key principles of being:

- Young people focused - keeping the young person at the centre
- Inclusive and accessible - to all our stakeholders
- Responsive and flexible - in relation to service provision and internal structures
- Effective and efficient - a can do, low risk organisation which offers value for money.

**Covid Recovery Priorities**

For the next three years, MYA has committed to additional priorities to support Covid recovery planning. These are:

- To address issues for young people arising from the pandemic
  - To deliver curriculum in line with Covid Recovery plan
  - Focus on wellbeing and resilience, through a trauma informed lens
- To support the workforce to address issues arising from the pandemic
  - Utilise quality processes (including supervision and appraisal) to support staff responses
  - To deliver workforce related actions in line with Covid Recovery Plan
- To address impact of Covid-19 pandemic on organisation
  - Continue to be proactive and responsive to risk
  - To deliver governance related actions in line with Covid Recovery Plan

**Activities:**

The charity has been implementing its Business Plan which is underpinned by the following objectives:

- Delivered high quality support and services responding to children and young people's needs, focusing on Covid-19 recovery and wellbeing
- Delivered our targets and client outcomes to make a positive and lasting change
- Promoted MYA's Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment
- Provided accessible, sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities to support excellence in delivery and to maximise income generation
- Managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and future growth
- Provided a healthy, safe and high-quality working environment to maximise staff and service user satisfaction and to minimise risk
- Provided a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change
- Strengthened the MYA brand via an effective communications and marketing strategy to ensure increased stakeholder recognition and identification
- Grown and diversified sources of profitable income to invest in our future

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**Achievements and performance**

We have delivered **high quality support and services responding to children and young people's needs:**

MYA delivers a wide range of early intervention, prevention, welfare and education projects across Liverpool City Region; one of the most economically and socially deprived areas of the country. Our aim is to inspire young people to fulfil their potential making significant differences to our young people's motivation, skills, aspiration, resilience and belonging.

MYA has built its practice on an evidence base, and learn, adapt and improve our projects to meet the needs of young people including those in poverty, NEET, disabled and have mental health and emotional wellbeing issues. Our activities are grouped into projects aligned to specific areas of geographical and social need:



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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

Our project work is:

- Driven by young people for young people
- Demand Led and bespoke – focusing on wellbeing first
- Motivational and inspiring
- Holistic and Multi-disciplinary
- Asset led - built on young people's resilience, skills, knowledge and interests

We have trained our staff in Trauma Informed approaches and led by our understanding of the impact of Covid, this year our curriculum was based on addressing young people mental health and wellbeing, social isolation and engagement in education, training or work including:

- Projects which connect young people to each other, reduce social isolation and create positive peer networks
- Projects which focus on wellbeing, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
- Projects that promote pro- social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
- Projects that support gaining, maintaining and sustaining positive progressions in education, training or employment

We have also expanded the support and services we provide, by being commissioned to provide Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes managing the Our Place Youth Centre and Skatepark and the Dam Outdoor Education Water Sports Centre on Lord Derby's estate.

**Skills development and employability achievements:**

**MYA Talent Match**

It has been a year of change and challenges for Talent Match. Securing Youth Futures Foundation funding to replace National Lottery Funding has brought a new direction to the programme. National Evaluators, Kings College London and The School of Social Economics have been procured to evaluate the programme, and to find out what works when addressing Youth Unemployment. This has further developed the offer and has also progressed the way that data is captured and reported which will give TM greater qualitative and quantitative data. We have also established a Learning Network with strategic leads from Liverpool to work with our counterpart Durham County Council who also secured YFF funding.

Despite being challenged with referrals, especially from JCP, who only returned to their offices in January 22, we had 922 young people engaged in the programme this year of which:

- 120 went into Education/Training
- 290 achieved work-related qualifications
- 229 went into Employment
- 485 young people completed their interventions

Therefore, we have continued to deliver life changing, holistic support for young people, many of whom have increasing and more complex needs as a result of Covid. We have delivered over 1000 counselling sessions, with anxiety, depression and Adverse Childhood Experiences being the top three presenting issues.

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**MYA Talent Match (continued)**

April 22 will see the end of our funding from National Lottery – we will continue to work with them and meet regularly. They will also be attending and supporting our Learning Network with YFF.

Talent Match delivered a 'TM Conference' at St George's Hall in March for 250 delegates. This was a celebration event promoting the fantastic work of the project which makes a huge difference to young people's lives within the LCR. Talent Match participants past and present shared their stories which were powerful and thought provoking. SPACE performed a piece of theatre highlighting the journey of a young person on the programme.

The conference culminated in a question-and-answer forum, this gave the young people the opportunity to discuss issues surrounding being unemployed in 2022, and the barriers they face daily.

It was a huge success. Mentors and managers were very proud of the difference they make to young people's lives.

**MYA Youth Hub**

We were delighted to open the MYA Youth Hub in May 2021. This project is in partnership with Department of Work and Pensions. It is one of only two demonstrator models in the country. We have four JCP staff working full time out the MYA Youth Hub on Hanover Street. We directly employ two Youth Mentors to support the engagement of young people from minoritized communities and who have neurodevelopment issues to access the Youth Hub. The aim of the Youth Hub is to develop a safe space that is more accessible to vulnerable young people aged 18-24 years in receipt of benefits. The work of the JCP staff is supported by Talent Match mentors and counsellors to provide a truly wraparound support service. In the first year of delivery the Hub has achieved all targets set, also Hub staff facilitated an exchange visit to Spain for 10 young people.

We have been successful in our application to Flexible Support Fund to extend the Youth Hub work for another year.

**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Achievements:**

**MYA Raise**

The Raise Mental Health Promotion Project has delivered ROCKET, our peer resilience champion programme, to 34 schools reaching out to 1020 children. We worked in 9 schools delivering our Empower programme which reached 2158 young people, responding to COVID recovery.

Our Masterclass mental health workforce development programme has been delivered to 13,943 participants over a range of mental health courses: self-harm, eating disorders, PTSD, suicide awareness, etc. In addition, we have trained 120 staff in a 7-day EMDR training to respond to the needs of Trauma / PTSD and 60 staff trained in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy.

We continue to deliver ACEs and Trauma informed practice training to 412 delegates.

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**MYA Raise (continued)**

The 7th Now Children and Young People's Mental Health Festival was an invitation for young people to tell us 'What needs to change to bounce forwards'. We had 18 performances over 3 nights and 240 young people explored themes such as Covid recovery, resilience building, the environment, the impact of grooming and safeguarding. We heard more about the impact of suicide and how it can affect so many people and an urgent need for early prevention. Young people shared their accounts of online harm but also how it can develop networks and expand communication. The young performers also told us about inclusion and celebration of diversity. We are planning next year's festival on the theme of violence prevention.

**MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention**

Through our Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme, we have reached 26 secondary schools across the Liverpool City Region. This peer mentoring programme gives young people the chance to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of violence. The aim is to empower young people to be "active bystanders" with the ability to support and challenge peers in a safe way.

We surveyed 3,752 young people and they responded telling us their top 3 concerns: Racism, Online abuse, suicide. This enabled us to build the programme to respond to their concerns.

This year the team has worked with 412 Mentors, who have, in turn, supported 3,620 mentees. This is being evaluated by John Moores University.

**Social Inclusion and Equality achievements:**

**MYA Choices Knowsley**

Between 26/07/21 and 27/08/21 we successfully delivered our MYA Choices Knowsley holiday provision across 3 sites, working in Halewood, Whiston and Kirkby to provide respite for over 100 children and families. Over the course of a 5-week period we delivered 330 hours of quality provision in a safe and effective way, simultaneously minimising the ongoing risks associated with Covid- 19 and maximising engagement and interaction through carefully managed settings.

This period was also laced with uncertainty as our existing KMBC 'Short Beaks' contract was due to finish at the end of the financial year after 4 years of delivery.

Following two commissioning processes, we have been recommissioned to provide all 5 lots that we applied for. We will be providing weekend and holiday short breaks provision for young people with enhanced support needs.

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**MYA YOU**

The project team has provided a broad and varied offer of inclusive and engaging activities for disabled children and young people. One of the most successful and unique pieces of work carried out during this period was the 'InRoads' programme, which was an MVRP funded project seeking to engage and educate young people on issues around violence in their communities. We secured £12,000 to deliver a range of workshops which were adapted from the MYA Raise Team's 'Mentors against Violence Programme'. These were developed to include engaging activities such as arts, poetry, drama/ role play and music, in order to address issues like community safety, disability hate crime, knife crime and healthy relationships.

The InRoads programme was a huge success and across 8 existing disability and inclusion youth settings we delivered 42 workshops and worked with 138 children and young people.

The other key achievement for MYA YOU during this period, was the securement of continued funding for the 2022/23 period. This followed an extended period of consultation within the Local Authority during which decisions were being made regarding the full recommission and tender process of the Youth and Play Grant Scheme. The decision was eventually made to roll over the funding for Youth and Play at the existing figure, and as a consequence of the strong performance of the project and the high regard in which MYA is held within the sector locally, we were able to submit a successful application for £49,500 to continue delivery of the project.

**MYA Know**

In February 2022 we began delivery of the contract for the Integrated Youth Service in Knowsley. This is a significant contract for £750,000 pa, which includes Targeted 1-1, Detached, Health and participation provision as well as a large purpose-built youth centre 'Our Place', and the outdoor education centre on the Lord Derby's estate (The Dam).

The mobilisation of this project was a huge undertaking and included significant recruitment, building management and programme development. However, the achievement which stands out during this period (February- March 2022), was the securement of £44,863 from the first round of the YIF grants scheme.

This money was used to replace all the water-based sports and outdoor education equipment for The Dam, which the previous incumbent of the contract removed in order to continue their own outdoor education offer. The successful grant application funded the purchase of a rescue boat, stand up paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, archery equipment, PPE, wetsuits, and floatation devices. This equipment has enabled us to quickly mobilise our outdoor offer and in the first 4 months of the contract we provided an opportunity for over 300 children and young people to access water sports and make memories in a beautiful and unique setting.

**MYA Navigators**

This was the first year of the Navigator project delivery for MYA and the project has been successfully embedded within Alder Hey Children's Hospital since September 2021, and Royal Liverpool University Hospital and Aintree University Hospital since January 2022. This was achieved through the team building positive relationships with the senior management and safeguarding teams, as well as Emergency Department staff across the hospital sites to promote the project.

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**MYA Navigators (continued)**

During this period, the team also designed the Navigator website, online referral form and promotional materials, such as banners and posters for the hospitals, as well as z-card leaflets to hand out to hospital staff and young people. These were all positively received and supported hospital staff understanding and awareness of the project.

Due to these positive relationships, promotion of service, and presence across the hospital sites, a total of 58 young people were referred into the project during this period. Of the 58 young people referred into service, 18 (31%) met with a Navigator either within the hospital or community setting and were signposted or referred into support services including YPAS, EDYs, MYA Noise and Cells Project.

The project has been able to reach those young people who are often hard to reach or previously missed being offered support within the hospital setting, and so it is a fantastic achievement to have reached this number of young people within the first 7 months of project delivery.

**Creative Personal and Social Development Achievements:**

**MYA SPACE**

It has been a full year at SPACE with performances such as Midsummer Lane, in which young people used the Shakespearean story to make a show with a modern-day twist. Monologue nights evoked laughter and tears, as young people devised monologues and short plays about real life and fiction. "Just a Second", summer provision brought much joy as young people got to work with a "throughline" story and devised short video performances. Dance night showcased 21 dance routines, several costume changes and an introduction to a "Jake" who was compare on the night – something he had done for the very first time.

Our partnership work with schools has developed and we have solid relationships with many schools within our area. At Chesterfield High school we have developed our 1:1 "SPACE to TALK" intervention as well as small group work. This offer has built from one 2hr session in school to 25hrs per week. The development with SKY Music Hub and our SEND project work has allowed us to work with 9 schools and put on 3 showcases with over 90 young people and some fantastic outcomes for young people.

The launch of our wellbeing magazine and media group development has given young people the experience and skills to become reporters, hold their own podcasts interviews and to also become a strong youth voice for Sefton. This has led to one of our young people becoming a young advisor for Sefton CVS.

Our support group "SPACE New Beginnings" for young people who identify themselves as LGBTQ+ has doubled in size and really enjoyed working with "The Open Eye" gallery on a very successful arts project.

To conclude the year, SPACE devised and performed a powerful, realistic, heartfelt performance for the Talent Match Conference. "Billy" told the story of a young person in crisis, finding Talent Match turning their life around. It was very well received and gave a real insight to some of the fabulous work of MYA.

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**MYA Noise**

This year saw Noise successfully secure another two years funding from Youth Music, enabling the team to continue to deliver sessional work with young people wishing to learn and explore their musical abilities. These sessions range from singing to drumming, guitar to keyboards. Many young people use music as a way of therapeutic support, as they have struggled through the pandemic, and their mental health has suffered.

Young people are encouraged to participate in group sessions too, including the record club, which has been set up for young people to bring their music to the group and interact with each other providing peer support to enhance their music skills.

The Team has also delivered a PRS funded programme bringing together professional music producers to work and support the development of a number of selected amateur artists to progress their music abilities.

The support provided was co-ordinated by Noise who attended all the sessions and designed the programme which provided sessional activities in professional recording studios with music producers, promoters, PR and recording of a chosen track that they had worked on.

One young person has gone on to have their track played on Jazz FM and another group are ready to launch their single in September.

The end of the year, saw the Programme manager leave and a new management structure put in place to support the work of the team.

We have delivered **our targets and client outcomes** to make a positive and lasting change.

MYA works with Liverpool City Region's Local Authorities, health commissioners and the Combined Authority to ensure that the outcomes of our projects align and add value to strategic priorities. Our offer is aimed to deliver outcomes in the key priority areas of health (including mental and emotional health), educational and skills attainment and employability, personal and developmental outcomes for vulnerable and at-risk young people (including young disabled people, those at risk of being perpetrators of victims of violence, those with low educational attainment etc.).

## **Outputs**

The charity has worked with 3,746 different young people, with 144,385 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. We worked with 186 more young people this year. Our number of contacts (number of time young people attend a MYA session) more than doubled this year, demonstrating, not only increased number due to lifting of Covid restrictions, but also the increasing needs of young people to engage with our services. This year has shown that young people need more longitudinal and intensive support, with young people accessing our services, on average, 38 times a year. This is an average increase of 19 session a year per young person since last year. This shows continued alignment with our business plan objectives and our mission to create positive and **lasting** change in Merseyside's young people.

Last year's trend of working with more young women than young men has continued, but the differential has reduced since last year, as 52% of our participants identified as female and 48% identified as male.

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**Outputs (continued)**

This year has seen an increase in our work in schools but we have been unable to complete our equalities monitoring in some of this work. This is something we will be addressing next year.

For the projects that we were able to collate equalities monitoring information, 9.6% of our cohort were from Black, Asian and Minoritized Ethnic Communities, an increase of 4% from last year. This may reflect our proactive outreach work in this area.

5.8% of our cohort identified as LGBTQ+, an increase of nearly 2% since last year.

28.8% of our young people identified as disabled, which reflect our targeted work in relation to short breaks and inclusive youth work, alongside our Your Way Programme in Talent Match and Youth Hub Outreach work, which target young people with disabilities and those who are neurodiverse.

17% of our young people were aged between 7-11, an increase of 7% since last year.

49% are aged between 12-16 and 14% are aged 17-21. 19% are over 21 years.

We have provided training to 3,339 different organisations/professionals an increase of 2,009 since last year, reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health and the need for professional to have the skills to support young people with Covid recovery.

We have worked with 324 partner and referral agencies, an increase of 163 from last year, which reflects the gradual return to face to face work across our partners. This demonstrates our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment**

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long-term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills

However, we know if these long-term outcomes are to be met, we must work on 5 key elements that are the building blocks to progression:

- Skills
- Motivation
- Aspiration
- Resilience
- Belonging

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

MYA's Outcome Star measures these outcomes across all of our projects. Results for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were as follows:

- 95.8% increased their resilience up 15.8% from last year
- 95.8% increased their motivation up 8.8% from last year
- 95.7% increased their aspirations up 9.7% from last year
- 95.6% increased their sense of belonging up 17.6% from last year
- 94.8% increased their skills up 13.8% from last year

These figures demonstrate that our focus on wellbeing has had a positive affect on our young people's outcomes and that returning to face to face work has greatly enhanced young people's sense of belonging, as we were able to connect young people to our staff and other young people.

These also figures demonstrate that our work is delivering life changing outcomes for young people and making a significant difference to their ability to reach their potential.

Ark Consultancy have undertaken a social Impact Report for Talent Match, which states that the social value and economic savings relating to individuals who exited the programme prior to December 2021 is £18,703,702, which equates to an average of £29,270 per programme participant. 52% of the social and economic outcomes is attributable to health and wellbeing outcomes and savings to the public purse. This mirrors the 2020 results.

**We have provided sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities.**

As Covid restrictions lifted, we have been able to welcome back some of our existing users as well as securing new users of our City Centre facilities. This enabled us to exceed our financial targets for income generation related to the building.

We have been commissioned to manage two new premises in Knowsley; Our Place Youth Centre and Skatepark and The Dam Outdoor Education Centre.

We have been successful in a Youth Investment Fund Application to purchase new watersports and outdoor education equipment and resources to enable a full offer in the coming year.

We will seek to maximise community usage of both sites as well as income generate to invest further in youth work in Knowsley

Other new developments in our facilities have included a new sign in system for Hanover Street which has been rolled out to all our sites; SPACE, Gordon YC and we are currently implementing the system at our Knowsley sites.

Proposals are still under review to streamline our communications systems which will need to mirror the various GDPR and policy updates which are currently being reviewed alongside consultants.

**We have managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and growth.**

**MYA's annual income has fallen by £133,485 in this financial year and reserves have reduced by £414,257**

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

We have been able to do this via:

- Efficient internal financial systems
- Efficiency and best value review of all service contracts
- Effective project budget monitoring and quarter review
- Management of investment portfolio
- Paying off Loan within agreed payment schedule
- Diversification of income streams including:
  - Securing increased investment from Liverpool CAMHS
  - Being Commissioned to deliver Knowsley Integrated Youth Service
  - Being commissioned to deliver a number of lots for Knowsley Council's Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People
  - Securing additional grant funding from Sefton Council
- Securing additional resource from Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership to deliver the Navigators Programme

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 92% has come from grants including European funding, Charitable Trusts, Foundations and public sector grants

Our income from Local Authorities has increased in percentage terms by 5% and now represents 14% of our total income. This represents an overall increase of £166,876 since last year.

Our income from sales (training, project and programme income ) and hire of facilities has increased this year from 6% to 7% of overall income. Hire of facilities alone and tenancy rentals has increased by £51,676 reflecting the increased use of our Hanover Street rooms by external agencies and the lifting of Covid restrictions..

Income from donations and legacies and from investments (together) has remained the same as last year, at 1% of overall income.

We have provided a **healthy, safe and high-quality working environment** by developing a proactive Covid Readiness Level system, with corresponding 6 stage risk assessments. We work closely with the National Youth Agency and their Youth Sector guidance webinars and guidance documentation.

Individual risk assessments were also undertaken with vulnerable staff members and we implemented a rigorous testing programme, as part of our risk mitigation, as well as encouraging access to vaccinations and boosters.

We continued to support access to external counselling for staff welfare purposes. We have also purchased an Employee Assistance Programme, which offers 24-hour access to telephone counselling, financial advice and wellbeing support.

To maximize staff and service user satisfaction and to minimize other risk, we continue to work closely with health and safety consultant, Ellis Whittam with regular premises audits and action planning. This has included additional processes and procedures to enable safe home working and virtual youth work delivery, during lockdown periods.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

MYA has maintained Certification of **ISO9001(2015)** award. We facilitated our external Surveillance assessment in May 2021, resulting in a positive report and the assessor being most impressed by the number of continuous improvements achieved.

Of particular note was MYA's transition to the effective and efficient delivery of services remotely and on-site throughout all lock down periods as well as achieving all our Quality Objectives despite the challenging circumstances.

We have continued to regularly review our progress against our **Investors in People** Action plan targets which culminated in a successful annual review with the external assessor and management team in January 2022.

The Assessor was also impressed with the significant progress despite the ongoing impact of Covid.

At the end of this financial year, we achieved **IAG Matrix Standard** again.

Strengths highlighted by the Assessor included:

- Highly effective and inclusive leadership and management
- A highly professional, motivated and committed staff cohort working in a strong teamwork ethos.
- Networking and partnership
- Quality monitoring and improvement approaches, implementing continuous improvement
- Innovations introduced by staff at all levels, driven by their commitment to the success of the young people they support.
- Highly effective IAG, which is fully personalised to the needs of each individual service user, resulting in strong success rates and positive outcomes.

Significant work has been completed throughout this year working alongside consultants to support the **NHS DSPT (Data Security & Protection Toolkit)**.

Our completed toolkit was successfully submitted in April 22. This has been a significant achievement for MYA as it not only supports MYA's NHS funded projects in terms of evidencing compliance but also greatly supports data security and GDPR compliance across the organization.

A management team away day is planned for late 2022, to cement lessons learnt from the NHS DSPT process and also identify future actions to ensure data security compliance.

We continue to review our cloud security to ensure we are as compliant and secure as possible and have been meeting with several specialists within this area of work. We hope to further this work during early part of 2022/23.

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**Outcomes and Social Impact to demonstrate our wider social value and return on investment (continued)**

We have been consulting with our external Employment Law specialists about the implementation of HR software (YouManage) that will enable MYA to improve the quality and effectiveness of the HR management processes providing:

- Ultra-secure cloud storage for employee data.
- A way for employees to update their personal information virtually at any time.
- Absence tracking capabilities for holidays, sickness, and time off in lieu.
- Informative reporting and analytics to drive MYA.

We are excited to progress the transition to the new system in the coming year

We have provided a flexible **workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change.**

As part of the Covid Recovery Plan, SMT assessed a number of workforce issues and agreed actions. We made the decision to return fully to office working when guidance allowed. Working from home is available for specific, agreed circumstances related to individual risk assessments and delivery of specific outcomes.

The use of digital platforms for some meetings has been retained.

We identified key workforce development areas and have put a training calendar in place to upskill the workforce in these areas.

A number of staff have been trained in Trauma Informed approaches, in line with our intention to ensure all staff are trained in and embed trauma informed practice.

We have also trained several of our RAISE team in DBT skills.

All staff continue to undertake essential eLearning modules on a monthly basis.

We have formed an Equalities Task group for staff, and we have undertaken an assessment and needs analysis and are formulating an action plan, to develop staff ideas and to undertake continuous improvement in this area.

In December we held our first face to face full staff conference since the pandemic, which was well received by staff and was an effective motivational tool.

We have undertaken a review of **our marketing and communication strategy** and agreed a redesign of our brand and website. We appointed a Marketing Company, Kaleidoscope, to undertake the work and the research and consultation timetable has been drawn up.

2022/23 will see our delayed 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration events come to fruition, including our Gala Dinner in the Town Hall, our History book and Merseykids, the musical.

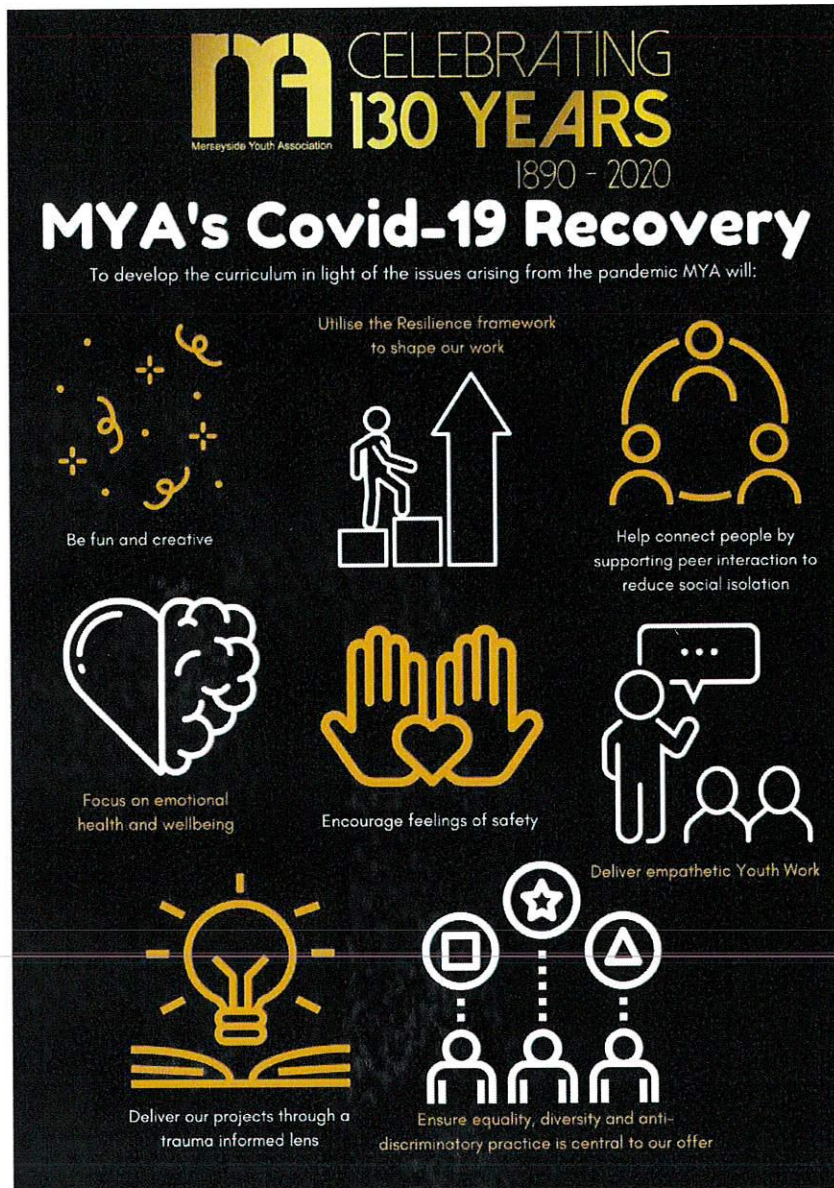
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Plans for future periods

Strategy

Merseyside Youth Association has reviewed its Business Plan considering the Covid Recovery plan.

Our curriculum will be built on the following:



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**Strategy (continued)**

We will review our project work in terms of those needs and we believe that our focus on young people's mental health, ACE work, social inclusion, personal and social development, equalities and employability will be front and centre of support to young people .

Operationally, one of our major focuses will be to fully mobilize our Integrated Youth Offer in Knowsley.

We will recruit and induct staff, undertake training for all staff, including trauma informed approaches and work with external stakeholders to design the delivery model and mapping in the following areas:

- Detached Youth Work
- Think Health and LGBTQ+ Support
- Youth Voice and participation
- Targeted Intensive Mentoring support

We will utilise our existing staff team support initial delivery of face-to-face work, alongside our recruitment campaigns.

We will also recruit Outdoor education staff to develop and implement a full outdoor education and water sports offer at The Dam, in Lord Deby's Estate. We will work with Local Solutions to support consultancy in this area, and to deliver a water sports offer, until staff are recruited.

We will also work in partnership with Knowsley Council and our Insurers, to support the development of the Skatepark offer as well as fundraising to address gaps in youth work delivery, including the skatepark and a youth arts offer.

We also aim to extend and expand our delivery of Navigators Project to increase capacity in Liverpool University Hospitals and Alder Hey.

Talent Match launched its Youth Futures Funded project in May 22. Working closely with evaluators from Kings College London, we are revising our data capture, theory of change and logic model. We also plan to expand our counselling capacity, data management and enhance our marketing and communications strategy, with in-house expertise.

We also plan to develop and evolve our work in schools, across a range of projects, and to develop our Mentors in Violence Prevention programme, to deliver to more schools. We also plan to hold a MVP Mentors graduation event.

We also plan to link next year's NOW Festival to the MVRP agenda, focusing performances on the theme of violence prevention.

We will also seek to integrate DBT skills into the RAISE team offer, including interpersonal skills, effective communication, emotional regulation, and friendship issues.

MYA's inclusion projects will deliver Knowsley's new short breaks offer and will be integrated into the Knowsley team at Our Place.

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**Strategy (continued)**

MYA aims to raise its profile next year via the delivery on the postponed 130th Birthday Celebrations, including the Gala Dinner at the Town Hall and the Merseykids musical at the Epstein.

The History book written by Dr Charlotte Clements will create a legacy piece, recording our history from 1890-2022, including case studies and illustrated by photos from our archive.

We will also create a tapestry to celebrate our history and catalogue and archive some of our more recent photos and annual reports at Liverpool Records Office.

Following the engagement of Kaleidoscope, we will undertake a refresh of brand and marketing narrative and redesign our website.

**Strategic Partnerships**

We will continue to develop our strategic and operational partnerships and networks to ensure that MYA is both influential in and responsive to developments in relation to the Liverpool City Region's VCFSE Manifesto and UKSPF Investment Plan. We will work to influence the Health agenda via working strategically with the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership group, new structures supporting Integrated Care Systems (replacing CCGs) as well as Liverpool's Marmot Partnership Group and Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership.

We will further develop our strategic and operational partnerships in Knowsley, to deliver an effective Integrated Targeted Youth Offer, including membership of the Children and Families Board, Vulnerable Children's Meeting and Stronger Communities Steering group.

Therefore, we will:

- Become integral to local skills offer within the Combined Authority working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Further develop links with the Metro Mayor – building on existing positive relationships with local politicians
- Lobby nationally and locally for the UK Shared Prosperity fund to recognise deprivation and to focus on people and place
- Lobby Combined Authority for co-production of UKSPF Investment plan to involve VCS and the communities it represents
- Work with National Lottery Community Fund on learning from their strategic programmes to influence future policy and programmes
- Develop relationships with the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care system, including representation locally and regionally
- Contribute to the Youth Focus NW strategic Leads group
- Work with leaders and evaluators of Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership to reduce youth violence in the region

MYA will also share its learning with the VCS Youth Sector and work with Youth Focus NW, VSNW, VS6 and infrastructure organisations to help identify new and emerging needs of young people and young people's organisations. This will include developing collaborative partnerships to respond the Youth Investment Fund Phase 2 which supports capital investment into Youth Work buildings.

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**Strategic Partnerships (continued)**

Working alongside national colleagues in Youth Focus Northwest, DCMS and locally with One Knowsley, LCVs and SCVS we aim to develop VCS partnerships in each local authority area, to map need and advocate of a collaborative partnership approach to this fund. We want to work with Local Authorities to ensure Youth work organisations are supported to improve their buildings through this fund and that YIF investment is targeted at youth work outcomes, delivered by sustainable organisations.

We also seek to develop our strategic influence nationally, in relation to youth strategy, youth crime and violence and mental health. Our work with Youth Futures Fund and King College, London, will provide a robust evidence base to support policy development on the field of youth employment.

**Operational Partnerships**

MYA's operational partnership will focus on providing support for young people to address their barriers and issues including those as a result of Covid, providing multi agency approaches and by utilising effective signposting and referral pathways.

This includes:

- Ongoing partnership with fellow CAMHS providers and other mental health professionals
- Working closely with Merseyside Violence Reduction partnership and their key stakeholders
- Partnership work with Knowsley Council and other youth providers in the borough
- Work closely with Alder Hey, Royal Liverpool and Aintree Hospital Trust to deliver Navigator's programme
- Join the HIVE network of national organisations delivering Hospital based interventions
- Day to day co-working with DWP Youth Coaches within the Youth Hub
- Operational interaction with other Youth Hubs within the City Region
- Knowsley Council (Early help and Early year teams) and parent carers forum to shape and deliver short breaks
- Work with Daisy UK to deliver provision of Inclusive disability provision across the city
- Partnership with Liverpool City Council Targeted support for young people to deliver SPLICE clubs
- Schools and alternative education providers across the region on range of support and project work
- Sefton council youth providers
- Arts organisations including Shakespeare in the North
- Sefton SEAs providers
- Voluntary and community sector organisation across the region
- Developing deeper links with minoritized communities, including outreach work

**Premises**

Across all of our buildings and premises, MYA will seek to improve access to our buildings, progress the energy efficiency of our buildings, maintain OFSTED registration for key venues and invest in improvement in health and safety in line with our action plans.

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**Premises (continued)**

**MYA HQ:**

To develop our City Centre premises via:

- Maximising tenancy rentals and hire of facilities via marketing, promotion and discounts – focusing on our accessibility and new learning space
- Operating as a Youth Employment Hub, co-locating DWP staff
- Continuing to enhance facilities for hire via investment in new technologies
- Continuing to invest in refurbishment of building and contents
- Improving our energy efficiency and reduce utilities cost
- Reviewing our telephony needs
- Increasing utilisation of our accessible learning spaces, for learners impacted by ASD and hearing impairments

**SPACE:**

To develop our Performing Arts, offer via:

- Maximising income for Hire of facilities in partnership with local training and education providers and community organisations
- Operating as a Youth Service Hub in partnership with Brunswick Youth Centre
- Developing in line with SPACE business plan

**Gordon:**

To develop the youth and community offer at the Gordon via:

- Delivery of Talent Match
- Continuing regular hire of facilities by external agencies

**Our Place**

To develop the youth and community offer at Our Place via:

- Delivery of Talent Match
- Co-location of Listening Ear
- Co-location of Career Connect
- Support access to facilities for community usage
- Scope and pilot youth work delivery
- Fundraising to maximise use of skatepark
- Develop a plan to introduce a youth arts offer

**The Dam**

To develop the outdoor education, offer at The Dam via

- Producing a business and income generation plan
- Developing and promoting offer to schools
- Developing and promoting offer to youth groups
- Increase use by vulnerable and hard to reach young people
- Developing a corporate income generation plan
- Deliver a training offer
- Deliver Duke of Edinburgh Awards

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**Finance**

We aim to fund our future plans by:

- Continuing to deliver innovative support to young people which meets their needs via our Covid Recovery Plans
- Work with our partners to both strategically and operationally deliver a children and young people's recovery plan
- Working with our Commissioners to maintain and grow our best practice
- Developing business plans and fundraising strategies for projects without secure funding post March 23
- Utilise MYA's holistic mentoring model in other areas such as preventing school exclusion, school anxiety and interpersonal skills
- Working with partners in the Health Sector and VCS sector to influence the delivery of the Integrated Care System and Place based approach
- Selling our Mental Health resources and training in other geographical locations and to other professions within the City Region
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive Mentoring qualification to sell to other geographical locations
- Working with VS6 and the Combined Authority on the skills agenda—becoming integral to local offer working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Responding to new funding initiatives specifically to develop our work within LCR
- Increase income via hire of facilities and tenancy rental

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**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law 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 group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those 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 and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with FRS 102. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 1 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

**Ms Gill Bainbridge  
Secretary**



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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 30), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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*Paul Collins FCA*

Date: 7/12/2022

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	5,163	2,461	7,624	12,327
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	137,099	4,450	141,549	88,267
<i>Investments</i>	5	11,799	-	11,799	6,404
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	7,153	3,520,644	3,527,797	3,715,256
<i>Other income</i>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>161,214</u>	<u>3,527,555</u>	<u>3,688,769</u>	<u>3,822,254</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	6,035	-	6,035	6,144
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	178,653	3,772,635	3,951,288	3,529,742
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>184,688</u>	<u>3,772,635</u>	<u>3,957,323</u>	<u>3,535,886</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments</b>		<u>(23,474)</u>	<u>(245,080)</u>	<u>(268,554)</u>	<u>286,368</u>
Net gains on investments	13	8,767	-	8,767	56,541
Net (losses)/gains on investment property		(154,470)	-	(154,470)	10,009
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before transfers</b>		<u>(169,177)</u>	<u>(245,080)</u>	<u>(414,257)</u>	<u>352,918</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	18	708,002	(708,002)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>538,825</u>	<u>(953,082)</u>	<u>(414,257)</u>	<u>352,918</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,414,391</u>	<u>1,051,879</u>	<u>3,466,270</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,953,216</u>	<u>98,797</u>	<u>3,052,013</u>	<u>3,466,270</u>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 36 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 27 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,904,771	1,960,906
Investment assets: Investments	13	292,164	275,917
Investment assets: Investment property	13	607,966	762,436
		<b>2,804,901</b>	2,999,259
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	836,543	679,147
Cash at bank and in hand		225,700	389,463
		<b>1,062,243</b>	1,068,610
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(713,720)</b>	(462,170)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>348,523</b>	606,440
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,153,424</b>	3,605,699
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(101,439)</b>	(138,640)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,051,985</b>	3,467,059
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	18		
Unrestricted		2,953,188	2,415,180
Restricted		98,797	1,051,879
		<b>3,051,985</b>	3,467,059

The notes on pages 36 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

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**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,904,771	1,960,906
Investment assets: Investments	13	292,159	275,912
Investment assets: Investment property	13	607,966	762,436
		<b>2,804,896</b>	2,999,254
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	836,543	676,872
Cash at bank and in hand		226,846	393,180
		<b>1,063,389</b>	1,070,052
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(714,833)</b>	(464,396)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>348,556</b>	605,656
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,153,452</b>	3,604,910
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	16	<b>(101,439)</b>	(138,640)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,052,013</b>	3,466,270
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>			
Unrestricted -	18		
Retained within the company		2,953,188	2,415,180
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		28	(789)
		<b>2,953,216</b>	2,414,391
Restricted		98,797	1,051,879
		<b>3,052,013</b>	3,466,270

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 1 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
A. Gibbons

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J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 36 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	23	<b>(108,732)</b>	637,884
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		11,799	6,404
Proceeds from sale of investments		20,999	63,395
Purchase of investments		(29,266)	(9,802)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(21,110)	(676,704)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(17,578)</b>	(616,707)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(36,910)	(36,843)
Interest paid		(3,901)	(4,700)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(40,811)</b>	(41,543)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(167,121)</b>	(20,366)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		406,316	426,682
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>239,195</b>	406,316
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		226,846	393,180
Cash equivalents		12,349	13,136
		<b>239,195</b>	406,316

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**1 Statutory information**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity information page. The Charity is also a public benefit entity.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager. The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including cash, debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	5,163	2,461	7,624	12,327
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,163</u>	<u>2,461</u>	<u>7,624</u>	<u>12,327</u>
<b>4 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	120,865	4,450	125,315	73,639
Insurance recharges	16,201	-	16,201	14,628
Trading subsidiary income	33	-	33	-
	<u>137,099</u>	<u>4,450</u>	<u>141,549</u>	<u>88,267</u>
<b>5 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	-	-	-	1
Dividend income	11,799	-	11,799	6,403
	<u>11,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,799</u>	<u>6,404</u>
<b>6 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Arts Council England	-	9,752	9,752	87,772
BBC Children in Need	-	44,863	44,863	-
Big Lottery Fund – Talent Match	-	753,963	753,963	1,009,157
Big Lottery Fund – SPACE Project	-	-	-	50,922
Brighter Sounds	-	-	-	1,375
Community Foundation	-	12,000	12,000	4,000
Department for Work and Pensions	-	117,153	117,153	10,650
European Social Fund	-	1,261,306	1,261,306	1,265,272
Grantscape – Burbo Bank	-	18,960	18,960	-
Knowsley MBC	-	439,603	439,603	262,130
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	52,402	52,402	54,500
Liverpool CCG	-	255,966	255,966	213,612
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	17,700	17,700	1,500
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	65,300	65,300	76,770
Merseyside Police	-	220,442	220,442	130,340
PRS Foundation	-	4,992	4,992	-
Sefton CVS	-	17,640	17,640	10,925
Sefton MBC	-	31,693	31,693	40,252
Skills Capital funding	-	-	-	392,414
Sports England	-	-	-	4,840
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	-	-	41,922
Vola	-	12,618	12,618	-
Young Persons Advisory Service	-	33,800	33,800	-
Youth Music	-	30,939	30,939	25,482
Programme income	-	8,361	8,361	21,175
Project sales income	-	84,985	84,985	9,506
EMDR training income	-	24,900	24,900	-
Other income	7,153	1,306	8,459	740
	<u>7,153</u>	<u>3,520,644</u>	<u>3,527,797</u>	<u>3,715,256</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,319	-	4,319	4,048
Trading subsidiary expenditure	1,500	-	1,500	1,880
	<b>6,035</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>6,144</b>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	191,625	1,634,169	1,825,794	1,803,219
Staff pension costs	8,661	34,013	42,674	40,624
Agency costs	6,055	106,339	112,394	-
Compensation for loss of office	-	1,500	1,500	-
Staff training/health & safety	(8,767)	21,929	13,162	17,141
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(33,256)	58,991	25,735	12,108
Insurance	26,560	41,581	68,141	63,493
Light and heat	16,845	26,965	43,810	32,814
Cleaning and laundry	24,148	22,422	46,570	28,051
Repairs and maintenance	60,733	5,062	65,795	82,078
Accountancy	31,704	16,883	48,587	60,054
Advertising	(3,000)	7,351	4,351	-
Auditors' remuneration	16,200	-	16,200	16,200
Bad debts	-	-	-	932
Bank charges	8,425	-	8,425	2,236
Computer costs	21,661	27,137	48,798	43,462
Consultancy fees	2,520	100	2,620	6,795
EMDR training costs	-	94,870	94,870	180
ESF indirect overhead	(135,281)	135,281	-	-
ESF procured services	-	450,988	450,988	436,225
Equipment and resources	8,943	63,880	72,823	27,397
External supervision/support	1,881	2,705	4,586	2,685
Fees and subscriptions	1,737	1,060	2,797	2,249
Foodbank costs	(290)	6,016	5,726	4,767
Hire of equipment	7,680	2,226	9,906	8,359
Interest paid	3,901	-	3,901	4,700
IT support charges	(26,518)	26,518	-	-
Legal and professional costs	16,774	2,244	19,018	21,868
Management support fee	(20,849)	20,849	-	-
NOW Festival	-	5,407	5,407	2,310
Printing, postage & stationery	5,254	5,492	10,746	7,954
Programme expenses	(3,959)	160,581	156,622	108,371
Support services/other charges	(140,320)	140,320	-	-
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	597,449	597,449	567,586
	<b>89,067</b>	<b>3,720,328</b>	<b>3,809,395</b>	<b>3,403,858</b>
c/fwd				

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022 £	2021 £
<b>8 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	89,067	3,720,328	3,809,395	3,403,858
Telephone	4,165	41,234	45,399	47,749
Travel and motor expenses	934	6,673	7,607	6,191
Volunteers	-	159	159	-
Depreciation	77,245	-	77,245	62,886
Sundries	7,242	4,241	11,483	9,058
	<u>178,653</u>	<u>3,772,635</u>	<u>3,951,288</u>	<u>3,529,742</u>

<b>9 Net (expenditure)/income</b>	2022 £	2021 £
Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	77,245	62,886
Staff costs (see note 9)	1,868,467	1,843,843
Accountancy	48,587	60,054
Auditors' Remuneration	16,200	16,200

The auditor's remuneration of £16,200 (2021: £16,200) relates solely to the audit.

<b>10 Staff Costs</b>	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and Salaries	1,671,437	1,659,176
Social Security Costs	154,357	144,043
Pension Costs	42,673	40,624
	<u>1,868,467</u>	<u>1,843,843</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Administration	9	10
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	47	47
	<u>58</u>	<u>59</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2021; £Nil) during the year. A total of £448 (2021; £448) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**11 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £42,673 (2021: £40,624).

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Total £
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>				
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>				
At 1st April 2021	12,000	2,845,874	78,284	2,936,158
Additions	-	5,100	16,010	21,110
At 31st March, 2022	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,850,974</u>	<u>94,294</u>	<u>2,957,268</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2021	8,160	932,027	35,065	975,252
Charge for the year	240	71,234	5,771	77,245
At 31st March, 2022	<u>8,400</u>	<u>1,003,261</u>	<u>40,836</u>	<u>1,052,497</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March, 2022	<u>3,600</u>	<u>1,847,713</u>	<u>53,458</u>	<u>1,904,771</u>
At 31st March, 2021	<u>3,840</u>	<u>1,913,847</u>	<u>43,219</u>	<u>1,960,906</u>

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>13 Investment assets</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	<b>279,810</b>	262,776
Cash held by investment managers	<b>12,349</b>	13,136
	<b>292,164</b>	275,917
Investment property	<b>607,966</b>	762,436
	<b>900,130</b>	1,038,353

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

<b>Investment in subsidiary undertakings:</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

It is the intention that the trading company donates its profits to the charity on a regular basis

The profit and loss account of the trading company for the year ended 31st March, 2022 was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	<b>2,317</b>	(355)
Cost of sales	<b>(74)</b>	(190)
Gross profit	<b>2,243</b>	(545)
Administrative expenses	<b>(1,426)</b>	(1,335)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	<b>817</b>	(1,880)
Retained profit brought forward	<b>(789)</b>	1,091
Retained profit carried forward	<b>28</b>	(789)

**Listed investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	262,776	29,266	(20,999)	8,767	<b>279,810</b>
Cash	13,136				<b>12,349</b>
	<b>275,912</b>				<b>292,159</b>

<b>14 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade Debtors	<b>319,939</b>	133,964
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>511,821</b>	540,682
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	2,275
Other debtors	<b>4,783</b>	2,226
	<b>836,543</b>	679,147

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<b>14</b>	<b><i>Debtors (continued)</i></b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<u>Group</u>		
	Trade debtors	319,939	133,964
	Prepayments and accrued income	511,821	540,682
	Other debtors	4,783	2,226
		<u>836,543</u>	<u>676,872</u>
<b>15</b>	<b><i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i></b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<u>Parent Company</u>		
	Trade creditors	315,806	198,743
	Bank loan	37,883	37,592
	Accruals and deferred income	300,745	171,699
	Taxation and social security	45,252	39,360
	Other creditors	14,034	14,776
		<u>713,720</u>	<u>462,170</u>
	<u>Group</u>		
	Trade creditors	315,806	198,743
	Bank loan	37,883	37,592
	Accruals and deferred income	301,858	173,925
	Taxation and social security	45,252	39,360
	Other creditors	14,034	14,776
		<u>714,833</u>	<u>464,396</u>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on restricted funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

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**16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>101,439</u>	<u>138,640</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2021: £Nil) is due after more than 5 years.

**17 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	2,804,896	-	2,804,896
Current Assets	677,000	386,389	1,063,389
Current Liabilities	(427,241)	(287,592)	(714,833)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(101,439)	-	(101,439)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u><b>2,953,216</b></u>	<u><b>98,797</b></u>	<u><b>3,052,013</b></u>

**18 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2021 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2022 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	905,562	458,932	(554,782)	(23,790)	785,922
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	717,297	-	(33,523)	-	683,774
MYA Know	-	-	(42)	16,010	15,968
SPACE Project	40,831	-	(1,289)	-	39,542
Gordon Youth Centre	5,400	-	(139)	5,100	10,361
Starting Point	436,051	-	(42,252)	761,325	1,155,124
	<u>1,199,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(77,245)</u>	<u>782,435</u>	<u>1,904,769</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	13,678	-	-	2,103	15,781
MYA Know	-	-	-	39,962	39,962
MYA MVP	12,728	-	-	3,135	15,863
MYA Navigators	-	-	-	9,594	9,594
MYA Noise	1,204	-	-	(1,204)	-
MYA Peer Action Collective	-	-	-	8,114	8,114
MYA Raise	196,110	-	-	(35,110)	161,000
SPACE Project	86,319	-	-	(78,860)	7,459
MYA YOU	-	-	-	4,724	4,724
Gordon Youth Centre	-	33,851	(28,465)	(5,386)	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	(789)	32	(1,500)	2,285	28
	<u>309,250</u>	<u>33,883</u>	<u>(29,965)</u>	<u>(50,643)</u>	<u>262,525</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>2,414,391</b></u>	<u><b>492,815</b></u>	<u><b>(661,992)</b></u>	<u><b>708,002</b></u>	<u><b>2,953,216</b></u>

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**18 Movement on funds  
(cont.)**

	At 1st April, 2021 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	321,520	(319,417)	(2,103)	-
MYA MVP	-	100,000	(96,865)	(3,135)	-
MYA Birthday Celebration	-	-	(174)	174	-
MYA Kickstart	-	12,618	(12,248)	(370)	-
MYA Know	-	170,863	(114,891)	(55,972)	-
MYA Noise	-	62,495	(88,844)	26,349	-
MYA Peer Action Collective	-	33,800	(25,686)	(8,114)	-
MYA YOU	-	76,351	(71,627)	(4,724)	-
MYA Youth Hub	9,694	117,153	(108,073)	-	18,774
MYA Navigators	-	120,442	(110,848)	(9,594)	-
MYA Raise	-	415,985	(432,681)	16,696	-
SPACE Project	-	97,123	(175,983)	78,860	-
Starting Point - Capital reserve	761,325	-	-	(761,325)	-
Step Up Fund	158	-	(150)	-	8
Talent Match	53,621	-	(37,006)	-	16,615
Talent Match 2019	227,081	757,296	(920,977)	-	63,400
Talent Match Plus	-	1,261,306	(1,276,562)	15,256	-
Total restricted funds	<u>1,051,879</u>	<u>3,546,952</u>	<u>(3,792,032)</u>	<u>(708,002)</u>	<u>98,797</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>3,466,270</b></u>	<u><b>4,039,767</b></u>	<u><b>(4,454,024)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>3,052,013</b></u>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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**Unrestricted funds**

General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
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**Designated unrestricted capital reserves**

The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:

Headquarters

Gordon Youth Centre

MYA Know

SPACE Project

Starting Point

This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.

**Designated unrestricted funds**

The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:

Choices Knowsley

MYA MVP

MYA Know

MYA Navigators

MYA Peer Action Collective

MYA Raise

SPACE Project

MYA YOU

Gordon Youth Centre

This is a leasehold property located in the Netherton area of the city. The centre is utilised as a project base for our Talent Match team and supports its delivery of personalised pathways to education and employment for young people. There are also tenants located at the centre including a pharmacy who have a licence to operate in the designated area to serve the local community. Income from tenancies is used to finance the operating and maintenance costs of the building.

Trading subsidiary –

MYA Youth Limited

This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

**Restricted funds**

Choices Knowsley

Choices Knowsley Is a Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council funded 'Short Breaks' service for disabled children/young people and their families. The main purpose of a short break is to give parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability the opportunity to have a break from their caring role. Provision is available for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 and currently residing in Knowsley.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Birthday Celebration	Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Mason Owen Financial Services, this project has been set up to support the 130th birthday celebrations for the charity. This will include a number of events across the year including a book and a short film on our history showcasing young people's lives that have been changed by the charity, a musical, a tapestry and a new archive drop for further historical documents into Liverpool Records office.
MYA MVP	The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.
MYA Kickstart	The Kickstart Scheme is a new programme launched by the government to deliver funding for employers offering new job roles for 16-24 years olds who are currently in receipt of Universal Credit. The programme is aimed at preventing young people who are currently unemployed facing long term unemployment.
MYA Know	Funded through Knowsley MBC, this project supports young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The project works in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, Detached Youth Work etc., The project team also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people. The majority of services are delivered from MYA's 'Our Place' venue located in Longview, Huyton and The Dam at Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley.
MYA Noise	The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.
MYA Peer Action Collective	The Peer Action Collective (PAC) is a project funded by the Youth Endowment Fund. As the lead organization within the partnership YPAS will recruit 12 young people (16-20 yrs old) to undertake research with other young people to understand their experiences of violence within their communities and how best to tackle this through social action.
MYA YOU	The YOU Project funded through Liverpool City Council, is a citywide, strategic approach to providing services for disabled children and young people as well as their families.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Youth Hub	Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City Region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.
MYA Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim / survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
MYA Raise	This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200 seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.
Starting Point – Capital Reserve	This fund was set up to be equal to the amount of the contingent liabilities remaining in place in connection with the Starting Point Building Project. That liability has now been extinguished.
Step Up Fund	The Step Up Fund is a small fund established through a legacy from Mrs Stella Warren. The fund is designed to help unemployed young people within MYA projects to access training or education by helping with course fees, travel costs, childcare etc. Awards of up to £350 are available (in exceptional circumstances awards of £500 may be made).
Big Lottery Fund: Talent Match	Intensive Mentoring Programme for young people aged 18-24 who have been out of the labour market for over 12 months.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.

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**19 Transfers between funds**

Certain transfers between different funds relate to adjustments necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £41,779 (2021: £80,012) has been transferred from unrestricted funds to cover this shortfall), including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects.

Fifteen (2021: twelve) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves – the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts. Following the success of such projects, the directors have made transfers to designated (unrestricted) funds to enable further related work to be performed in future periods. During the current year, the directors have made a transfer to designated funds totalling £83,642 (2021: £43,093) to enable further related work on these projects to be performed. In addition, the directors have made further transfers to unrestricted funds in respect of projects that have incurred surpluses totalling £370 (2021: £39,443) and a transfer of £95,556 (2021: £3,503) from designated funds to support an in-year loss on two projects (2021: one project). In addition, £21,110 (2021: £Nil) has been transferred to designated unrestricted capital reserves from designated unrestricted funds in respect of fixed asset additions in the year.

Further, the restricted Starting Point - Capital Reserve of £761,325 has been transferred to the designated unrestricted capital reserve.

**20 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**21 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liability at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022:

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021. Therefore, the condition is in place until 31 March 2026.

In addition to the above contingent liability, the company also had the following contingent liability at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021:

- As part of the fundraising process for the Starting Point Building Project, a grant of £311,325 was received from Rope Walks Partnership. One of the conditions of this grant is that if the building is used for purposes other than those specified in the application, or is sold, then some or all of the grant may be repayable at the donor's discretion. This condition applies until 2021.

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**22 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	11,840	15,930
Between one and five years	-	-	5,061	9,687
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,901</u>	<u>25,617</u>

**23 Cash generated by operating activities**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(414,257)	352,918
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(11,799)	(6,404)
Depreciation	77,245	62,886
Net losses/(gains) on investments	145,703	(66,550)
Interest payable	3,901	4,700
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<b>(199,207)</b>	<b>347,550</b>
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(159,671)	378,725
Increase)/(decrease) in creditors	250,146	(88,391)
	<u>(108,732)</u>	<u>637,884</u>

**24 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £30,000 (2021: £Nil) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £Nil (2021: £Nil).

**25 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**26 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity received donations of £800 from Mason Owen Financial Services Limited, a company in respect of which A. Gibbons is a director and £250 from Remstone Construction Limited, a company in respect of which R. T. Dears is a director. There were no amounts due to, or from, these companies at the year end date (2021; £Nil).

During the year, the Charity wrote off the balance due from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited, in the amount of £2,285. Balances due from group companies are shown in Notes 14 and 15 of the financial statements.

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**27 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	1,600	10,727	12,327
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	84,267	4,000	88,267
<i>Investments</i>	5	6,404	-	6,404
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	393,154	3,322,102	3,715,256
<i>Other income</i>		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>485,425</u>	<u>3,336,829</u>	<u>3,822,254</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	6,144	-	6,144
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	145,565	3,384,177	3,529,742
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>151,709</u>	<u>3,384,177</u>	<u>3,535,886</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before losses on investments</b>		333,716	(47,348)	286,368
Net losses on investments		56,541	-	56,541
Net gains on investment property		10,009	-	10,009
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<u>400,266</u>	<u>(47,348)</u>	<u>352,918</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		226,335	(226,335)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>626,601</u>	<u>(273,683)</u>	<u>352,918</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,325,562</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,414,391</u>	<u>1,051,879</u>	<u>3,466,270</u>

**MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 700738

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration number: 700738**  
**Company Registration number: 1843226**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**  
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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**Charity Information**

Charity Name: Merseyside Youth Association Limited  
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Charity Registration Number: 700738

Company Registration Number: 1843226

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August,  
1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

Registered Office: Abney Building  
65-67 Hanover Street  
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Principal Business Address: Abney Building  
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Directors/Trustees: D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons (Chairperson)  
J. R. Gosney  
I. Khan  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd (Treasurer)  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn

Company Secretary: G. Bainbridge

Chief Executive: G. Bainbridge

Accountants: Sloan Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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Wilmslow  
SK9 0HW

Auditor: Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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Liverpool  
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Liverpool  
L2 1TD

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**Charity Information (cont.)**

Solicitors:	Brabners Chaffe Street Horton House Exchange Flags Liverpool L2 3YL	Ellis Whittam Limited Woodhouse Church Lane Aldford Chester CH3 6JD
Investment Managers:	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited The Plaza 100 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9AB	

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors as at the date of this report, are as stated below:

D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn  
I Khan (appointed 28 January 2021)

N. H. Ellis resigned from the Board on 10 September 2020.

D. Cooke and R. T. Dears retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first. The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-option of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

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**Trustees Induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan and a copy of the latest annual report and accounts. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet every six weeks. The Board will convene sub groups for specific purposes e.g. fundraising as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 8600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority, metro mayor and the LEP.

As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCS's and other infrastructure organisations. Voluntary Sector Northwest support the coordination of VS6 and its engagement events and research. Throughout 2020, VS6 held numerous assemblies with the sector both online and in person (prior to social distancing measures) with representatives from hundreds of VCFSE organisations across the City Region. The Chief Executive chaired the Children and young People's Assembly.

This culminating in the production of a VCFSE manifesto utilising the findings from these discussions and recommendations from the reports produced from engagement with the sector, as well as external regional and national documents such as the Cheshire and Merseyside VCFSE Health and Care Reset paper. This VCFSE manifesto outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the development and recovery of the Liverpool City Region over the next three years are three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

We continue our partnership with LCVS including linking into the One Liverpool Plan and UNICEF Child Friendly City initiative.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group and Equality and Diversity group). UK Youth has a broad network of members, who have supported each other throughout the year in areas such as Covid readiness levels, and risk and the equalities agenda.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and its Youth Task Force. The charity has also been involved in the Combined Authority's Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities consultation, youth participation approach and its Housing First initiative, through membership of its steering group.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity also worked with the Combined Authority on the delivery of the Skills Capital Fund project, which funded significant refurbishment of the Charity's city centre headquarters and delivery site, to improve its accessibility and carbon footprint.

We have also developed closer strategic links with the department of Work and Pensions including strategic and operational work towards the development of a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

The Charity has strategic links with the CAMHS (including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board) and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people and their families in Sefton.

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in supporting the development of the NEET strategy and Adolescence Strategy.

We work in partnership with public, VCS and faith groups on the City Wide Fairness and Anti-poverty group, to provide practical coordination and campaigning on the impact of austerity locally, however meetings of this group were impacted by Covid and it is currently under review.

We remain members of the Health Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people. This has included information sharing in relation to the dissolution of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the restructuring of the NHS into Integrated Care Systems across a Cheshire and Merseyside footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, Champs Public Health, National Lotteries Community Fund (Talent Match, Covid Emergency Fund,), the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CAMHS), Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, SKY Music Hub, Brighter Sounds, Tesco (Bags of Help), Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund) and Liverpool Combined Authority (Skills Capital Fund).

Malmö Café continue to be a tenant of the building and running a Scandinavian themed café from the ground floor in our city centre base and Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble playing Fields. All of our tenants have abided by Government legalisation and guidelines in relation to their opening and delivery.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of interest) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people. Our Foodbank works in partnership with Fairshares,

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, YPAS, ADDvanced Solutions, Elevate, Windmills and Kenyons, procured to deliver targeted services, supported via and SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited. All profits are donated to Merseyside Youth Association Limited.

**Risk management**

The major focus of risk management this year has been the Covid-19 pandemic.

MYA operates a 5-level risk assessment process (Green to Red High). As infection rates and government guidance and levels change, we move between different levels of risk assessment. This includes identifying and rating risk in relation to MYA buildings, staff and office-based work, face to face delivery, travel, external visitors, use of communal areas meetings, dealing with symptomatic people on and off site, symptomatic people in households, mental health and emotional wellbeing, Emergency evacuation, and accidents.

A range of risk mitigations and controls are in place to reduce risk including, one-way systems, mask wearing, social distancing, screens, sanitation stations, increased hygiene and cleaning regimes and use of PPE. Prioritizing young people and offering support in a range of formats ensures that we are able to support for the most vulnerable clients at all levels.

Staff and young people are also individually risk assessed in relation to their own health and vulnerabilities as well as those with whom they live.

Each project has its own Covid-19 action plans, which includes project specific procedures and mitigations, which take into account, for example if the project operates under education or youth sector guidance. It also is nuanced in relation to the needs of the target cohort.

We work within the Government guidance and guidance outlined by National Youth Agency (in partnership with DCMS and Public Health England) and educational guidance for our OFSTED registered provision.

Therefore, we are providing Covid secure settings in line with nationally recognised guidance.

All Staff have signed the risk assessments and we give consistent messaging in relation to what level we are operating at.

We clearly communicate a change of level, in advance to all staff members.

MYA has a Covid 19 Immunisation and Testing policy and mandates testing on a regular basis for all staff, to prevent the spread of the virus, and therefore help to protect our vulnerable groups. We would actively encourage projects to test staff and young people regularly, as part of our Covid secure processes.

93% of our workforce have been vaccinated and we strongly encourage and recommend all staff to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all other aspects of its work. These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

Ellis Whittam provides external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

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**Risk management (continued)**

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

A rolling programme of health and safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2020 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserve policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long term intention of the Trustees to build up our reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £2,414,391 and it is the directors' intention to seek to increase these levels as soon as possible. Restricted reserves at the year end date total £1,051,879.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances as to develop their physical, mental, spiritual capacities that may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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**Mission**

Our mission is to create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**AIMS:**

- To inspire our young people to fulfil their full potential
- To increase our positive impact in the field of work with young people
- To build a strong and positive workforce, within MYA and across children and young people's services

**Objectives:**

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To present MYA as a key influencer for positive change and to support organisations who work with young people

**Vision:**

To become the provider of choice for children and young people's services, training and premises/facilities in Liverpool City Region.

**Fundamental Principles:**

We will do this by adhering to our values and key principles of being:

- Young people focused - keeping the young person at the centre
- Inclusive and accessible - to all our stakeholders
- Responsive and flexible - in relation to service provision and internal structures
- Effective and efficient - a can do, low risk organisation which offers value for money.

**Activities:**

**The charity has been implementing its Business Plan which is underpinned by the following objectives:**

- To deliver high quality support and services
- To deliver our targets and client outcomes
- To promote MYA's Social Impact
- To provide sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities
- To manage risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities
- To provide a healthy, safe and high-quality working environment
- To provide a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance
- To maintain a diverse range of income generation strands with a focus of earned and given income
- To deliver key outcomes within the marketing and communication strategies
- Grown and diversified sources of profitable income to invest in our future

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**Achievements and performance**

We have delivered **high quality support and services responding to children and young people's needs:**

Last year we commemorated our 130<sup>th</sup> year of existence. It was one of the most challenging years of our history. MYA's response to the Covid-19 Crisis has been exemplary, highlighting our ability to innovate and adapt to meet the changing needs of some of Merseyside's most vulnerable and complex young people.

Throughout the year, MYA's interventions have been delivered face to face, online or in a blended approach, as government guidance and our needs assessments have dictated. MYA has responded swiftly and effectively to the Covid-19 pandemic, and has worked with our staff and suppliers to create innovative solutions to provide 1 -1 mentoring, therapeutic support and Personal and Social development activity on a range of platforms (telephone, digital, social, media etc).

We have utilised Zoom, Discord, WhatsApp, Facetime, audio calls, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. The choice of platform is dictated by the needs of young people, the type of session, numbers in a group, whether it needs to be interactive or not and whether the session needs to be viewed at a time of the young person's choosing or live. We have done this with an emphasis on strong information management governance, supporting privacy shielding of sensitive data and information.

We have worked with some of the city's most vulnerable young people, ensuring they have telephone credit to access support, and we work closely with MYA's Food bank and community partners to ensure access to food and basic provisions. We have developed vulnerability assessments which have ensured that, within our risk management, even in lockdown, we have offered some Covid Secure face to face support for those at risk in relation to safeguarding.

MYA has not had any "in-house" transmission of Covid –19, throughout the year.

We are delivering a wide range of sessions from therapeutic groupwork, employability work, travel training, personal and social development, arts, crafts, sport, gaming, cooking, issue based, quizzes delivered by our own staff and commissioned by us from external providers.

We have done this following appropriate safeguarding, IMG and BACP guidance.

Therefore, MYA has continued to deliver a wide range of early intervention and prevention services across Merseyside, providing direct services to children, young people, and workforce development to professionals, albeit using a variety of delivery methods including:

- Employability programmes
- Mental Health and Emotional wellbeing programmes
- Youth Violence prevention programmes
- Workforce development programmes
- Disability and Inclusion Programmes
- Creative Programmes

We have been able to maintain our offer to young people across these areas through the support of our funders and via access to a number of new Covid emergency funds from Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, National Lotteries Community Fund, Youth Music and the Arts Council. We have also managed to expand the support and services we provide, by successful programme development and fundraising within the fields of Youth Violence prevention, youth employment and mental health.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

At MYA we ensure that young people are **Employable** for the future by offering:

- Intensive mentoring
- Therapeutic support
- Speech and Language support
- Child Care support
- Employability initiatives including work placements and volunteering
- Specific programme support for young people with disabilities
- Access to employment and training
- A young person's Food Bank
- Co-location of a Youth Employment Hub
- Development of outreach work

**MYA Talent Match**

The Programme has continued to deliver right throughout the last twelve months through a blended delivery model of one-to-one meetings either face to face or virtual, a highly packed calendar of Personal and Social Development activities that focussed on Mental Wellbeing and self-care, that were all led by Intensive Mentors.

For the most vulnerable young people we have continued with face-to-face delivery, and regular activities to alleviate social isolation. Welfare visits to young people with Food and Fuel Parcels have been a daily occurrence and we have supported Shelter through the supply of Emergency Food Parcels to young people who have found themselves homeless. Our Young Person's Foodbank reopened in July after the first lockdown, and we vowed to keep it open to meet the needs of the most vulnerable young people since.

Domestic Violence has seen a huge increase due to the lockdown restrictions and we have continued to maintain contact and safe meetings with these young people throughout. Our Counselling has seen over 90% attendance, with increased demand for Dialectical Behaviour Therapy through our bespoke Roadmaps Programme.

Getting back to a sense of norm for Talent Match has been a priority and all staff are back working in Community Hubs and JCP offices.

**Youth Hub**

MYA has supported the DWP Youth Hubs Initiative in response to the increased Unemployment Figures. Through the Flexible Support Fund, we will employ a Youth Hub Co-ordinator, a Neurodiverse Youth Hub Mentor and an Outreach Hub Mentor to engage with more marginalised communities with a focus on ethnic minorities.

We will have four DWP Youth Hub JCP Advisors based within the Hub, who are working with 18 - 24-year-olds. We will promote the Kickstart programme, and working with Partners such as National Careers Service, Liverpool in Work, SEETEC, and a range of Kickstart Gateways and Training Providers who will co-locate within the Hub to provide additional support for young people.

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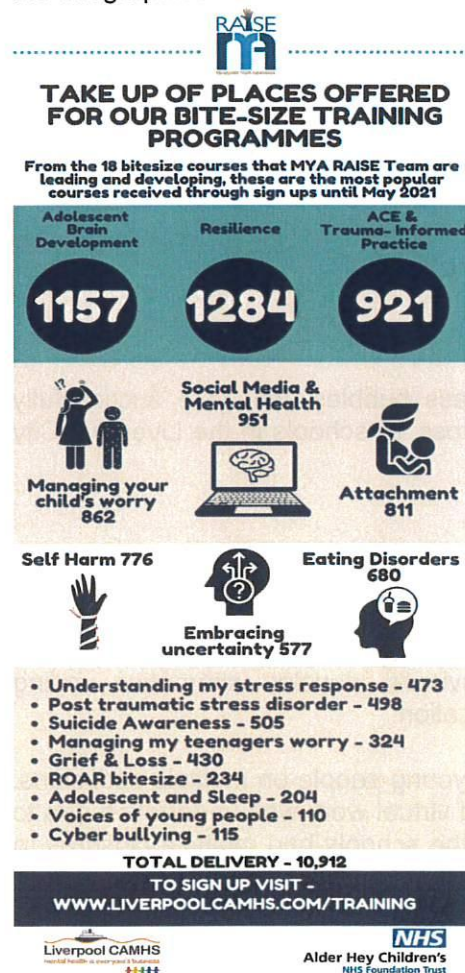
**Achievements and performance (continued)**

At MYA we ensure that young people are **healthy** by offering:

- Workforce development via our training offer, including “train the trainer” model
- Supporting and training parents to improve their children’s’ mental health
- Physical, mental and emotional wellbeing advice and support
- Access to participation (Voice, Platform, Action model) in mental health services
- Consultation and evaluation opportunities
- Support to enable services to become young person friendly
- Mental health promotion activities, events, conferences and festivals
- Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences using evidence-based approaches
- Tackling stigma and promoting trauma informed practice campaigns

**MYA Raise**

This year the Children’s Mental Health Promotion Team (Raise) have demonstrated resilience by delivering virtual training to the children and young people’s workforce on a range of mental health themes such as Resilience, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), Eating Disorders, Self-Harm, Suicide awareness and anxiety. Over 10,000 places have been booked and attended as shown in the infographic.



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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

The Roar Response to Children's Mental Health has also been further developed with courses being created for a ROAR Response to Early years, Roar response for SEND, and a ROAR response to Staff Wellbeing.

We have also delivered in primary schools our own program called ROCKET resilience champions which encourages primary school children to become more resilient and ensure this supports a Whole School Approach to Mental Health.

**MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention**

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a peer education programme that provides young people with the language and framework to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of abuse, while building resilience and promoting positive mental health.

By supporting schools to have a 'whole school' approach to early intervention and prevention of bullying, harassment and risky behaviours, the programme empowers pupils to identify and communicate concerns with peers and school staff alike.

The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme explores a series of 'scenarios' involving a range of behaviours, such as name-calling, sexting, controlling behaviour and harassment. Using a 'bystander' approach individuals are not considered potential victims or perpetrators; instead, they are empowered as active bystanders with the ability to support and challenge their peers in a safe way.

MVP is based on five core components:

- Exploring violence through a gendered lens;
- Developing leadership;
- Adopting a bystander approach;
- Recognising the scope of violent behaviour; and
- Challenge victim-blaming.

Despite school closures and periods of self-isolation for class bubbles, we have successfully implemented the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program across 10 schools in the Liverpool City Region and continue to develop this work.

**MYA Mentoring those at risk of Exclusion**

The project provided trauma informed mentoring to pupils aged 11-16 who were on the cusp of exclusion from school and vulnerable to criminality. We worked across 8 schools in the city region, with two mentors who were working with 40 young people developing bespoke pathways of support that develop young people's understanding of their behaviours, develop alternative coping strategies, and re-engage and motivate them to remain in education.

The Mentors engaged with all 8 Schools and met most of the young people on multiple occasions. A blended approach to delivery of one to one, group work and virtual work was undertaken due to the COVID restrictions imposed on Schools and a couple of the schools had multiple closures to deal with throughout the programme.

However, we persevered, and each young person were working through their own file and seeing their Intensive Mentor on a weekly basis.

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**MYA Mentoring those at risk of Exclusion (continued)**

Face to Face delivery occurred in 7 of the 8 Schools. One School due to Covid would not permit any external visitors and therefore, delivery took place via ZOOM for 4 of the 5 pupils. One young person received face to face work within their children's home.

Most of the work has been around building trust and setting boundaries. Group work and one to one sessions focussed on emotional regulation which was well received.

The main year group the Intensive Mentors are working with are Year 9 with 26 young people. Year 8 there are 13, Year 7, 5 and Year 10, 3.

36 of the 40 young people were retained in education. 4 received permanent exclusion.

Each pupil had varied support issues (ADHD, ADD, defiant, lack of empathy or fear of consequence, abandonment issues) but it was clear to us from the beginning that although working with the toolkit exercises would be great to engage the young people, the underlying mental health issues that was causing the behaviour that led to their exclusion would need to be supported in a different way. We felt a CBT/CAT approach could work well in the future as well as a public health approach with multi agency working practices.

At MYA, we aim to ensure the **Inclusion of disabled children and young people** by offering:

- Short breaks and friendship groups
- Holiday provision for disabled children and young people
- Access to inclusive youth work provision
- Consultation and participation (Youth Voice)

**MYA Choices Knowsley**

Despite the challenges faced this year as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, the MYA Choices project has been able to consistently adapt and respond, successfully supporting 133 children and families. The engagement with the project's virtual offer from existing service users has been outstanding, but even more impressive has been the response from a wider network of non-service users accessing our online content. Many of the posts to our MYA Choices Facebook page have been viewed hundreds of times, with one video of a staff member performing a British Sign Language interpretation of Bill Withers 'Lean on Me' reaching over 5000 people and being viewed 2992 times.

To summarise the 2020/21 period, it has been an extremely challenging time which has also led to some strong outcomes and project development. Despite the barriers and setbacks faced, the MYA Choices project achieved a number of outcomes which have really made a difference in the lives of children/ young people and their families, including:

- Increasing number of young people connected to the virtual social media platform to 319
- Awarded over £150 of Amazon vouchers to young people as prizes for interactive activities
- Posted 352 interactive activities on the MYA Choices Facebook page
- Made over 1000 phone calls to parents/ carers and families
- Worked with more than 133 young people and families through our Choices settings and online platform

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**MYA YOU**

The virtual offer which was developed in order to reduce negative outcomes during periods of restricted face-to-face delivery was a huge success for the MYA You project and SPLICE clubs. We regularly saw attendance figures in the 30's at our live virtual youth platforms and have maintained this offer after returning to face to face delivery. In addition to the fun and engaging activities provided as part of the virtual offer, the group have also been involved in a range of consultation and co-production exercises, with members of the group sitting on and feeding back into more strategic platforms such as 'Child Friendly City -Young Management Team'.

The popularity and success of the live sessions spread outside of our existing cohort, and the young people were even joined one evening by Steve Reddy- the LCC Director for Children and Young People's Services, who stayed for a chat and a game of bingo.

To summarise the 2020/21 period, while not being without its challenges, it has been a year full of growth, development, and success. The outcomes achieved have not only made an immediate difference to the lives of young people and their families but have also future proofed the project and primed it for any further periods of challenge or crisis. Some of the key achievements include:

- Increasing number of young people connected to the virtual platform to 89
- Delivered over 80 live virtual sessions to groups of between 10- 30 young people
- Awarded over £600 of Amazon vouchers to young people as prizes for interactive activities
- Posted 149 interactive activities on the MYA SPLICE Facebook page
- Worked with more than 180 young people through our SPLICE clubs and online platforms

At MYA we ensure young people are **creative** by offering:

- Access to performing arts facilities and activities including:
  - Music
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Digital and technical arts
- Youth Arts Outreach programme
- Theatre in Education pieces
- Performance opportunities
- Personal and transferable skills development using arts as a tool
- Mentoring and peer development

**MYA SPACE**

SPACE has had a very successful year through unprecedented times. With three successful Covid support grants concentrating on the wellbeing of young people, SPACE continued and developed our Youth Arts programme with youngsters in one of the most deprived areas of the Northwest. Working with around 150 young people each week in group work and, with a significant rise in demand, one to one work. Our whole programme went straight online delivering up to 20 sessions per week throughout each lockdown. We were also able to create an online panto and a SPACE FESTIVAL for our groups to perform to an online audience. We continued our unique Alternative Education programme with the support from our partners and funders. We secured funding to provide programmes for young people at risk of offending, County lines and Knife crime issues.

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**MYA Noise** has achieved the following key priorities this year:

Noise worked with 62 young musicians aged 12-29 this year, delivering a range of online, hybrid and in-person mentoring activities.

In October, we launched our LIMF X Noise programme in partnership with Liverpool International Music Festival, postponed from April 2020 and reimagined as an online creative development platform for seven emerging artists. The same month, we presented young musician Danny Parker with an award from MYA's Step Up Fund to buy equipment for his band, Keyside Cassidy.

In December, we launched our Beneath the City video series, capturing live musical performances in a quality format for the project's singer songwriters to build their audience online.

As restrictions eased, we organised cabs to bring vulnerable young people to and from MYA. For one young guitarist, long term unemployed and experiencing acute social anxiety, his return to lessons was only the third time he had left the house since lockdown began.

With emergency grants from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, Arts Council England and Youth Music helping to stabilise project finances, we have begun to raise the core funds needed to ensure our sustainability over the next financial year and beyond.

We have made a short film about our work during lockdown, to celebrate our achievements in this period.

**We have delivered our targets and client outcomes** to make a positive and lasting change.

MYA works with Liverpool City Region's Local Authorities, health commissioners and the Combined Authority to ensure that the outcomes of our projects align and add value to strategic priorities. Our offer is aimed to deliver outcomes in the key priority areas of health (including mental and emotional health), educational and skills attainment and employability, personal and developmental outcomes for vulnerable and at-risk young people (including young disabled people, those at risk of being perpetrators of victims of violence, those with low educational attainment etc.).

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with 1,421 different young people, with 120,146 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. This represents a 60% reduction in the number of different young people accessing our services. This is primarily due to the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions on our opening and our outreach work. The young people we worked with have mainly been those already know to use and utilising services, rather than engaging new young people.

However our contacts have increased by 78%, which is an average of each young person accessing our services 86 times a year, which represents 1.6 visits per young person every week of the year. This means that the young people we have worked with have need more of our time as a result of Covid and we have worked more intensively, with fewer young people to meet their needs This shows continued alignment with our business plan objectives and our mission to create positive and lasting change in Merseyside's young people.

57% of our cohort this year identified as male and 43% identifying as female.

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**Outputs (continued)**

31% of our young people declared that they were disabled an increase of 11% from last year. This reflects the work we have done to actively engage and maintain services, including the continuation of our short breaks programme during parts of lockdown and our targeted but differentiated offer in Talent Match.

This year we have also increased the number young people from diverse and minorities communities from 5% to 7.5%, however the number of young people who identified as LGBTQ+ has reduced by 1% to 3%.

We have proactive plans to increase these numbers in the coming year.

This year has seen a significant shift toward more engagement with the over 17 year olds. 26% of our young people were aged 22-25, 18% were aged between 17-21 and 17% were aged 25-29.

23% are aged between 12-16 and 16% under 11 years old.

We have provided training to 10,529 different organisations/professionals, reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health. This is a huge increase from 1330 we trained last year and is testament to the success of Raise Team's online training offer and Bitesize programme.

We have worked with 150 partner and referral agencies This demonstrates our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes and Social Impact**

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills.

However, we know if these long term outcomes are to be met, we must work on 5 key elements that are the building blocks to profession:

- Skills
- Aspiration
- Belonging
- Resilience
- Motivation

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**Outcomes (continued)**

MYA's outcome star is the measure of these outcomes across all of our projects. Results were as follows:

- 88% Increased their motivation up 1% from last year
- 88% increased their resilience up 8% from last year
- 86% increased their skills up 5% from last year
- 85% increased their sense of belonging up 7% from last year
- 85% increased their aspirations a reduction of 1% from last year

These figures are outstanding considering the Impact Covid has had on the lives of our young people and is testament to the intensive and targeted support offered by our staff team

A further 649 young people gained or remained in employment, education or training because of our projects. 186 achieved an accreditation or qualification as a result of our work.

We have **provided sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities**. We successfully delivered on the Combined Authority's Skills Capital Fund project to improve our energy efficiency, to reduce our carbon footprint and to provide enhanced learning spaces for vulnerable young people and those with neurodevelopmental and sensory processing needs.

This was delivered this year and we now have a new boiler and heating system, new double-glazed windows, LED lighting, an Induction loop, new reception and ASD friendly training space.

All MYA premises were supported to become Covid secure in relation to installing screens, social distancing marking, one-way systems, PPE and hand sanitizing stations.

We have **managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and growth**. We faced significant loss of Income due to Covid-19, as many funders suspended their current funding programmes, in order to address immediate Covid needs within communities, including provision of food etc.

It also impacted on our income generation through hire of facilities and tenancy rental. As our building had to close. This had the potential to have a severe impact on budgets this financial year and diminishing their ability to plan and sustain activities to the year-end including:

- Support Services - £57,000 lost in room bookings and tenancies
- Choices Knowsley – income lost from summer schemes and grants
- SPACE – access to grant funds and ticket income
- Noise – access to grants and studio hire

MYA's annual income has fallen by £388,547 in this financial year and reserves have increased by £352,918.

This has been a challenging year financially, as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, with reductions in income across many areas including hire of facilities, tenancy income and local authority funding.

Much welcome support has been received by way of Covid Emergency grants from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, the Arts Council, National Lottery Communities Fund and Youth Music. This has helped us ensure that losses have not impacted on programme delivery and staffing levels. It has also support us to seek additional funding via bids and tenders.

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**Outcomes (continued)**

The success of those applications for a number of Covid Emergency funds supported us to "bridge the gap" between our pre Covid-19 business plan and the post Covid-19 access to income generation strands and funders, to support business as usual and maintain vital services to vulnerable young people.

We have been able to do this by ensuring:

- o Efficient internal financial systems
- o Efficiency and best value review of all service contracts
- o Effective project budget monitoring and quarter review
- o Savings on utilities and resources during lockdown periods
- o Management of investment portfolio to maximise income
- o Paying off Loan within agreed payment schedule
- o Diversification of income streams including:
  - Securing investment from Covid-19 Emergency Funds (National Lotteries Communities Fund, Arts Council, Julla and Hans Rausing Trust and Youth Music)
  - DWP Flexible Support Fund investment for the Youth Hu
  - Successful application to Merseyside Violence Reduction partnership to provide peer education programmes, and mentoring to reduce youth violence

We have provided a **healthy, safe and high-quality working environment** by developing a proactive Covid Readiness Level system, with corresponding 5 stage risk assessments.

Individual risk assessments were also undertaken with vulnerable staff members and we continued to support access to external counselling for staff welfare purposes.

We have implemented a Covid-19 testing and vaccination policy and via our CCG funded work, accessed the Vaccination programme from January 21.

We work closely with the National Youth Agency and their Youth Sector guidance webinars and guidance documentation.

To maximize staff and service user satisfaction and to minimize other risk, we continue to work closely with health and safety consultant, Ellis Whittam with regular premises audits and action planning. This has included additional processes and procedures to enable safe home working and virtual youth work delivery, during lockdown periods.

Despite being in lockdown our ISO9001:2015 recertification took place virtually in May 2020. MYA maintained its Certification of ISO9001(2015) award for a further three years.

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**Outcomes (continued)**

MYA has also maintained Gold Standard in the Investors in People Award and are working through our action plan to move us towards Platinum.

We have invested in staff welfare by providing increased staff meetings, virtual social events, such as a quiz night and Christmas party. All staff have received a personalised welfare pack during the second Lockdown.

SMT has also met on an increased timetable to support managers in their roles to keep staff well informed and motivated.

**We have provided a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change.**

The appraisal and supervision processes continued throughout lockdown utilising Zoom, when staff did not have access to their office base. We identified key workforce development areas and have put a training calendar in place to upskill the workforce in these areas. This primarily focused on ELearning, and we prioritised these areas, and put in a revised schedule for completion, with a small number of modules to be completed on a monthly basis.

We have delivered the final module of our bespoke management training for our Senior Management Team.

We also delivered one full staff team conference during lockdown, facilitated via Zoom.

We have **maintained our marketing and communication strategy** via development and use of social media which has enabled MYA to utilise virtual platforms and marketing our virtual offer during lockdown.

Our Cloud based server when necessitated has enabled MYA to work remotely including home working.

We have put on hold our 130<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, events and aligned communications action plan. This will be delivered in 2021-22.

**Plans for future periods**

**Strategy**

Merseyside Youth Association has reviewed its Business Plan in light of Covid-19 and its impact.

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**Strategy (continued)**

**Impact of Covid pandemic on young people:**

**Youth Labour Market**

Research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies shows that younger workers are nearly two and a half times more likely to work in a sector that is shut down as a result of the pandemic. This is reinforced by the Resolution Foundation findings that youth unemployment is likely to rise by 600,000 to over a million which will have a long-lasting impact on young people's wages and job prospects.

The economic pain inflicted by Coronavirus will be felt unequally across the UK. Compared to the UK as a whole, the North East and North West of England both have a higher proportion of employment in shutdown sectors, such as retail and manufacturing.

Research by the Institute for Student Employers suggested that all types of entry level roles have been reduced by 23% this year, with the volatile jobs market forecast to shrink further as 15% of employers expect to scale back recruitment further in 2021. Employers are seeking 32% fewer entrants on apprentice or school leaver programmes than originally planned for, whilst graduate jobs have been cut by 12%, internships and placements will also slump by 40%.

In January 2021, 726,000 fewer people were in payroll-ed employment when compared with February 2020; (425,000(58.5%)) were aged under 25.

NEET Figures report more young people became NEET In Oct-Dec 2020 than any other period since 2011.

**Unemployment**

The number of unemployed young people in Liverpool has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic. Statistics released by the Centre for Cities showed that 7440 young people in Liverpool (8%) claimed benefits in August more than double the number in the month prior to the pandemic.

Young people in Liverpool are 2.5 times more likely to work in the shutdown sectors which are being further disrupted by local lockdowns and more stringent social distancing measures. This will undoubtedly result in an increase of NEET young people within the City Region.

**Mental Health**

Research by Young Minds, a charity providing mental health support, has shown the impact the crisis is continuing to have on young people with a history of mental health problems. Their research surveyed 2,111 young people with mental health needs, to understand the impact of the school closures and tightening restrictions.

The results revealed that 32% agreed that their mental health was much worse, with 51% saying it was a bit worse. The impact in more deprived areas with higher levels of vulnerability such as Liverpool is anticipated to be higher.

The Health Foundation in their "Emerging evidence on health inequalities and COVID-19: March 2021" paper state that:

Certain groups have experienced disproportionate effects on their mental health as a result of the pandemic. The mental health charity Rethink found that over three-quarters of people with pre-existing mental illnesses reported their mental health had got worse. People with an eating disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder or a personality disorder were among those most likely to be affected.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Young people have been unequally impacted with higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and sleep loss. And those living alone have also been adversely affected across different outcomes.

In addition to experiencing one of the greatest increases in loneliness and higher levels of anxiety and depression symptoms, individuals from ethnic minority communities have also reported more thoughts of death or self-harm. The levels are the highest since the start of the first lockdown and were still rising by the end of January 2021.

**Social Isolation**

Research by the University of Liverpool reported that a main driver for worsening mental health was social isolation, with those who feel more connected to their community having better wellbeing and quality of life. The UCL study also found that loneliness levels are at their highest since the first lockdown and have been increasing since the start of the January lockdown.

**Inequalities**

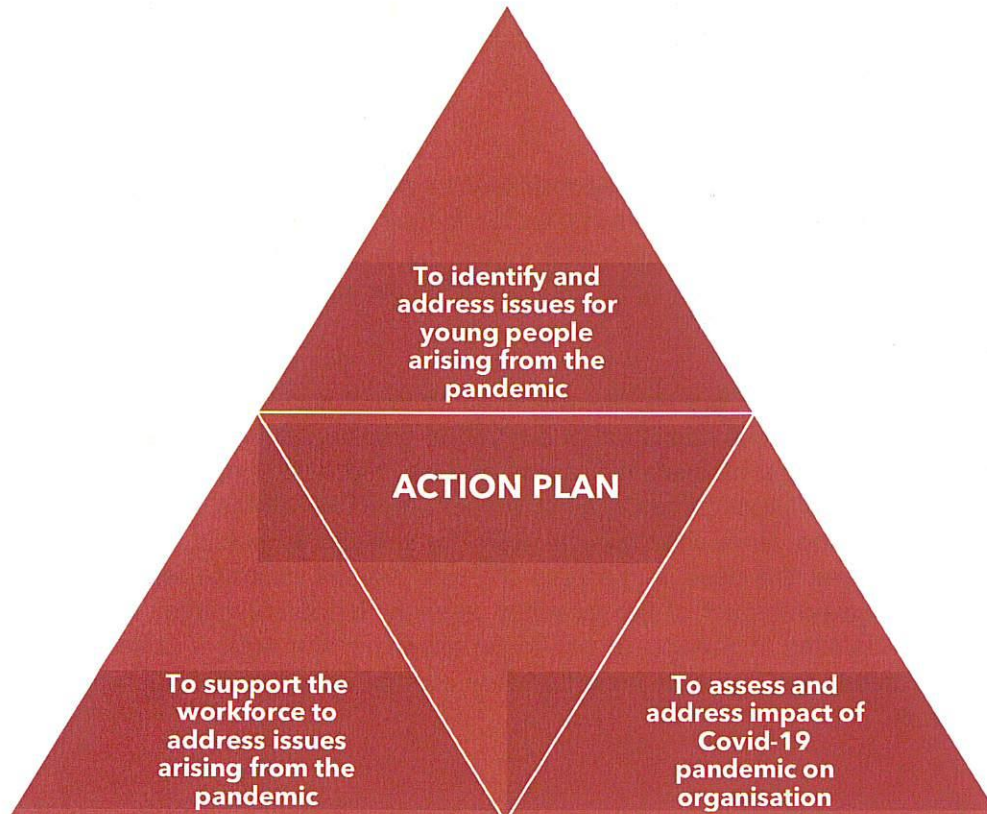
The increasing divisions within our society, amplified by Brexit and stoked by extremism has made the informal political and social education of our young people a priority. The Black Lives Matters movement has shone a light on systemic racism and has mobilised young people to fight against injustice and prejudice. Violent crimes against woman, members of the LGBT&Q community and disabled people and the perceived "cultural wars" in relation to public statues, language and behaviour has amplified the need to address the root causes of these issues. This, against a backdrop of the ongoing impact of the austerity agenda, further resources in Local Authorities budgets and uncertainties in relation to economic growth in the region, linked to exit from the European Union means that it is more important than ever for us to invest in young people and high-quality youth work.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

With this in mind, MYA is developing a Covid-19 Recovery plan, which has been included in its refreshed Business Plan. This organisational plan, will impact on action planning within each project to ensure we meet the following priorities:



Each Project will develop an action plan containing how it will address the following:

Identify and address issues for young people arising out of the pandemic:

- Co-produce responsive curriculum with young people
- Focus on wellbeing and resilience, through a trauma informed lens
- Maintain clear communication in relation to our offer in line with Covid-19 readiness levels

To support the workforce to address issues arising from the pandemic

- Ensure policy is co-produced and evidence based
- Maintain clear communication with workforce in relation to Covid readiness level
- Utilise quality processes (including supervision and appraisal) to support staff responses

To assess and address impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the organisation

- Review strategic enablers considering Covid Recovery
- Continue to be proactive and responsive to risk
- Plan income generation in light of government roadmap

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Regional devolution and the concept of the Northern Powerhouse could provide opportunities, as the Mayoral Manifesto calls for Inclusive Economic growth, which recognises people and place, will be on this agenda. This, alongside the LCR's Build Back Better recovery planning will need to be harnessed and we must ensure that young people's needs are put front and centre of this planning.

Many social economy organisations have shrunk, and some have closed down. There has been a growth of commercial sector providers bidding for public sector contracts. The European Structural Investment Fund has provided MYA with opportunities for development and partnerships. The European Structural Fund's Youth Employment Initiative has been extended until 2023, which provide MYA with an opportunity to continue delivering the Talent Match Programme until then. We are seeking funding to continue this vital work, including the Shared Prosperity Fund to replace ESF funding although much of the detail in relation to this is still in flux. Thus, the importance of evidencing successes and influencing future youth skills and employment strategies and funding streams locally and nationally is essential.

MYA is taking a lead in partnership and joint working to deliver services to support other social economy organisations and to maintain the culture of support focussed on need rather than profit. MYA is also building relations to create delivery partnerships with commercial sector and social enterprise organisations across the North West.

MYA will also share its learning with the VCS Youth Sector and work with VS6 and infrastructure organisations to help identify new and emerging needs of youth people and young people's organisations.

We will review our project work in terms of these needs and we believe that our focus on young people's mental health, ACE work, equalities and employability will be front and centre of support to young people in a post Covid-19 world.

We also seek to develop our strategic influence nationally, in relation to youth strategy, youth crime and violence, youth unemployment and mental health.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Our work will be built on our robust internal processes, supporting a strong staff team to deliver effective and inspiring outcomes for young people:



Our direct delivery will continue to be:

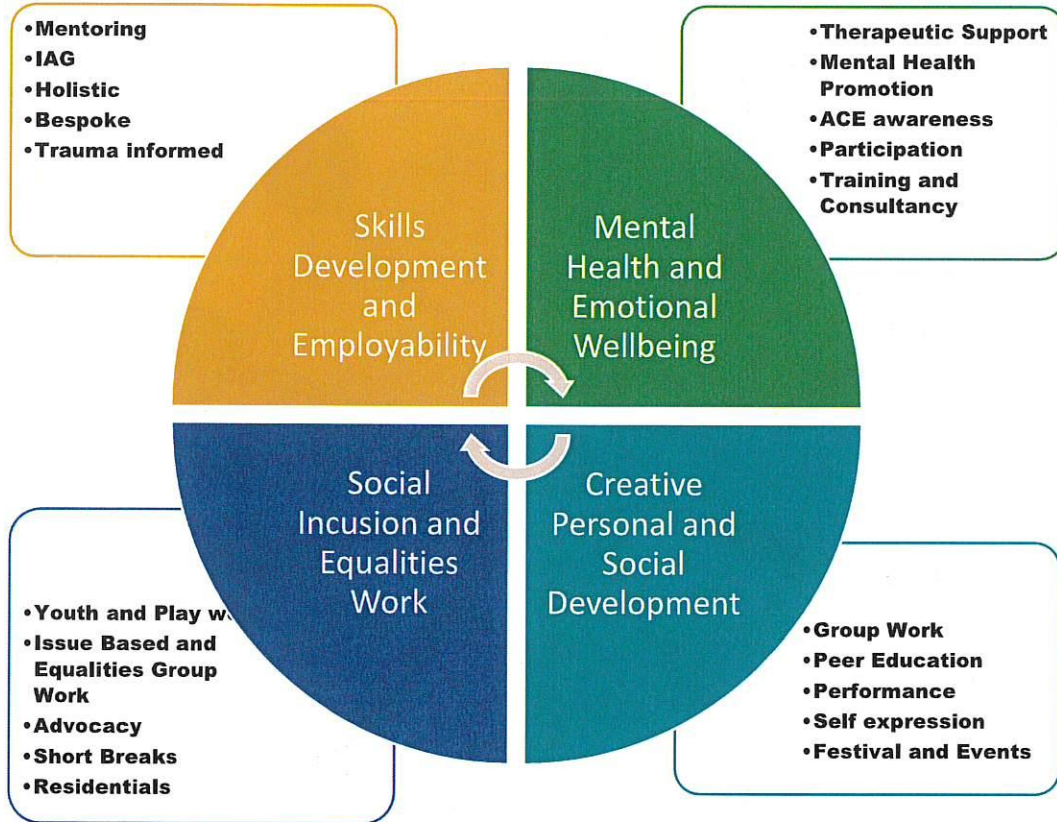
- Driven by young people for young people
- Demand led - real skills for real futures
- Motivational and inspiring
- Holistic and multi-disciplinary
- Asset led - built on young people's skills, knowledge and interest

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

We will focus our delivery in the following areas:



We shape our curriculum to address young people's mental health and wellbeing, social isolation and engagement in education, training or work. This will include:

- Projects which connect young people to each other, reduce social isolation and create positive peer networks
- Projects which focus on wellbeing, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
- Projects that promote pro- social behaviours, anti – discriminatory practice and diversity
- Projects that support gaining, maintaining and sustaining positive progressions in education, training or employment

MYA will continue to demonstrate its impact in the following areas:

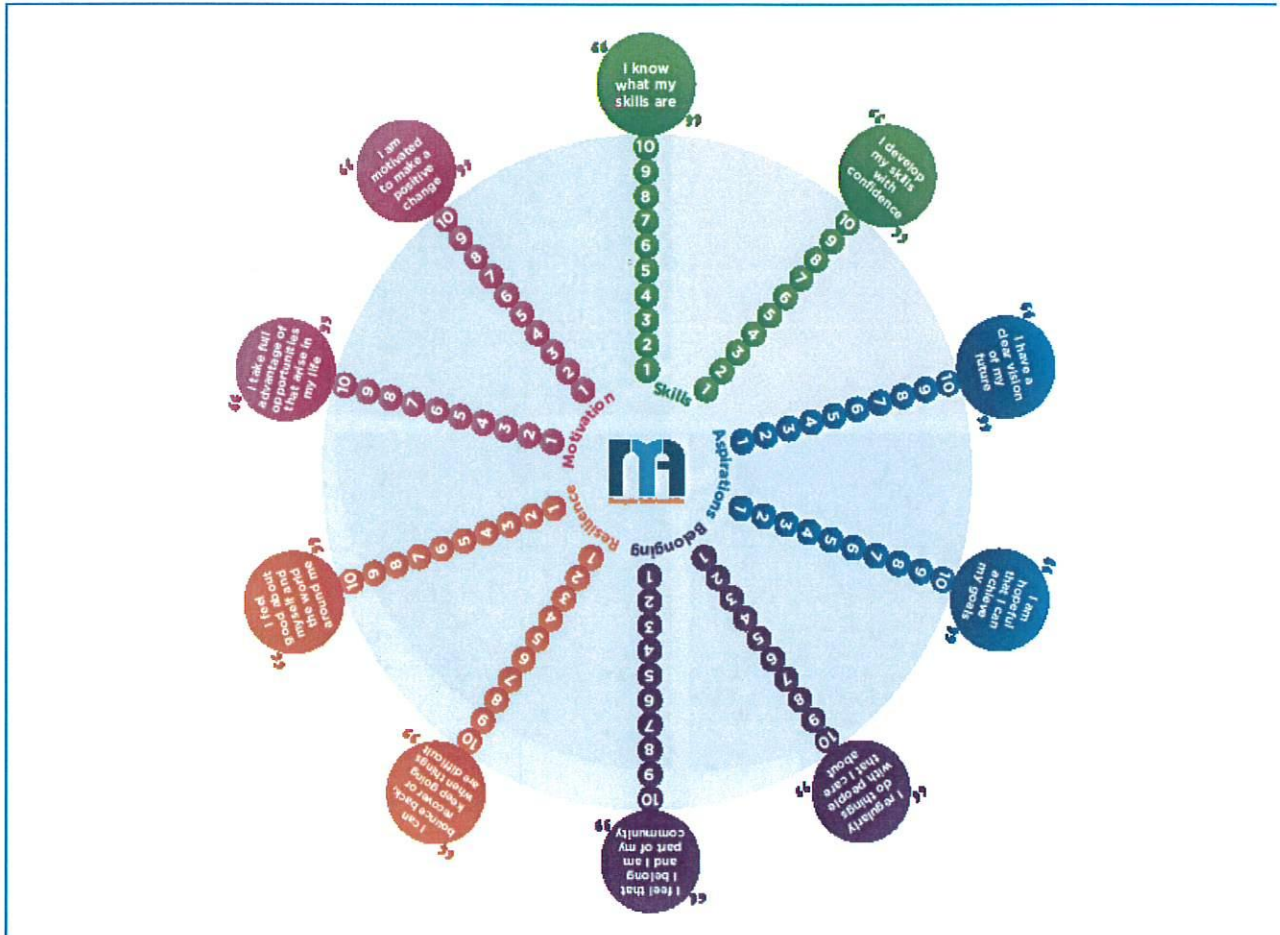
- Skills
- Aspiration
- Resilience
- Motivation
- Belonging

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Plans for future periods (continued)

We will do this by using the following Outcome Star:



We will work in partnership with ARK Consultants to develop our Social Return on Investment and smarter reporting of outcomes.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

**Training**

**We will expand our market for training by:**

- Offering a blended approach to training including online and bitesize courses
- Expanding and diversifying our offer including violence reduction, peer mentoring,
- Increasing our resources including SEN ROAR,
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive mentoring qualification

**Seeking new markets including:**

- Public bodies- schools, Merseyside Police, local authorities (including Public Health), adult services
- Integrated Care Systems
- Voluntary sector- play and youth organisations, family projects, community organisations
- Private sector – independent schools, afterschool and holiday club providers, children's homes
- Markets outside Liverpool City Region, with a focus on the North West

**Premises**

**We monitor the impact of capital work on our premises in the following areas:**

- Energy efficiency and reduced utilities cost in Hanover Street
- Access of our learning spaces by learners impacted by ASD and hearing impairment

**We will also:**

- Improve access to our buildings
- Maintain OFSTED registration for key venues
- Invest in improvement in health and safety in line with our action plans
  - Fireproofing of basement area following reconfiguration of boiler room
  - Installation of CCTV at Gordon Youth Centre
- Maximise tenancy rentals and hire of facilities via marketing, promotion and discounts – focusing on our accessibility and new learning space
- Operate as a Youth Employment Hub, co-locating DWP staff
- Continue to enhance facilities for hire via investment in new technologies
- Continue to invest in refurbishment of building and contents

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

**We aim to fund our future plans by:**

- Continuing to deliver innovative support to young people which meets their needs via our Covid Recovery Plans
- Working with our partners to both strategically and operationally deliver a children and young people recovery plan which includes:
  - Identifying and addressing the impact of the Covid crisis on children and young people
  - Co-designing, planning, and delivering direct work to address their needs
  - Supporting MYA staff and the children and young people's workforce to safely return to direct work post lockdown
  - Review what has worked and what didn't in the first phase of crisis support and what we can learn from it
  - Build organisational resilience and flexibility to deal with future waves
  - Work with decision makers to support the Covid Recovery campaign and lobby for investment on children and young people's services
- Developing business plans and fundraising strategies for projects without secure funding post Dec 2022
- Using our reputation to secure other funding for our MYA SPACE Performing Arts Centre, Noise Music Project and Choices Knowsley Project in 2021- 2022
- Utilising MYA's holistic mentoring model in other areas such as youth crime and violence and school exclusion
- Working with partners in the Health Sector and VCS sector to influence the delivery of the Integrated Care System and Place based approach,
- Selling our Mental Health resources and training in other geographical locations and to other professions within the City Region
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive Mentoring qualification to sell to other geographical locations
- Undertaking Youth Futures Fund assessment process, following on from our application to help secure our innovative delivery of holistic mentoring support for young people who are unemployed
- Working with VS6 and the Combined Authority on the skills agenda—becoming integral to local offer working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Developing links with the elected Metro Mayor – building on existing positive relationships with local politicians
- Lobbying nationally and locally for replacement funds for ESIF through the Shared Prosperity Fund- either directly via government ministers, the DWP and LCR

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

- Working with National Lottery Community Fund on learning from their strategic programmes to influence future policy and programmes
- Co-hosting a national conference showcasing the Talent Match approach across the sustainability funded projects, to influence government and funders, in lessons learned
- Responding to new funding initiatives specifically to develop of work within LCR
- Increasing income via hire of facilities and tenancy rental

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law 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 group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those 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 and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

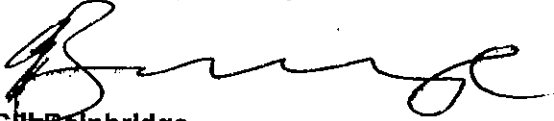
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**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Bainbridge  
Secretary**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**  
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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of**  
**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and of the group's Incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 30), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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Merseyside Youth Association Limited (cont.)**

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of

Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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*Paul Collins FCA.*

Date: 15/12/2021

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	1,600	10,727	12,327	25,849
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3	84,267	4,000	88,267	148,685
<i>Investments</i>	4	6,404	-	6,404	5,737
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5	393,154	3,322,102	3,715,256	4,028,515
<i>Other Income</i>		-	-	-	2,015
<b>Total</b>		<u>485,425</u>	<u>3,336,829</u>	<u>3,822,254</u>	<u>4,210,801</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	6	6,144	-	6,144	7,843
<i>Charitable activities</i>	7	145,565	3,384,177	3,529,742	3,896,737
<i>Other expenditure</i>	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>151,709</u>	<u>3,384,177</u>	<u>3,535,886</u>	<u>3,904,580</u>
<b>Net Income before Gains/(losses) on Investments</b>		333,716	(47,348)	286,368	306,221
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	56,541	-	56,541	(27,820)
Net gains on investment property		10,009	-	10,009	73,806
<b>Net Income before transfers</b>		<u>400,266</u>	<u>(47,348)</u>	<u>352,918</u>	<u>352,207</u>
Transfers between funds	17	226,335	(226,335)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>626,601</u>	<u>(273,683)</u>	<u>352,918</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,325,562</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,414,391</u>	<u>1,051,879</u>	<u>3,466,270</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 26 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,960,906	1,347,088
Investment assets: Investments	12	275,917	267,020
Investment assets: Investment property	12	762,436	752,427
		<u>2,999,259</u>	<u>2,366,535</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	679,147	1,058,046
Cash at bank and in hand		389,463	414,937
		<u>1,068,610</u>	<u>1,472,983</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	(462,170)	(548,552)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>606,440</u>	<u>924,431</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,605,699</b>	3,290,966
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	(138,640)	(178,705)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,467,059</u>	<u>3,112,261</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Unrestricted	17	2,415,180	1,786,699
Restricted		1,051,879	1,325,562
		<u>3,467,059</u>	<u>3,112,261</u>

The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these financial statements.


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**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

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Investment assets: Investments	12	275,912	267,015
Investment assets: Investment property	12	762,436	752,427
		<b>2,999,254</b>	2,366,530
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	676,872	1,055,597
Cash at bank and in hand		393,180	419,495
		<b>1,070,052</b>	1,475,092
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	<b>(464,396)</b>	(549,565)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>605,656</b>	925,527
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,604,910</b>	3,292,057
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(138,640)</b>	(178,705)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,466,270</b>	3,113,352
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>			
Unrestricted -	17		
Retained within the company		2,415,180	1,786,699
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		(789)	1,091
		<b>2,414,391</b>	1,787,790
Restricted		<b>1,051,879</b>	1,325,562
		<b>3,466,270</b>	3,113,352

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
A. Gibbons



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J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these accounts.

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	22	637,884	310,495
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		6,404	5,737
Proceeds from sale of investments		63,395	62,454
Purchase of investments		(9,802)	(71,686)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(676,704)	(67,402)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(616,707)</u>	<u>(70,897)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(36,843)	(33,668)
Repayments of finance lease		-	-
Interest paid		(4,700)	(7,053)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(41,543)</u>	<u>(40,721)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(20,366)</b>	<b>198,877</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		426,682	227,805
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u><b>406,316</b></u>	<u><b>426,682</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		393,180	419,495
Cash equivalents		13,136	7,187
		<u><b>406,316</b></u>	<u><b>426,682</b></u>

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**1 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal.

Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of groups that owe their main affiliation to another body.

The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager. The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	1,600	10,727	12,327	4,929
Legacies	-	-	-	20,920
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>10,727</u>	<u>12,327</u>	<u>25,849</u>
<b>3 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	69,639	4,000	73,639	128,072
Insurance recharges	14,628	-	14,628	15,461
Trading subsidiary income	-	-	-	5,152
	<u>84,267</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>88,267</u>	<u>148,685</u>
<b>4 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	1	-	1	19
Dividend income	6,403	-	6,403	5,718
	<u>6,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,404</u>	<u>5,737</u>
<b>5 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Arts Council England	-	87,772	87,772	14,050
Big Lottery Fund – Talent Match	-	1,009,157	1,009,157	981,192
Big Lottery Fund – SPACE Project	-	50,922	50,922	275,633
Big Lottery Fund – SPACE (capital)	-	-	-	38,153
Brighter Sounds	-	1,375	1,375	9,500
Community Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
Department for Work and Pensions	-	10,650	10,650	-
European Social Fund	-	1,265,272	1,265,272	1,312,883
Groundwork UK – Tesco Bags	-	-	-	4,000
Knowsley MBC	-	262,130	262,130	336,590
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	54,500	54,500	67,018
Liverpool CCG	-	213,612	213,612	213,449
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	1,500	1,500	-
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	76,770	76,770	49,955
Mersey Care NHS	-	-	-	26,667
NHS Trust	-	-	-	28,000
Merseyside Police	-	130,340	130,340	209,580
Sefton CVS	-	10,925	10,925	12,420
Sefton MBC	-	40,252	40,252	25,000
Skills Capital funding	392,414	-	392,414	230,242
Sports England	-	4,840	4,840	-
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	41,922	41,922	-
Youth Music	-	25,482	25,482	39,930
Programme income	-	21,175	21,175	76,170
Project sales income	-	9,506	9,506	44,232
Other income	740	-	740	33,851
	<u>393,154</u>	<u>3,322,102</u>	<u>3,715,256</u>	<u>4,028,515</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b>6 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,048	-	4,048	4,566
Trading subsidiary expenditure	1,880	-	1,880	3,061
	<b>6,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>7,843</b>
<b>7 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	165,472	1,637,747	1,803,219	1,730,655
Staff pension costs	7,267	33,357	40,624	35,974
Staff training/health & safety	(5,521)	22,662	17,141	10,708
Staff fitness/wellbeing	770	(770)	-	700
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(32,427)	44,535	12,108	15,370
Insurance	22,534	40,959	63,493	67,164
Light and heat	11,352	21,462	32,814	49,654
Cleaning and laundry	12,325	15,726	28,051	43,063
Repairs and maintenance	73,138	8,940	82,078	81,747
Accountancy	36,284	23,770	60,054	43,521
Advertising	(900)	900	-	2,394
Auditors' remuneration	16,200	-	16,200	16,500
Bad debts	750	182	932	4,573
Bank charges	2,236	-	2,236	2,705
Childcare costs	-	-	-	-
Computer costs	27,430	16,032	43,462	34,838
Consultancy fees	-	6,795	6,795	18,465
EMDR training costs	-	180	180	-
ESF indirect overhead	(149,990)	149,990	-	-
ESF procured services	-	436,225	436,225	463,648
Equipment and resources	11,871	15,526	27,397	25,606
External supervision/support	720	1,965	2,685	4,320
Fees and subscriptions	2,014	235	2,249	2,751
Foodbank costs	-	4,767	4,767	2,212
Hire of equipment	6,735	1,624	8,359	9,816
Interest paid	4,700	-	4,700	7,053
IT support charges	(23,265)	23,265	-	-
Legal and professional costs	20,636	1,232	21,868	26,576
Management support fee	(1,722)	1,722	-	-
NOW Festival	-	2,310	2,310	12,840
Printing, postage & stationery	4,786	3,168	7,954	20,214
Programme expenses	(16,491)	124,862	108,371	244,191
Project start up costs	(316)	316	-	-
Support services/other charges	(131,376)	131,376	-	-
	<b>65,212</b>	<b>2,771,060</b>	<b>2,836,272</b>	<b>2,977,258</b>
c/fwd				

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	65,212	2,771,060	2,836,272	2,977,258
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	567,586	567,586	793,132
Telephone	8,505	39,244	47,749	49,545
Travel and motor expenses	1,869	4,322	6,191	16,111
Depreciation	62,886	-	62,886	47,207
Sundries	7,093	1,965	9,058	13,484
	<u>145,565</u>	<u>3,384,177</u>	<u>3,529,742</u>	<u>3,896,737</u>

<b>8 Net Income/(expenditure)</b>	2021	2020
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	62,886	47,207
Staff costs (see note 9)	1,843,843	1,766,628
Accountancy	60,054	43,521
Auditors' Remuneration	16,200	16,500

The auditor's remuneration of £16,200 (2020: £16,500) relates solely to the audit.

<b>9 Staff Costs</b>	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	1,659,176	1,589,491
Social Security Costs	144,043	141,164
Pension Costs	40,624	35,973
	<u>1,843,843</u>	<u>1,766,628</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Administration	10	7
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	47	47
	<u>59</u>	<u>56</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2020: £Nil) during the year. A total of £448 (2020: £448) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**10 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £40,624 (2020: £35,973).

**11 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Works In progress £	Total £
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>					
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1st April 2020	12,000	2,182,832	54,102	10,520	2,259,454
Additions	-	652,522	24,182	-	676,704
Transferred	-	10,520	-	(10,520)	-
At 31st March, 2021	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,845,874</u>	<u>78,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,936,158</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st April 2020	7,920	875,109	29,337	-	912,366
Charge for the year	240	56,918	5,728	-	62,886
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March, 2021	<u>8,160</u>	<u>932,027</u>	<u>35,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>975,252</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31st March, 2021	<u>3,840</u>	<u>1,913,847</u>	<u>43,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,960,906</u>
At 31st March, 2020	<u>4,080</u>	<u>1,307,723</u>	<u>24,765</u>	<u>10,520</u>	<u>1,347,088</u>

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>12 Investment assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	262,776	259,828
Cash held by investment managers	13,136	7,187
	<u>275,917</u>	<u>267,020</u>
Investment property	762,436	752,427
	<u>1,038,353</u>	<u>1,019,447</u>

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Investment in subsidiary undertakings:**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

It is the intention that the trading company donates its profits to the charity on a regular basis

The profit and loss account of the trading company for the year ended 31st March, 2021 was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Turnover	(355)	5,152
Cost of sales	(190)	(1,587)
Gross profit	(545)	3,565
Administrative expenses	(1,335)	(1,474)
Donation to parent company	-	(2,091)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	(1,880)	-
Retained profit brought forward	1,091	1,091
Retained profit carried forward	<u>(789)</u>	<u>1,091</u>

**Listed Investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	259,828	9,802	(63,395)	56,541	262,776
Cash	7,187				13,136
	<u>267,015</u>				<u>275,912</u>

**13 Debtors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade Debtors	133,964	92,621
Prepayments and accrued income	540,682	955,662
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	2,275	2,620
Other debtors	2,226	7,143
	<u>679,147</u>	<u>1,058,046</u>

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<b>13 Debtors (continued)</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
<u>Group</u>		
Trade debtors	133,964	92,792
Prepayments and accrued income	540,682	955,662
Other debtors	2,226	7,143
	<u>676,872</u>	<u>1,055,597</u>
<b>14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade creditors	198,743	237,552
Bank loan	37,592	34,370
Accruals and deferred income	171,699	228,179
Taxation and social security	39,360	37,475
Other creditors	14,776	10,976
	<u>462,170</u>	<u>548,552</u>
<u>Group</u>		
Trade creditors	198,743	237,552
Bank loan	37,592	34,370
Accruals and deferred income	173,925	229,192
Taxation and social security	39,360	37,475
Other creditors	14,776	10,976
	<u>464,396</u>	<u>549,565</u>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on restricted funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

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**15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>138,640</u>	<u>178,705</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2020: £23,659) is due after more than 5 years.

**16 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	2,237,929	761,325	2,999,254
Current Assets	710,886	359,166	1,070,052
Current Liabilities	(395,784)	(68,612)	(464,396)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(138,640)	-	(138,640)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u><b>2,414,391</b></u>	<u><b>1,051,879</b></u>	<u><b>3,466,270</b></u>

**17 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2020 £	Income (Inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2021 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	940,957	992,173	(526,746)	(500,822)	905,562
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	49,301	-	(19,228)	687,224	717,297
SPACE Project	42,120	-	(1,289)	-	40,831
Gordon Youth Centre	5,517	-	(117)	-	5,400
Starting Point	478,303	-	(42,252)	-	436,051
	<u>575,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(62,886)</u>	<u>687,224</u>	<u>1,199,579</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	-	-	13,678	13,678
MYA MVP	-	-	-	12,728	12,728
MYA Noise	-	-	-	1,204	1,204
Raise	199,613	-	-	(3,503)	196,110
SPACE Project	70,836	-	-	15,483	86,319
Staff Fitness project	52	-	-	(52)	-
Gordon Youth Centre	-	31,333	(31,728)	395	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	1,091	-	(1,880)	-	(789)
	<u>271,592</u>	<u>31,333</u>	<u>(33,608)</u>	<u>39,933</u>	<u>309,250</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>1,787,790</b></u>	<u><b>1,023,506</b></u>	<u><b>(623,240)</b></u>	<u><b>226,335</b></u>	<u><b>2,414,391</b></u>

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**17 Movement on funds  
(cont.)**

	At 1st April, 2020 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	270,448	(256,770)	(13,678)	-
MYA MVP	-	71,000	(58,272)	(12,728)	-
MYA Birthday Celebration	-	-	(503)	503	-
MYA Noise	-	85,060	(83,856)	(1,204)	-
MYA YOU	-	63,500	(80,031)	16,531	-
MYA Youth Hub	-	10,650	(956)	-	9,694
Navigators	-	-	(195)	195	-
Raise	18,450	296,168	(318,121)	3,503	-
Skills Capital Fund	230,242	-	(2,928)	(227,314)	-
SPACE Project	-	218,136	(202,653)	(15,483)	-
Staff Fitness project	-	812	(160)	(652)	-
Starting Point - Capital reserve	761,325	-	-	-	761,325
Step Up Fund	957	-	(799)	-	158
Talent Match	129,045	-	(75,424)	-	53,621
Talent Match 2019	153,231	1,024,884	(951,034)	-	227,081
Talent Match Plus	-	1,265,272	(1,328,055)	62,783	-
VRP Mental Health	32,312	45,000	(38,521)	(38,791)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b><u>1,325,562</u></b>	<b><u>3,350,930</u></b>	<b><u>(3,398,278)</u></b>	<b><u>(226,335)</u></b>	<b><u>1,051,879</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>3,113,352</u></b>	<b><u>4,374,436</u></b>	<b><u>(4,021,518)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,466,270</u></b>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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**Unrestricted funds**

General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
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**Designated unrestricted capital reserves**

The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:

Headquarters

Gordon Youth Centre

SPACE Project

Starting Point

This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.

**Designated unrestricted funds**

The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:

Choices Knowsley

MYA MVP

MYA Noise

Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project)

SPACE Project

Trading subsidiary –

MYA Youth Limited

This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

**Restricted funds**

Choices Knowsley

This project aims to provide outreach youth work in the Penny Lane area of Liverpool.

MYA Birthday

Celebration

Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Mason Owen Financial Services, this project has been set up to support the 130th birthday celebrations for the charity. This will include a number of events across the year including a book and a short film on our history showcasing young people's lives that have been changed by the charity, a musical, a tapestry and a new archive drop for further historical documents into Liverpool Records office.

MYA MVP

The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.

MYA Noise

The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.

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**Restricted funds (continued)**

MYA Youth Hub	Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City Region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.
Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim / survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project) Skills Capital Fund	<p>This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.</p> <p>Funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, this project will support capital improvements which enhance our learners' environment, improve our energy efficiency and carbon footprint and enhance the accessibility of our Hanover street facilities.</p>
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200 seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.
Starting Point – Capital Reserve	This fund was set up to be equal to the amount of the contingent liabilities remaining in place in connection with the Starting Point Building Project.
Step Up Fund	The Step Up Fund is a small fund established through a legacy from Mrs Stella Warren. The fund is designed to help unemployed young people within MYA projects to access training or education by helping with course fees, travel costs, childcare etc. Awards of up to £350 are available (in exceptional circumstances awards of £500 may be made).
Big Lottery Fund: Talent Match	Intensive Mentoring Programme for young people aged 18-24 who have been out of the labour market for over 12 months.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.

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**18 Transfers between funds**

Certain transfers between different funds relate to adjustments necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £80,012 (2020: £156,139) has been transferred from unrestricted funds to cover this shortfall), including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. In addition, £227,314 has been transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted in respect of Skills Capital Fund; all funding has now been received and assets capitalised.

Twelve (2020: ten) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves – the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts. Following the success of such projects, the directors have made transfers to designated (unrestricted) funds to enable further related work to be performed in future periods. During the current year, the directors have made a transfer to designated funds totalling £43,093 (2020: £239,015) to enable further related work on these projects to be performed. In addition, the directors have made further transfers to unrestricted funds in respect of projects that have incurred surpluses totalling £39,443 (2020: £37,990) and a transfer of £3,503 (2020: £Nil) from designated funds to support an in-year loss on one project.

**19 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**20 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021:

- As part of the fundraising process for the Starting Point Building Project, a grant of £311,325 was received from Rope Walks Partnership. One of the conditions of this grant is that if the building is used for purposes other than those specified in the application, or is sold, then some or all of the grant may be repayable at the donor's discretion. This condition applies until 2021.
- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during the current and previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021.

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**21 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	15,930	15,930
Between one and five years	-	-	9,687	25,617
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,617</u>	<u>41,547</u>

**22 Cash generated by operating activities**

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year	352,918	352,207
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(6,404)	(5,737)
Depreciation	62,886	47,207
Net gains on investments	(66,550)	(45,986)
Interest payable	4,700	7,053
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<u>347,550</u>	<u>354,744</u>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	378,725	(129,177)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(88,391)	84,928
	<u>637,884</u>	<u>310,495</u>

**23 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2020: £661,453) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £Nil (2020: £19,664).

**24 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity was charged £Nil (2020: £6,158) by R & R Joinery Limited, a company in respect of which R. T. Dears is a director and shareholder. £Nil (2020: £Nil) was owed to the company at the balance sheet date.

During the year, the Charity received a donation of £Nil (2020: £2,091), and purchased services costing £Nil (2020: £3,189), from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited. Balances due from group companies are shown in Notes 13 and 14 of the financial statements.

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**26 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	23,791	2,058	25,849
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3	143,400	5,285	148,685
<i>Investments</i>	4	5,737	-	5,737
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5	32,476	3,996,039	4,028,515
<i>Other income</i>		-	2,015	2,015
<b>Total</b>		<u>205,404</u>	<u>4,005,397</u>	<u>4,210,801</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	6	7,843	-	7,843
<i>Charitable activities</i>	7	157,187	3,739,550	3,896,737
<i>Other expenditure</i>	8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>165,030</u>	<u>3,739,550</u>	<u>3,904,580</u>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before losses on Investments</b>		40,374	265,847	306,221
Net losses on Investments		(27,820)	-	(27,820)
Net gains on Investment property		73,806	-	73,806
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<u>86,360</u>	<u>265,847</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		68,637	(68,637)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>154,997</u>	<u>197,210</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,632,793</u>	<u>1,128,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,325,562</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>

