

Youth For Christ Northern Ireland Limited

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Youth For Christ Northern Ireland Limited present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 August 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Helping young people find Jesus, follow Him, and join His family.

Vision Statement

To see an unreached generation of young people transformed by the love of Jesus and reach their full potential.

Objectives

There are four main purposes to our work, as outlined in our Memorandum and Articles.

1. The formation of local groups, rallies or clubs, the direction of evangelistic campaigns and encouragement of such activities as are deemed necessary or desirable for the promotion of these objectives.
2. The organisation of conferences, classes, or meetings of any kind consistent with these objectives.
3. The showing and use of films/ videos and the provision of musical talent and facilities designed to further the objectives.
4. The cooperation with churches and organisations, the aims of which are similar in character in promoting evangelism particularly among youth.

Strategy

Our current strategy, concluding next year, focuses on:

1. Supporting the continued development of growing vibrant and flourishing YFC centres across Northern Ireland.
2. Pioneering new centres, opportunities, and approaches, enabling more unreached young people to develop to their full potential; physically, emotionally, educationally, and spiritually.
3. Partnering with local churches, ministries, and communities to maximise impact among unreached young people.

Overview of the Year

This year was marked by both significant challenges and extraordinary growth. Through God's grace and focused prayer, we witnessed powerful spiritual impact across our ministries.

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Celebrations

Following our January 2023 call to prayer, we felt God prompting us to prioritise intentional prayer in 2024. This led to a remarkable outpouring of God's blessing.

Over the summer, more than 70 young people gave their lives to Jesus—60 first-time commitments and 10 recommitments. In one centre alone, 29 young people committed their lives to Christ during weekly drop-in sessions. God is clearly moving among us.

Challenges

Staffing presented significant challenges during the year, particularly in our National Team. Despite this, the year still proved to be one of our most fruitful to date and we rebuilt during summer 2024, welcoming two new staff into the roles of Project Development Lead and Innovation Lead.

Looking Ahead

We're excited about where God is leading us. Though many of our team are relatively new, we believe they are well-equipped to guide YFCNI forward. What began this summer feels like the start of something bigger.

Key areas for 2024/2025 include:

- Prioritising prayer and spiritual focus across initiatives.
- Developing "YFC Big Night In" and exploring other creative engagement tools.
- Re-exploring centre development in Ballymena, Coleraine, and Omagh.
- Supporting churches in engaging unchurched youth.
- Strengthening training and support for our centres.

The following report gives a brief insight into what this last year has looked like for us at YFC Northern Ireland.

Objective One: Support for Growing Centres

Supporting our 6 chartered and 4 nationally run centres remained a core focus. Our Centre Support and Ministry Development Workers played key roles, including coordinating our 'Summer Madness' project. This work was supported by the Ardbarron and Dobson Trusts.

Objective Two: Pioneering Opportunities

We continued to develop innovative programmes in collaboration with centres, churches, and partner organisations:

- **Summer Madness** – Pop-Up Drop-In: Partnered again with Summer Madness to host drop-in and alternative sessions designed for unchurched youth. Attendance reached 250+ per session (up 50 from last year), with 300–350 attending drop-in sessions.

We saw 51 faith commitments—41 first-time and 10 recommitments—and prayed with over 80 young people.

- **Nomad (Cage Football)**: Continued partnerships offering Cage football sessions. Plans for 2025 are being explored.
- **Summer Camp**: Cancelled due to unsustainable costs. We'll revisit options in September 2024 for potential relaunch in 2025.

Objective Three: Church Partnerships

We delivered training and guidance for churches seeking to reach unreached youth, participating in church events and youth leader gatherings.

Achievements and Performance (Jan–Dec 2023)

- Reached approx. 7,000 young people.
- 1,157 youth attended drop-in centres regularly.
- 4,750+ engaged through schools' programmes (up 250 from the previous year).
- 2,500 youth introduced to the Gospel; 459 responded with interest in following Jesus.
- 216 volunteers involved (102 regularly active).
- 93 active church partnerships (up by 10).
- 954 committed prayer partners.

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Fundraising Activities

- Increased one-off donations
- Staff-led fundraising and events.
- Significant funding from local and UK wide trusts.
- Grants secured from local councils and the Education Authority.
- Ongoing church and business support.

Policies and Procedures

Our ongoing review of safeguarding policies and practices has progressed to the next phase in partnership with the Ineqe Safeguarding Group. This work will continue into the 2024/2025 year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Organisation

Youth for Christ Northern Ireland Limited is a registered charity formed in January 1947 and set up as a company limited by guarantee on the 23rd of April 2003. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association that were last amended on the 16th of November 2010.

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The governing document for Youth for Christ Northern Ireland is currently the memorandum and articles of association.

The primary functions of Youth for Christ NI Board of Directors are to provide leadership for the organisation, review and protect the ethos and purpose of Youth for Christ NI, ensure financial stability for the organisation, ensure robust safeguarding policies and practices are in place and monitored regularly, and provide vision for the future.

The main task of the board is to provide direction and support for the National Director, who is responsible for the day to day running of the organisation and delivery of the above functions. In addition, the board is responsible for appointing new board members.

There is currently no cut off point for length of service on the board for any director.

The board seeks to ensure that a broad range of skills, experience, and background appropriate to the organisation is maintained within the board membership.

The board, through the National Director, ensure that all risks to which the organisation are exposed are identified, with systems and procedures in place to manage those risks.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 10 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £325,797 (2023 - £302,324) and liabilities of £8,739 (2023 - £2,700). The net assets of the charity have increased by £17,434.

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Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Jonathan Mark Farrell (Resigned 12 April 2024)
Allan Chesney Grier
Thomas John Stewart
Colin James Stitt
Andrea Wharton
Iain Wilson
Phillip Samuel Kerr
Miriam Jean McAlister
Matthew Richardson (Appointed 30 September 2024)

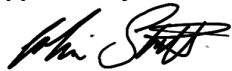
In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards


The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Youth For Christ Northern Ireland Limited subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Colin James Stitt
Trustee



Matthew Richardson
Trustee