Dundee Youth for Christ
Annual Report and Accounts
Year ended 31st May 2024
SC044896

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Dundee Youth for Christ
Scottish Charity SC044896

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st May 2024, which are set out on the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Account Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
    - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Alice Reeth
2 October 2024

Dundee Youth For Christ Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 May 2024

Registered Charity Number: SC04489
Charity's Principal Address: 6 Claypotts Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 1LE

Register of Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
1. David Scott	Chairperson	
2. Cathy Brodie	Treasurer	June 2023
3. Becky Read	Secretary	November 2023
4. Ronan McKay	Safeguarding officer	November 2023

Over this time the board met 4 times in the year

Organisational Purpose

The organisation's purposes are:

1. To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people in accordance with our statement of faith (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Dundee and its environs.

2. To advance the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges, universities and other establishments, through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;

3. To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

Financial Review

During the year, we have continued to build on a secure base of funding to sustain and grow the work through both donations and grants. we have been able to continue employing a worker to lead our charitable activities.

Review of Activities

What is Dundee Youth for Christ about?

Aim: is to see Dundee's young lives changed by Jesus.

Andrew Bennett the Centre Director continues to be employed 2 days a week and with a team of volunteers to deliver the work.

The context
Over the 2023-2024 year Dundee youth for Christ continued to build on some of the ventures it had already started in the previous year and began to add some new activities in the year.

In bold figures Dundee Youth for Christ worked with

- 511 young people
- 42 Young leaders/ youth leaders
- Ran 36 events over the year

There has. been an increase in the number of young. people we have worked with this has been due to a growth in the events we have run and also the week when we ran events with Jon Jackal visiting.

Youth wellbeing café – over the year this moved out of the Overgate into the Well gate. The change in venue has led to a slight drop in attendance to 165 young people. The advertising and profile needed to be raised in this new space and that has taken some time. We still work with a number coming back repeatedly and several young people spending significant time in the café. Over the year we are thankful to the Dundee City Council diversionary fund which gave a grant towards the activities. As part of this grant a film was made showcasing the different youth work recipients. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0okffQP3zbQ&list=PLJpmCCnyH3byVNC8H2BmjA1gDU-9E_bxJ our video.

Young leaders academy – this was a new venture for this year. We asked youth leaders to put forward young people S4 and above who would like to be developed as leaders. 5 young people joined the course and completed the course which was a mixture of meeting together 1 night a month/ weekend away and being involved in various leadership opportunities in their Church and with youth for Christ. The young people really grew in their leadership through the year.

In the young people's words.
Before I started this course, I did not see myself as a leader and was not convinced I would ever enjoy leading, but decided to explore what leadership could look like for me regardless. The change in my thinking has been a complete transformation- the experiences I've had helping with Catalyst YFC events and within my own youth group, I have really enjoyed. I now know when I go to university ... I want to be involved in youth ministry .. because I want to encourage the faith of the next generation!"

"I have learnt from every session and believe I've benefited from every session."

"The weekend away at Compass! The worship was amazing! And I got a lot out of the teaching... I really enjoyed leading a session together. "
"The weekend away"

⇒ **What has been helpful**

"Identifying my strengths and learning about spiritual disciplines"
"Being encouraged to explore spiritual gifts"
"To be an encourager".
The cost of the course and weekend away was funded by Novum Trust and we are very thankful of their support over the year.

We hope to run a Inspire: Young leaders academy in 2024-2025 building on the success of last year.

Through the year

Youth events

Over the past year Dundee Youth for Christ have run 8 Catalyst youth events for young people. These have drawn young people and youth leaders from 14 Churches across the region to connect, to play games, to sing, to explore the Bible together. There have been a variety of speakers at these events and young people have been involved in both the band and helping shape the events. It is good to see several young people and their groups attending a number of these events. We also have several young leaders helping with the planning and leadership of the events.

Jon Jackal: In May we had a visit of rapper and communicator Jon Jackal. He gave 3 concerts and 1 workshop during his time with us. Jon also played in the local shopping centre where the centre manager said of the concert "Jon was an uplifting experience and put smiles on people's faces. Great to have someone so talented performing." Jon went down well in the school and also in the youth group and club that he played in.

Thrive – youth leaders meetings

Dundee Youth for Christ has hosted 11 monthly youth leaders' meetings with up to 7 youth leaders in attendance. Dundee youth for Christ has also supported and worked alongside several youth leaders in training and mentoring them.

Magnitude Festival July 2023/ July 2024

Andrew led the prayer team and Space room at Magnitude 2023 & 2024. He attended the pre-event weekend in March training the team and pre-event in May. It has been a privilege to serve and lead the team the last 2 years and build on continuity. The event is now attracting over 1000 young people from across Scotland.

Fundraising

Andrew has sought over the year to build on regular giving to the work. There has also been a number of one off gifts and also trusts giving to the work. The grant funding over the year has come from Dundee City Council, Novum Trust, and the William Sword Foundation.

Connecting to Youth for Christ nationally

Andrew attended the annual Youth for Christ conference in person in Birmingham. He has also connected via zoom for leadership and management training with Youth for Christ. He also has attended a retreat in Aviemore and training through the year. Andrew connected regularly with other centres in Scotland through the Together times on Thursday mornings.

Connecting with youth work networks

Andrew has joined the Dundee Youth Work Network to both inform him of work across the city and see ways he can work collaboratively with others. Through this group he has had the opportunity to share the work and become more informed on a wide range of youth related subjects and see ways to collaborate.

Volunteer recruitment and development –

Through the year we have continued to grow the volunteer team, to staff events and the Youth wellbeing café. All new leaders go through PVG and application process. Training has been offered at the team meetings.

Communication

Through the year there have been newsletters provided termly and through the website, Facebook and Instagram page. We have also begun a regular supporter meeting. We are planning a 10th anniversary in September.

Andrew Bennett 11.9.24

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 May 2024

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
				£	£
Receipts					
Grants	3	5,000	6,377	11,377	7,500
Donations		9,303		9,303	11,944
Total Receipts		**£ 14,303**	**£ 6,377**	**£ 20,680**	**£ 19,444**
Payments					
Contribution to Central Funds		1,856		1,856	700
Salaries & On Costs		10,201	5,469	15,671	14,130
Training				-	160
Travel		574	27	602	770
Insurance				-	532
Miscellaneous		921	-	921	337
Refreshments		737		737	553
Equipment & events		2,560	3,746	6,306	2,805
Advertising		461	169	631	514
Accountancy Fees		288		288	676
Supervision		210		210	50
Total Payments		**£ 17,809**	**£ 9,412**	**£ 27,221**	**£ 21,227**
Excess of receipts/(payments) over (payments)/receipts in the year		-£3,506	-£3,035	-£6,541	-£1,783

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Statement of Balances as at 31 May 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
			£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Bank and Deposit balances brought forward	13,685	3,491	17,175	18,958
Movement in year				
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	-3,506	-3,035	-6,541	-£ 1,783
Fund Transfers				
Bank and Deposit balances carried forward	10,179	455	£ 10,634	£ 17,175
Represented By:	**Bank**		10,634	17,175
	Petty Cash		-	-
			10,634	18,958

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on..... 19th Nov 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
These financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees and employees pay some costs out of their own pocket. Dundee Youth for Christ There are no Related party transactions

3 Restricted Funds
Restricted funds in 2023/24 consist of money for a Wellbeing Cafe given by Dundee City Council, Dundee fooodbank and DVVA's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. There was also a grant from Novum Trust for a leadership programme which will run in the next financial year. A further grant was given by DCC for Equipment.

	Balance as at 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance as at 31 May 2024
Wellbeing Café	491	5,425	5,916	-
Novum Trust	3,000	102	2,648	454
DCC		850	850	0
	3,491	**6,377**	**9,413**	**455**