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# **Quinton Youth for Christ**

*Registered Charity No 1137368*

## **Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16**

*Quinton YFC exists to enrich, empower and equip young people  
in partnership with the local community.*

## **Summary Report of the Trustees – November 2016**

The last 12 months has been a time of transition for Quinton Youth for Christ. Abbie Dunne's work in mentoring individuals and running school-based clubs had been the backbone of our work for a number of years and had impacted upon hundreds of young people. Abbie's decision to leave in order to work with street children in Brazil was not only a sign of how much she had developed in her time with us, but also it presented us with the huge challenge of filling the enormous gap she would be leaving.

Working in partnership with others has been the foundational driving force for Quinton Youth for Christ since the work began in 2010. Over the years, we have worked with our local Secondary School, all our local primary schools, health care services, old people's homes, a housing liaison board, the local police, local councillors, local youth work providers such as the Haven Centre and local churches. What we are learning is that partnership allows us to become greater than the sum of our parts. It magnifies and amplifies our impact. It builds relationship and enhances reputation.

Therefore our response to Abbie's departure has not been to try to replace like-for-like, but to re-think our model of operation, building on the partnerships we have established by entering into formal agreements with two local churches to share our workers with them.

The initial results of this are very encouraging. Church based youth groups are growing in number, in confidence and in depth of discipleship. Quinton-wide youth events are enabling young people to feel part of a larger movement than they have experienced before. We are developing a model of youth work via our workers which will eventually guarantee an assured quality of youth work in all our partner churches across Quinton, with volunteers trained up and resources evenly distributed.

So what happens next? We have a growing sense that alongside this growing work of nurturing Christian young people and empowering volunteer youth workers, we need to now reach out to those on the fringes. We have always had a strong impact on marginalised young people in school and our next challenge will be to find ways of impacting upon marginalised young people outside of the school context.

We are thankful for the continued support of so many friends across the community: people who volunteer, who support us financially, who pray for our work, people who run the half marathon, who turn up for the annual fundraiser or even just follow us on social media. With your help and support, we look forward to another year of positively impacting the lives of all young people in Quinton.

*Richard Starkie – Chair of trustees*

## **Schools work**

### **Mentoring – Above and beyond**

(based on solution focus therapy supporting pupils in their schools)

During the course of the year we were able to mentor 26 young people. This is slightly lower number than normal due to Abbie leaving the team. Alongside the team, we also had a student from Newman University on placement with us for a term. During the year our Solution Focus, aspire and bereavement mentoring courses have had a re-write to continue to develop them.

*Talking about being confident has helped me, I feel confident to talk to people now. I set myself challenges over mentoring – year 7, female*

*I have learned how to handle my emotions better, I feel a lot better about myself and more confident – year 7, male*

*It has helped me because I have managed to keep control of my temper towards teachers and other people – year 9, male*

*I've gotten pretty confident from these sessions, I'm pretty enthusiastic now – year 7, male*

### **Transition Work - Elevate**

(for children in their final year of Primary School, to prepare them for Secondary School)

The Elevate clubs have continued in the same three schools who have been pleased to have us back each year. We have had 37 different young people attend the clubs over the year.

*Elevate has been running for a few years now at our school and the Year 6 pupils have always enjoyed it. They look forward to Elevate club each week and it is a chance for them to develop social skills and discuss what is important to them in a safe setting. I think it is really beneficial for our children to build up relationships with people who can support them at high school too – teacher*

*Elevate has made me a lot more confident and I am ready for high school now! - year 6*

*We get to learn about high school and it stops us from being worried about moving on - year 6*

### **Aspire**

(for children in their first year of Secondary School)

We supported 14 different young people through this course, our highest number to date. As well as delivering it in the secondary school, we partnered with The Haven Community Project and delivered the course at their centre. It ran slightly differently to include more creative projects that the young people took home after the program finished.

*The mix of thoughts, games, discussions and working as a team helped the young people consider different aspects of their lives and raised their self-esteem – worker at the Haven Community Project.*

## **After School Work - Dropzone**

This year we have worked with 55 different young people but have had almost double the amount of visits from young people compared to the previous year. This shows that we were retaining those coming much better and had a higher number of young people at each session with over 30 each week. The atmosphere continues to feel really positive and young people are telling the team how much they enjoy club. We have had new volunteers join us this year and also trained up a young leader (age 14) to help lead the club with us.

A highlight of the club this year was when we went to Four Dwellings Children's Centre to transform a derelict toddler play area to be able to be used again. The change was quite dramatic and the people using the play area were really pleased with their hard work.

*I like club because every time I come it gets better and it's a place I can come and have fun!*

*It helps me make a strong friendship with my friends*

*Dropzone helps me to have somewhere fun to be after school*

*The Dropzone helps me be creative*

## **Church work**

This year has seen an instrumental change in the way that we deliver our work with a move to creating partnership roles. In January a new worker joined the team who works part time for us and part time for St Boniface Church with QYFC taking on the roles of line management and payroll. It also included significant time helping them to fund the role also. As Abbie moved on from her role, we then created a second partnership role with Christ Church, The Quinton on a similar basis. By the end of the academic year, we had appointed a new worker to start in September 2016.

During the year, we also supported a number of church based groups such as Quinton Methodist Church's Friday night youth club and St Boniface Church's Girls' Brigade.

We also meet every two months as part of Pray Quinton bringing people from the church congregations together for which we lead the organisation and administration.

Josh is now heading up our Unite work, bringing young people from different churches together on projects. This year they have done a litter pick with the council's Street Scene, a gardening project at Rosemount sheltered living, egg rolling competitions at Clent Hills (with Ridgacre Methodist Church), a youth service and a go-karting trip.

The Quinton fun day was held in June and went well. In particular we had four different churches involved and we had over 60 different volunteers on the day. Despite the rain on the day, we estimate that around 300 people attended.

## **Other**

The mentoring training we have written has been in high demand this year and we have delivered it in London, Halesowen, Coventry, Manchester and Tunbridge Wells. Each time, we have received really

positive feedback. We have also created a pen drive resource and a box of resources to sell at these training sessions.

Dani has been asked to join the 'Quinton Housing Liason Board' as the youth advocate. The board consists of numerous residents and council representatives with the responsibility to improve things for people living in Quinton in relation to housing and surrounding areas.

We had 10 people run the Birmingham Half Marathon for us in October. We also had sponsorship from Lifestyle Fitness who also signposted a number of runners to us. We then had three runners complete the Colour Run in Birmingham in August.

After almost 5 years working with at QYFC, first as an intern and then an employed worker, Abbie decided to move on from QYFC. Abbie went to Brazil to work with those being trafficked and at risk of it. A number of months later and two years into Rob's placement, he decided to move on and train as an electrician. As a result the staff team now looks very different but we are thrilled to have Josh and Phil working with us.

## **Finance**

The detailed accounts are on pages 7-10 following.

Income for the year 2015/16 was in deficit by £613, so that the reserves carried forward to fund future activities decreased to £40,486. Those reserves, of course, include grants obtained in advance specifically to finance the work of the following year.

Total income at £64,025 showed an increase of £7,420 over the previous year, the largest change being the income from the Edgbaston Charity Auction, producing gross receipts of £15274, and a net surplus after costs of £7799. Support by individual donors continued to increase, with 19 additional individual regular donors giving monthly and together with an increase in support from local churches, this is progressively reducing our excessive dependence on grants from other bodies, although those remain essential still for the level of work we wish to continue.

Expenses showed a total increase of £9070, mainly attributable to salaries, as the costs related to employing three members of staff for 5 months of this financial year.

Looking forward, we are already benefitting from the sponsorship of runners in a further Birmingham Half-marathon in October 2016, and are in the initial stages of planning another fundraising auction in 2017. We will be continuing to seek other sources of income to enable the work to progress, and to seek personal support from more local people.

With the stability of our finances this financial year, it has given us the opportunity to explore ways to further expand the work of the charity to young people facing challenging lives.

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

Quinton Youth for Christ was registered with the Charity Commission on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010, its registered charity number being **1137368**.

The charity is led and managed day-to-day by its **Director, Mrs Danielle Knox**. The address for correspondence is **11 First Meadow Piece, Quinton, Birmingham, B32 2QJ**.

It is governed by its constitution adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**The following have acted as Trustees during the year:**

Richard Starkie

Mary Yates

Jess Hirst

Martin Hayden

Becky Hanson

Ebony Mathews (appointed February 2016)

Office

Chair

Treasurer

*In accordance with its Constitution, Officers and Trustees are normally appointed by the Annual Meeting for a three year period, and are then eligible for re-election.*

**Bank:** Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.

**Independent Examiner:** David Dixie FCA, AIMS Accountants,  
34 Swarthmore Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 4JS.

**The Charity's formal objects**, as contained in its constitution, are as follows:

- (a) To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of young people throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in QUINTON and its environs;
- (b) The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in QUINTON and its environs
- (c) To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including Dignity, Empowerment and Partnership to all young people throughout QUINTON and its environs
- (d) The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational 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 as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved
- (e) 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.

**Patron:** The Rt Revd David Urquhart – Bishop of Birmingham

**Council of Reference:** Revd Paul Beetham, Don Crawford, Pastor Benny Matthews,  
Revd Matt Simpson, Revd Ray Yates

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

	<i>Note</i>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		£	£
Donations: from individuals		14,029	11,727
tax refunds on Gift Aid		1,995	1,997
from churches	3	11,856	4,200
Grants: from local authority and schools	4		9,945
from trusts	4	16,266	12,925
Sponsored Events and Fundraising		15,274	12,304
Fees for speaking and writing		2,121	1,823
Contributions to activities from beneficiaries		1,610	677
Bank and Deposit Interest		121	98
Other income		753	909
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>64,025</b>	<b>56,605</b>
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<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Salaries, pension and NI	5	44,319	36,588
Student accommodation and expenses	6	6,647	6,888
Staff training and retreats		883	1,050
Activities and events for young people	7	1,916	1,323
Telephone, postage and stationery		677	606
Promotion, publicity and cost of fundraising events		7,475	7,130
Insurance		492	702
Travel		392	191
Other expenses		769	913
Professional Fees		768	377
Contribution to National YFC		300	(200)
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<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>64,638</b>	<b>55,568</b>
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<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<b>(613)</b>	<b>1,037</b>
Total funds brought forward at start of year		40,486	39,449
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>39,873</b>	<b>40,486</b>
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*Note: There are no other recognised gains or losses, and there were no restricted or endowment funds in either year.*

*The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts*

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**Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

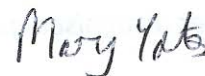
<u>Assets</u>	<i>Note</i>	£	<u>2016</u> £	£	<u>2015</u> £
<b>Fixed Assets and Investments</b>			<i>nil</i>		<i>nil</i>
<b>Current Assets:</b>					
Debtors: Tax reclaimable on Gift Aid donations		855		675	
Other Debtors and Payments in advance		16		0	
		-----	871	-----	675
Cash at bank and in hand		10,064		11,491	
Cash in COIF Deposit Fund		30,000		30,000	
		-----	40,064	-----	41,491
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>40,935</b>		<b>42,166</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> HMRC (PAYE, NI, etc)		(688)		(822)	
Other		(374)		(858)	
		-----	(1,062)	-----	(1,680)
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<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>39,873</b>		<b>40,486</b>
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<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds			39,873		39,449
Restricted Income Funds			nil		nil
Endowment Funds			nil		nil
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<b>Total Funds</b>	9		<b>39,873</b>		<b>40,486</b>
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**Signed on behalf of the trustees:**

21 November 2016



Richard Starkie  
Chair of the Trustees



Mary Yates  
Honorary Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts



## Quinton Youth for Christ

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention.

#### 2. Accounting Policies

**Recognition of incoming resources:** these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, or when the charity has an unconditional entitlement, or when the trustees are virtually certain that they will be received and their monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure:** Where incoming resources have related expenditure, both are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Restricted funds:** There were no grants or other income received which were restricted to funding specific work or expenditure and which therefore would have required separate identification in the SOFA, nor were there any related expenditures. There were no unspent restricted funds at 31 August 2015.

**Tax reclaims on donations:** These are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Donated services and facilities:** No monetary value has been ascribed to these, but the charity is very grateful to the Four Dwellings Academy for the free provision of accommodation and associated services. Similarly no monetary value is attached to the help received from volunteers.

**Liability recognition:** Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Assets:** It has been considered inappropriate to capitalise equipment purchased for use by the charity, as no individual items have cost more than £400. The charity owns no property, motor vehicles or investments.

#### 3. Donations from Churches

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Christ Church at the Quinton / Paul & Barny's	£1,124	£1,200
St Boniface Church, Quinton	£8,612	£1,000
Quinton Evangelical Free Church	£1,200	£1,200
Quinton Methodist Church	£600	£600
George Road Community Church	£80	£200
Church of God of Prophecy	£240	0
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	<b>£11,856</b>	<b>£4,200</b>
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#### 4. Grants received: from Local Authorities and Schools

Birmingham City Council:		
<b>from Other Trusts etc</b>		
Harborne Parish Lands	£5,000	
Children in Need	£2,816	
Grantham Yorke Trust	£4,000	
Lancaster Foundation	£1,000	
Harry Payne Trust	£1,000	
Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust	£500	
The Dorcas Trust	£500	
The Wakeham Trust	£100	
The Corban Trust	£100	
E M & MG Charitable Trust	£250	
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	<b>£15,266</b>	<b>£12,925</b>
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<b>Total Grants received</b>	<b>£16,266</b>	<b>£22,870</b>
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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 (continued)

<b>5. <u>Staff Costs</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Gross salaries	£41,412	£34,470
Employer's National Insurance	£866	£351
Pension Contributions	£2,041	£1,767
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	<b>£44,319</b>	<b>£36,588</b>
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The charity had three paid employees during the year (2015 – two).

#### **6. Student's Costs:**

In 2015/16 the charity was committed to paying the accommodation, living expenses and university course fees of a full-time youth work student on placement, who has made a major contribution to the charity's work.

#### **7. Activities and Events for young people**

This includes the costs of materials and accommodation for residential events, the football league, the local EQ Mission weekend and the running expenses of the internet café/after-school club.

#### **8. Trustees' expenses:**

No trustee claimed or was reimbursed for any expenses during the year, and there were no transactions with trustees or related parties.

#### **9. Funds carried forward and Reserves Policy**

It should be noted that the £39,873 carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> August includes a number of grants which were sought and obtained to fund the ongoing work of the charity without being specifically attributed to a time period, and are accordingly needed to finance the charity's activities during the year 2016/17.

It is not the policy of the trustees to accumulate reserves, but to seek each year sufficient funds to finance and develop current activities and meet, so far as possible, commitments to partners, staff and volunteers. The reserves at each balance sheet date will fluctuate and depend on the extent to which advance funding for the ensuing academic year has already been received. The trustees believe the level of funds at 31 August 2016 to be reasonable in the circumstances of the charity; it represents nine months' budgeted expenditure.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Quinton Youth for Christ**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 1245 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) 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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21 November 2016

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