

**WEST RHYL YOUNG  
PEOPLES PROJECT**  
Registered Charity Number 1040386

**Report and Financial  
Statements**  
For the year to 31st March 2021

# **WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT**

**Year Ended 31st March 2021**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of West Rhyl Young Peoples Project**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

		<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
	<b>notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	55
Charitable Activities	<b>2</b>	-	267,697	267,697	218,252
Other trading activities	<b>2</b>	2,000	-	2,000	11,254
Investments	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,000</u>	<u>267,697</u>	<u>269,697</u>	<u>229,561</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	<b>3</b>	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	<b>3</b>	1,965	242,303	244,268	217,504
Other	<b>3</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>1,965</u>	<u>242,303</u>	<u>244,268</u>	<u>217,504</u>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		35	25,394	25,429	12,057
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use</b>	<b>13</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		312,263	-	312,263	300,204
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>312,298</u>	<u>25,394</u>	<u>337,692</u>	<u>312,261</u>

The notes on page 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

**WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT**  
**Balance sheet at 31st March 2021**

	Note	31st March 2021 £	31st March 2020 £
<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	7	305,000	305,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
Debtors and prepayments	8	40,715	24,548
Bank Current Account		52,895	21,782
Bank Reserve Account		10	9
Petty Cash		258	469
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<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	61,186	39,546
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		32,692	7,262
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		£ 337,692	£ 312,262
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Accumulated fund	12	312,298	312,262
<b>Restricted funds</b>	12	25,394	-
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		£ 337,692	£ 312,262

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

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Date

The notes on page 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

**WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2017
- the Charities Act 2011

The trustees are of the opinion that , at the time of approving the financial statements the Charity can be expected to have adequate resources to support its operation for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing. Consequently the Charity's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 Income and endowments**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, it is more likely than not it will be received and the amount can be estimated with sufficient reliability.

**1.3 Funds policy**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability in incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

All costs are allocated between the categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

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

Furniture and Equipment	25% on cost
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Freehold Buildings and Renovation Costs are shown at historical cost with no depreciation less a permanent diminution in the value of the freehold property following revaluation.

Small items of equipment and resources are not capitalised but shown as amounts expended in the year.

**1.6 Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**1.7 Financial Instruments**

The following assets and liabilities within the accounts are classified as financial instruments - trade debtors, trade creditors and loans.

Loans (being repayable upon demand), trade debtors and trade creditors, are measured at the undiscounted amount of cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

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<b>2 Analysis of Income</b>	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	-	-	-	55
	-	-	-	55
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Programmes for Schools (Pixel)	-	-	-	10,369
Families First	-	79,075	79,075	69,799
DCP (North Hoyle Wind Farm)	-	4,444	4,444	7,772
Children in Need	-	42,713	42,713	40,463
The Tudor Trust	-	-	-	30,000
Burbo Bank	-	10,590	10,590	9,570
NWPCC - SAVI grant	-	-	-	21,620
Welsh Government Innovation grant	-	67,486	67,486	21,936
Streetgames	-	300	300	1,200
Miscellaneous other	-	-	-	5,524
Giff Gaff	-	1,700	1,700	-
Youth Endowment Fund grant	-	61,086	61,086	-
Co-Operative Community Fund	-	303	303	-
	-	267,697	267,697	218,253
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Room Hire and Training	2,000	-	2,000	11,254
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
	2,000	-	2,000	11,254
<b>Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>267,697</b>	<b>269,697</b>	<b>229,562</b>

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**3 Analysis of Expenditure**

<b>Raising funds</b>	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Staff Costs</b>				
Wages, Salaries, Employers Pension costs	18	205,783	205,801	160,680
Recruitment costs	-	-	-	-
Staff & Volunteer Expenses & self employed staff	-	847	847	3,978
Staff Training and Supervision	-	2,176	2,176	711
	18	208,806	208,824	165,369
<b>Activities and Residentials</b>				
Activities and Residentials	147	3,832	3,979	3,641
Partner activities	-	-	-	12,078
Provisions	-	871	871	779
	147	4,703	4,850	16,498
<b>Equipment and Resources</b>				
Equipment and Resources	-	6,360	6,360	5,323
Internet	-	407	407	900
Subscriptions and Licences	-	791	791	2,601
	-	7,558	7,558	8,824
<b>Building Maintenance</b>				
Building Maintenance inc cleaning	-	5,143	5,143	3,976
Intruder and Fire Alarms	-	1,325	1,325	2,073
	-	6,468	6,468	6,049
<b>Administrative support Costs</b>				
Telephones	-	3,661	3,661	4,156
Utilities	-	5,414	5,414	5,830
Rent and Rates	-	765	765	3,061
Insurance	-	3,720	3,720	1,831
HR Services	-	949	949	834
Independent Examiners Fee	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Postage , Stationery and Advertising	-	4	4	684
Sundries	-	-	-	452
Bank Charges and interest	-	255	255	2,116
	1,800	14,768	16,568	20,764
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>242,303</b>	<b>244,268</b>	<b>217,504</b>

**Breakdown of Restricted Funds**

	Staff Costs	Activities and Residentials	Equipment and Resources	Building Maintenance	Administrative Support Costs	Totals
Families First	57,001	1,024	1,578	1,495	11,027	<b>72,125</b>
DCP (North Hoyle Wind Farm)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children in Need	37,598	428	-	-	-	<b>38,026</b>
Burbo Bank	9,709	591	-	290	-	<b>10,590</b>
Welsh Government Innovation grant	52,163	242	1,990	4,683	2,160	<b>61,238</b>
Streetgames	-	300	-	-	-	<b>300</b>
Giff Gaff	274	-	713	-	-	<b>987</b>
Youth Endowment Fund grant	52,061	2,118	3,277	-	1,278	<b>58,734</b>
Co-Operative Community Fund	-	-	-	-	303	<b>303</b>
Total 2021	208,806	4,703	7,558	6,468	14,768	<b>242,303</b>
Total 2020	163,610	16,437	6,376	4,375	13,824	<b>204,622</b>

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**4 Trustee Expenses**

No payments were made to trustees

**5 Fees for Independent Examination of the Accounts**

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiners fees for reporting on the accounts	1,800	1,800
Other services	0	0
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>

**6 ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEE COSTS**

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	188,641	145,319
Social Security Costs	13,007	12,188
Employers Pension Costs	4,153	3,173
Other associated costs inc self employed STAFF	3,023	4,689
Total	<u>208,824</u>	<u>165,369</u>

No employee received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were as follows:

Youth and Community Workers	6.5	6
Project Leader	1	1
	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7</u>

**7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Property 30 Bedford St £	Furniture and Equipment £	Property 17 Bedford St £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2020	55,000	35,155	250,000	340,155
Additions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>55,000</u>	<u>35,155</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>340,155</u>

**DEPRECIATION**

At 1 April 2020	-	35,155	-	35,155
Charge for the period	-	-	-	-
Eliminated on Disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>35,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,155</u>

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31st March 2021	<u>55,000</u>	-	<u>250,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>55,000</u>	-	<u>250,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>

**8 DEBTORS**

	31st March 2021 £	31st March 2020 £
Grants and Other Amounts Receivable	40,001	24,548
Prepayments	714	-
	<u>40,715</u>	<u>24,548</u>

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9 CREDITORS	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other Creditors	7,968	4,473
PAYE	49,465	29,510
Accruals	3,753	1,800
Loan	-	3,763
	<u>61,186</u>	<u>39,546</u>

**10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	-	25,394	-	25,394	-
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	305,000	68,484	61,186	312,298	312,262
	<u>305,000</u>	<u>93,878</u>	<u>61,186</u>	<u>337,692</u>	<u>312,262</u>

**11 FUNDS**

**Restricted and other Funds include the following:**

**Families First**

This involves delivering support and interventions for young people and families to promote personal and family resilience and stability, assisting with the prevention of crisis and enhancing wellbeing, educational and employment potential.

**DCP North Hoyle Wind Farm**

This grant was to support the work undertaken by the Rhyl-based provision through a contribution towards core running costs.

**Children in Need**

This grant is for the delivery of a Viva LGBT + youth groups and support across Denbighshire, Wrexham, Conwy and Flintshire.

**Families First**

This involves delivering support and interventions for young people and families to promote personal and family resilience and stability, assisting with the prevention of crisis and enhancing wellbeing, educational and employment potential.

**Burbo Bank**

This grant was awarded for a Youth Engagement, Activity and Wellbeing Project, which continued on into the following year. The funds supported, in part, the salaries of two youth workers – tasked with engaging young people in a varied programme of outdoor and sports-based activities, intended to benefit their emotional and physical wellbeing.

**Welsh Government innovation Grant**

During this period West Rhyl Young People's Project became partners to DCC and the homelessness charity Llamau, in the co-delivery of a pilot scheme to prevent and alleviate the effects of homelessness for LGBTQ+ young people. WRYPP's contribution was in the delivery of youth work activities and support, including clinical supervision for the **for the accommodation support staff** (administered by Denbighshire County Council - DCC)

**StreetGames**

StreetGames Cymru awarded WRYPP a small grant to support the delivery of Empire Fighting Chance boxing and personal development sessions. The grant mainly covered the cost of hiring the local boxing gym along with a small contribution towards the activity costs.

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

#### GiffGaff

The donation from GiffGaff has supported Viva to work with young people in developing a self-help/peer support resource that will ultimately manifest in a printed self-care booklet to be distributed amongst LGBTQ+ young people from North Wales who are unable, for whatever reason, to join in with the online LGBTQ+ youth groups and 1 to 1 support provision.

#### Youth Endowment Fund

This grant award was made part way through the year and, although it was for a 12-month project, it spans two financial years (beginning in July 2020 and ending in June 2021). The purpose of the grant was to fund a team of detached youth workers (2.3 FTE) to deliver street-based preventative youth work, intended to reach young people at risk of criminal and/or sexual exploitation, where their vulnerability to exploitation was heightened by the conditions brought about by the Covid 'lock-downs'.

#### Co-Operative Community Fund

Purpose of the grant is to support the general running costs associated with delivering support to young people in the locality of the the local Co-operative store branch.

## 12 Movement in Funds

Restricted Funds	1st April	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st March
	2020				2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Families First	-	79,075	72,125	-	6,950
DCP (North Hoyle Wind Farm)	-	4,444	-	-	4,444
Children in Need	-	42,713	38,026	-	4,687
Burbo Bank	-	10,590	10,590	-	-
Welsh Government Innovation grant	-	67,486	61,238	-	6,248
Streetgames	-	300	300	-	-
Giff Gaff	-	1,700	987	-	713
Youth Endowment Fund grant	-	61,086	58,734	-	2,352
Co-Operative Community Fund	-	303	303	-	-
	-	267,697	242,303	-	25,394
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<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
Accumulated Fund	312,263	2,000	1,965	-	312,298
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<b>Total Funds</b>	312,263	269,697	244,268	-	337,692

## 13 Related party transactions

In the previous period the charity received interim cash flow funding loans from an employee of the charity. At the end of the period the charity owed the employee £0 (2020: £3,763). The loan was interest free and repayable upon demand.



## WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number	1040386
Charity's principal address	17 Bedford Street Rhyl Denbighshire LL18 1SY

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Kristina Kordiak	Chair
Caroline Brady	
Craig Semple	(appointed 17 December 2021)

#### Non-trustees:

Charity Administrator	Hannah Rowan
Independent Examiner	Bruce Roberts FCA Bruce Roberts and Co Limited Unit 10 Edison Court Ellice Way Wrexham Technology Park Wrexham LL13 7YT
Bankers	National Westminster Bank 5 Queen Street, Rhyl Denbighshire LL18 1RS

## **WEST RHYL YOUNG PEOPLES PROJECT**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and is an unincorporated association. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are elected by the Management Committee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the charity set out in its governing document are:

To educate and assist young persons through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of a counselling and advice service.

West Rhyl Young People's Project (WRYPP) helps young people to learn and grow – become better informed, more skilled and self confident; feeling valued and supported. Our work promotes aspirations and creates opportunities and conditions for young people to enjoy improved emotional, physical and social wellbeing. Our ultimate aim is for young people to experience positive transition to adulthood; able to confidently navigate through life, overcome challenges and thrive.

Based in Rhyl, and working across North Wales, WRYPP works with young people marginalised by social exclusion, inequality and poverty. We broaden horizons, challenge, educate and nurture confidence through drop-in, detached & centre-based youth work; alternative learning programmes (for those at risk of school exclusion); intensive, short-term & tailored support to avert crisis; and specialist provision for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBTQ+) young people, their families & friends.

##### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and in deciding what activities the charity undertakes. The Trustees are satisfied that the achievements and planned activities contribute to the objectives that they have set. In the planning and delivery of our activities for the year, WRYPP's management committee adhered to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In furtherance of the charity's objectives activities fell, roughly, within four main strands:

- Pixel Youth Engagement - drop-in and centre-based sessions for information support and socialising, and street-based detached youth work.

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- Sports and wellbeing activities – including street-based sports, Empire Fighting Chance boxing programme, outward bound activities deriving benefits from the diverse local natural environments.
- Viva LGBTQ+ – support and groups for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning young people, their families & friends, including training for forward facing professionals.
- Youth Support Coordination (as part of the regional Families First provision) – intensive, short-term and tailored support for young people and their families, intended to help families address their concerns, by identifying and building upon strengths to help prevent the occurrence of crisis.

#### Context

The backdrop for the year ending March 2021, was dominated by the Covid pandemic and necessary adjustments to the charity's delivery, required to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the beneficiaries and staff, and to work within the confines of the social restrictions (lock downs) without abandoning our commitment to continuing to provide face to face support for young people and their families.

During this period we grasped the opportunity to reconfigure the way in which we delivered our youth work, diversifying our delivery methods and initiating new provision to respond to the changing demands faced by the local community. We continued to work face to face (adhering to safety measures) throughout the year and were able to avoid the need to furlough any of the staff.

We created opportunities to develop a hybrid model of delivery – embracing technology that would allow us to stay in touch with young people across north Wales and deliver several regular youth groups online, whilst also continuing to deliver in-person support via our street-based detached youth work team and family support in the form of grocery deliveries directly to the home of families by our Youth Support Coordinators. We were motivated to ensure that young people and their families didn't find themselves isolated, out of touch and struggling to cope during lockdown.

#### Charitable activities during this period.

**Viva LGBTQ+** continued to provide specialist one to one and group support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans young people and those with expansive gender and/or sexual identities; many experiencing bullying, exclusion and isolation. This work was funded by Children in Need.

The Viva team moved the youth groups online, meeting twice a week. The sessions included two youth groups per week, plus a weekly movie/streaming review session, where young people would watch a film or a show 'together' online and communicate using messenger chat facilities to mimic the shared experience and sense of community to be found in the type of movie nights they might have ordinarily experienced in-person. The online groups expanded the project's catchment, reaching young people from right across north and South Wales

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The online provision was complemented with face to face doorstep support, when restrictions allowed. From the Autumn, Viva (with the support of a grant from GiffGaff, via Neighbourly) began working with young people to develop a wellbeing resource that could benefit their peers and be used by those young people who were unable to access the online groups. Ultimately, the group created an A4 wellbeing booklet full of exercises and activities devised by the group members to encourage positive emotional health and strategies for self-care. At year end the booklet was almost ready to go into print.

**Ty Pride** – This partnership continued throughout the year. Face to face support opportunities were hampered somewhat, at times, by the lockdown restrictions. However, from late Spring, the Viva team were able to work creatively with the Llamau team to find safe ways to deliver face to face activities and support to the young people, whilst ensuring safety was not compromised. The young people collaborated with Viva and the Llamau teams (including those in south Wales) to hold an online Pride celebration, which enabled meet peers from across the country and celebrate their lives in spite of the social restrictions.

#### **Street-based, detached youth work**

Building upon the success of the detached youth work we conducted as part of the previous year's SAVI project, we secured funding from the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) to enable us to deliver a full-time detached (street-based) youth work project, called Pixel Street Project, (PSP) aimed at reaching young people who were vulnerable to child criminal exploitation, especially during the periods of lockdown. The intention PSP was of reducing young people's exposure to exploitation by engaging them in a range of sports, creative activities and issue-based discussion sessions. The project engaged over 70 young people, having reached them wherever they chose to congregate around the town. For most of the year the PSP team were operating during periods of lockdown, so this presented challenges around how to continue to deliver the work in-person, but safely and within the law. This project was, vital at a time when young people were often congregating in hidden places to avoid falling foul of the police, and consequently were at a heightened risk of criminal exploitation – this risk was evident to the youth workers as they moved through the town. The presence of the youth workers gave young people safe access to trusted adults who had their wellbeing in sharp focus and who provided guidance and support when it was particularly hard to come by elsewhere.

The remainder of the Burbo Bank grant from the previous year allowed us to strengthen the team and enhance the provision of the of the PSP offer and provide a range of outings and meaningful activities to counter the damaging impacts of the Covid lockdowns.

**What's Up Wednesday Group** - Specialist youth group providing informal education and a range of fun activities to support the communication and language development of young people with additional communication needs. This group also moved online during the lockdown periods. For some, this proved successful in keeping in touch at a time where young people were feeling particularly isolated and bored. So it provided a valuable means of keeping in touch with their friends and having fun. However, for other young people this period was particularly challenging and some found the shift to online 'socialising' difficult to adapt to. Whilst some also struggled due to lack of IT facilities or private spaces at home.

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The staff also stayed in touch with young people and their families by conducting regular doorstep visits and welfare checks. When restrictions eased the staff moved quickly to resume face to face sessions.

#### **Youth Support Coordination, Families First**

At the start of the first lockdown the WRYPP Youth Support Coordinators immediately mobilised to provide crisis prevention support directly to families and continue to do so through out the year. We purchased vital toiletries and household items and collected surplus food from supermarkets to redistribute amongst families across Rhyl and Prestatyn. Crucial to this team's delivery was the motivation to keep in touch with the families they were already supporting to ensure that they weren't disadvantaged by a requirement of other support agencies to move all provision online. Whilst redistributing groceries and toiletries, the team carried out weekly face to face doorstep welfare checks for each family and spent many hours providing vital in-person support which combatted the effects of isolation, loneliness and enabled the staff to provide immediate support to help prevent emerging situations from escalating into crisis.

Denbighshire County Council provided additional funding during this period to help us undertake study into the impacts of lockdown on the school-aged young people that we support.

#### **Looking to the Future**

The Trustees still intend to register the charity as a CIO, providing a more secure legal footing for the charity and limited liability for its Trustees. Delays in selling the old premises have temporarily halted progress on converting to CIO. At 2021 year end the sale of the property is well underway and will be concluded in to the new financial year.

The Trustees and the Project Manager continue to seek succession funding for the charity, as the terms of current funding sources approach their conclusion. This, in particular, includes to identification of funds to support the core running costs of the charity and to continue to employ the Project Manager.

#### **Covid-19**

At year end we emerge from another period of lockdown, with the lifting of some restrictions, a number of the projects continue as before (Viva LGBTQ+, Families First, Pixel Street Project). We have made adaptations to the centre to ensure that sessions were able to safely resume on site.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have agreed that the reserves - of unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets - held by the charity should be equivalent to between four and six months of operating costs including salaries. The current reserves fall short of this target. The Trustees have agreed to continue to carefully monitor the budget and endeavour to rebuild reserves through a process of identifying savings which can be made to operational costs

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combined with generation of revenue through the sale of the charity's unused premises which is in progress at year end (30 Bedford Street).

The charity has had a slightly more stable financial year and there are no funds in deficit. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern other than the general charity sector wide uncertainty of funding which the charity is seeking to address with the moves outlined under looking to the future.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Kristina Kordiak

Position: Chair of the Management Committee

Date