AFTER18

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025–26

Supporting Young Refugees and Asylum Seekers Rebuild Their Lives

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CHAIR'S STATEMENT

After18 is a Leicester-based charity, charity number: 1158210, registered at Bishop Street Methodist Church, 10a Bishop Street, Leicester, LE1 6AF.

This year marks a significant moment in the charity's journey. After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees has taken the decision to undertake a managed wind-down of the charity, with operations formally ending on 1st August 2026.

As part of this process, our projects, remaining assets, and staff will transfer to TREC, ensuring that support for young refugees and asylum seekers can continue beyond the life of the charity.

Importantly, this approach enables services, relationships, knowledge, and expertise developed over many years to continue through a trusted partner organisation, preserving the charity's legacy and ensuring that its resources continue to benefit refugee and asylum-seeking young people. It reflects the Board's commitment to taking difficult decisions at the right time in the best interests of both the charity and the young people it exists to serve.

Contextualising the Decision

Like many charities across the sector, we have faced a growing number of challenges in recent years. This decision followed a comprehensive review of the charity's long-term sustainability.

The trustees concluded that, for the charity to remain viable, it would require a significant organisational restructure to strengthen leadership capacity, build resilience, and create a more sustainable operating model. Rather than pursuing an uncertain restructuring with limited resources, the trustees believed it was more responsible to undertake a planned and managed wind-down while the charity remained financially stable.

We are also acutely aware that this decision comes at a time when many young people seeking sanctuary are facing increasingly challenging circumstances. Throughout our discussions, trustees remained focused on ensuring that support for young people would not end with the closure of the charity. That commitment led us to identify a trusted organisation whose values and mission closely align with our own.

Review of the Year 2025–26

Review of the Year

Although this year has involved difficult decisions and the eventual closure of After18, it has also been a year of continued commitment, achievement and positive impact for young people.

During 2025–26, After18 supported approximately **399 young people** through our programmes and activities. Our work continued to provide opportunities for young people to learn, build confidence, develop social connections and access practical and emotional support.

During the year, After18:

- Took part in a **pilot scheme addressing mental health and wellbeing issues amongst asylum seekers**, recognising the particular challenges faced by young people adapting to life in a new country.
- Continued our **Football Welcomes partnership with Leicester City in the Community**, supporting young people both on and off the pitch.
- Delivered **42 Education Drop-in sessions**, providing ongoing support with education and progression.
- Delivered **45 English sessions**, **38 Maths sessions** and **35 ICT sessions**, helping newly-arrived young people develop essential skills and confidence.
- Delivered **52 Support Hub sessions**, providing opportunities for advice, guidance and connection.
- Provided **46 casework sessions**, supporting young people with individual needs and challenges.
- Delivered **36 activity sessions**, creating opportunities for young people to socialise, participate and build positive relationships.

These figures represent more than simply the number of sessions delivered. Each session provided an opportunity to build trust, develop relationships and help young people feel supported and connected.

The achievements of the year reflect the dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees, as well as the commitment of our partners and, most importantly, the young people who took part in After18's programmes.

> *“They have helped me find a college, maintain good grades and prepare for an interview for an internship.”/”*

TRANSITION TO TREC

The trustees have prepared these accounts on a basis other than going concern, reflecting the decision to close the charity and cease operations on 1 August 2026.

Throughout the wind-down process, trustees have remained committed to ensuring that all obligations are met responsibly and transparently. All known liabilities and commitments are being settled, and the charity's remaining assets and unrestricted funds will transfer to TREC in accordance with our charitable objectives and legal responsibilities.

More information on the transfer will be published in our final closure report, which will be linked in our website going forward.

Honouring Our Community

As we bring this chapter to a close, we want to thank everyone who has been part of the After18 story over the past 13 years. To our staff, thank you for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the young people we serve. To our volunteers, thank you for generously sharing your time and skills. To our funders and donors, thank you for believing in our mission and making it possible. To our partners and supporters, thank you for standing alongside us over the years.

Finally, we would like to thank and welcome TREC as the organisation that will carry forward many of the projects and opportunities developed through After18.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income and expenditure reported for the 2025–26 financial year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026).

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS DURING THE YEAR (verified against bank statements)

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
Balance at 1 April 2025	**50,149.00**	**14,773.37**	**58,510.62**	**123,432.99**
Total income				58,266.38
Total expenditure				(109,237.26)
Balance at 31 March 2026				**72,462.11**

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

After18 Objectives

After18 is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The objects of the CIO are:

- To act as a resource for young people, mainly up to the age of 25, who do not have appropriate family support, including but not limited to providing information, support, assistance and activities as a means of developing their knowledge, skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society.
- To advance the education of the public in general and raise awareness about the issues relating to young people in transition to adulthood including young asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.
- Two new trustees joined the board in Feb 2026 to help oversee the managed wind down.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to the funders who contributed to our work in 2025–26:

- Afghan Crisis Fund
- Allen Lane Foundation
- Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust
- Children in Need
- City Education Fund (LRCF)
- David Liang
- East Midlands Efficiency Fund (EEM)
- ICB Public Engagement Fund (NHS)
- Ironmongers
- KFC Foundation
- Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (GHiN)
- Making Local Lives Better (LRCF)
- Mindera
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Police & Crime Commissioner
- Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation
- UASC (EMC) Stride
- UK Youth – Thriving Minds
- Volunteer Development Project (VDP)
- Woodward Charitable Trust
- Bishops Street Methodist churh

- St Martins house
- Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

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AFTER18 — STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2026
Approved Sept 2026

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets					*No fixed asset register maintained; equipment (laptops, IT) is expensed as incurred, consistent with prior-year presentation. Confirm this treatment with the independent examiner.*
Total fixed assets				**0.00**	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank				72,401.26	*Co-operative Bank statement, balance as at 30 March 2026 (no transactions on 31 March).*
Debtors (grant income due, not yet received)				5,757.50	*UASC (EMC) Stride — 2nd grant instalment, due at year end, received May 2026.*
Total current assets				**78,158.76**	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)				0.00	*None identified as at 31 March 2026.*
Total current liabilities				**0.00**	
Net current assets				**78,158.76**	
TOTAL NET ASSETS				**78,158.76**	
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted funds	41,636.12				*Per treasurer confirmation (Sept 2026): total funds (£78,158.76) less Designated (£14,773.37) less Restricted (£21,749.27).*
Designated funds (VDP — staff capacity)		14,773.37			*Confirmed 2024-25 closing balance per Trustees' Annual Report.*
Restricted funds (Children in Need + National Lottery Community Fund)			21,749.27		*Per treasurer confirmation (Sept 2026): Children in Need and National Lottery Community Fund grants. All other grant balances (UASC, Allen Lane, EEM, Mindera, etc.) are treated as unrestricted per treasurer confirmation.*
TOTAL FUNDS				**78,158.76**	

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Balance at 1 April 2025	**50,149.00**	**14,773.37**	**58,510.62**	**123,432.99**	*Unrestricted & Designated confirmed from After18's 2024-25 Trustees' Annual Report (filed with Charity Commission, submitted 31 Oct 2025).*
Total income				58,266.38	*Bank-verified: sum of all deposits, 1 Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 (Co-operative Bank statements).*
Total expenditure				(109,237.26)	*Bank-verified: sum of all withdrawals, 1 Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 (Co-operative Bank statements).*
Balance at 31 March 2026	**41,636.12**	**14,773.37**	**21,749.27**	**78,158.76**	*Closing split per treasurer confirmation (Sept 2026), anchored to Total Net Assets above (£78,158.76), which is itself bank/debtor-verified (see rows 12–13). Note: this bank-verified cash movement (Balance b/fwd + Income + Expenditure = £72,462.11) is £60.85 short of the confirmed bank statement closing cash of £72,401.26 — a small pre-existing gap in the FY2025-26 income/expenditure totals note for independent examiner, though it does not affect the fund split above.*

Philip Parkinson Tue 15 Sept, 18:47 (9 days ago)

to me

Hi Cara,
I have looked through all the additional financial papers you have provided me with and can confirm that everything is in order. Well done for everything you've done. With not perfect timing my home printer has developed a fault.
Can I suggest that the following will suffice.

To the Trustees of After 18

For the last few years I have examined the accounts of After 18. I have already verified those for the financial year 2025/26. I have now examined the accounts for the part year following the Organisation's decision to cease operating and to pass the balance of funds to the Race Equality Council who will sustain some of the work

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