VIDES UK (CIO)

Charity Number: 1166876

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report for the Period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025

January 2026

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: VIDES UK (a CIO)

Charity number: 1166876

Charity's operating address: VIDES UK, 61A Mansion Drive, Croxteth, Liverpool, L11 9DP

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	Trustee Name	*Office*	*Appointed*
1:	**Sr. Anne Frances McNamee**	**Director**	**2016**
2:	**Laura Whiteley**	**Chairperson**	**2019**
3:	**Samantha Cantillon**	**Vice-Chair**	**2021**
4:	**David McCormick**	**Secretary**	**2023**
5:	**Pamella Lambert**	**Treasurer**	**2023**
6:	**Jack Lyon**		**2021**
7.	**Charlotte Jones**		**2023**
8.	**Ellie Creighton**		**2024**

Names & Addresses of Advisors

Bank – Barclays Bank, 48-50 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 1TD

Solicitor – Wrigley's Solicitors LLP, 19 Cookridge St, Leeds LS2 3AG

Independent Examiner – Anne Quirk

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Section Methods: Elected by Members

Every charity trustee must be a natural person.

No one may be appointed as a charity trustee:

- unless he or she is an active member of the CIO, of good standing;
- if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or
- if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 15.

No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

The education, development, and training of children and young men and women for the public benefit including by:

- encouraging and enabling young men and women to undertake voluntary work in accordance with the principles of Don Bosco in education, social service and similar activities in various parts of the world;
- providing formative activities and events for children and young people.

To collaborate and liaise with other voluntary agencies having similar aims

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

Formation, Training and development of Volunteers aged 17+ in order for them to provide services in areas of social and/or economic deprivation around the UK.

Activity weeks, play-schemes and residential experiences for children and young people aged 8-16.

We provide children and young people with an informal education; an opportunity to play and develop new skills; make new friendships and meet diversity in a safe, educative environment. We aim to encourage children and young people to become active citizens in their local area and to make a positive social impact through voluntary activities.

Other Optional Information

2025 was a good year for VIDES UK with various events and projects which brought volunteers, new and old together to deliver voluntary service to children and young people.

Don Bosco Day

In January, VIDES Volunteers, friends and supporters gathered for our annual Don Bosco Day celebration. Around 50 people turned up to celebrate the Feast and to show their support and appreciation for VIDES UK. Mass was celebrated by Fr Stven Lloyd SDB and then everyone enjoyed an Afternoon Tea. Special thanks go to the Salesian Sisters' Community in Blundellsands for hosting us and providing space whilst the refurbishment of Croxteth continued.

Training & Formation

VIDES UK continues to commit itself to the training and formation of our volunteer team. Most training in 2025 took place online with volunteers participating in the Summer Camp in Bolton. Special thanks go to Sam McCormick, Sr Pat Devine, Sr Anne Frances McNamee and Sr Gill McCambridge who planned and delivered the various trainings on Safeguarding, Salesian Presence and Life on Camp.

Training and Formation continued during the Bolton Camp. This was delivered by Sr Anne Frances, Sr Gill, Sam and David McCormick. It enabled the volunteers to receive bespoke training and formation which was relevant to the needs of the team and the project.

In 2025 Sr Anne Frances shared with the VIDES UK Committee that, after 12 years in the role, she would be stepping down as Director of VIDES UK at the end of August 2026. A working party was established which was made up of VIDES UK Committee members (Sr Anne Frances, Laura Whiteley, David McCormick, Pamella Lambert) and 2 members of the FMA Provincial Council (Sr Elizabeth Purcell and Sr Gill McCambridge) who had been previous Directors of VIDES UK. The remit of the Working party was '***to look at how we can carry VIDES into the future, maintaining the values and focus of VIDES while meeting the reality of the FMA province and the needs at this time.***'

The group met 3 times; they carried out a SWOT analysis of VIDES UK, gathered responses from a cross section of past and present volunteers, looked at qualities of a Director, prioritised and set goals which would form an action plan for moving VIDES Forward in the next 3 years under the direction of the new Director. An induction programme was also created for the new VIDES Director who would work with Sr Anne Frances in the year leading up to the handover. The VIDES UK Committee and volunteer team were thrilled when they heard that Sr Bernadette Cassidy would be the new Director of VIDES UK from September 2026 and offer their ongoing support and accompaniment of her. Thanks to Sr Bernadette for accepting this appointment with great generosity.

VIDES International

In May, Sr Anne Frances and Sr Gill attended the VIDES International AGM in Rome, Italy. This was a wonderful experience of formation of Delegates, networking with other VIDES Groups and having the opportunity to explore and review the Safeguarding policy and procedures being developed by VIDES International. However, in keeping with the laws and practices of the united Kingdon, VIDES UK will continue with our own robust Safeguarding policy and procedures which are central to all we do. Attendance at the VIDES International AGM also allowed for Sr Gill and Sr Anne Frances to attend the historical event of being present in St Peter's square when our new Pope, Leo XIV, was elected.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remained a key priority for VIDES UK throughout 2025. All activities and projects were delivered in line with safeguarding policies and procedures agreed by the VIDES UK Committee which remain current and are next due for formal review in January 2026.

There were no safeguarding incidents or concerns reported in relation to any projects delivered during the year. As a result, there was no need for the VIDES UK Committee to discuss actions and after-care.

All team members involved in project delivery completed a mandatory online safeguarding training session, led by Sam McCormick, who acted as the Safeguarding Lead for VIDES UK during the year 2025. Safeguarding practice and awareness were further reinforced during the summer camp in Bolton, where safeguarding responsibilities and procedures were revisited by the team delivering formation while on site.

The Safeguarding Lead, Sam McCormick also visited the summer project mid-way through its delivery to provide additional formation to the team. No safeguarding concerns were identified or reported during this visit.

VIDES UK remains committed to maintaining a strong safeguarding culture, ensuring that all children, young people, volunteers and local communities are supported within a safe and well-managed environment.

Promotion of Bolton Camp

During the year, VIDES UK was committed to establishing a new project in Bolton, based at Thornleigh Salesian College. A focused programme of promotion and engagement is planned for each local area ahead of a project, but as this was the first year of delivery in this location, it was important to build a good relationship with the local parishioners.

Sam McCormick and David McCormick visited the Parish of Holy Infant and St Anthony, a parish under the care of the Salesians (SDBs). During their weekend visit, they attended two Masses, where the opportunity to be involved in the summer camp was promoted directly to the parish community. The invitation was extended to:

- Children and young people to attend the camp as participants,
- Older young people aged 14+ to support the project as young leaders,
- And parishioners more broadly, who were invited to support the project through prayer, donations, and practical contributions.

To support engagement and provide further information, Sam McCormick and David McCormick were available before and after each Mass, hosting a stall at the back of the church where parishioners could ask questions and learn more about the project and the work of VIDES UK.

In addition, Sr Anne Frances McNamee and Sam McCormick visited the Sixth Form at Thornleigh Salesian College to promote the opportunity for young people to volunteer with VIDES UK, helping to encourage involvement from older students within the school community. Following the promotion, there was a few local young helpers, and sixth form students present to support the running of the project.

Sr Anne Frances and Toni Carr also visited the primary school of Holy Name and St Anthony to promote the Summer Camp to the children there. There was a great uptake from the children and young people from both the Primary and the Secondary schools in attending the Camp.

Promotion continued the weekend before Camp where Sr Anne Frances and Sr Gill were present to speak at all the Masses of the 3 Churches of Bolton served by SDBs, Holy Name, St Josephs, St Thomas of Canterbury.

These promotional activities were instrumental in introducing VIDES UK's work to a new local area and in building early awareness, interest, and support for the Bolton-based project.

Bolton 2025

The Summer Camp then took place from 18th-26th July 2025 in Bolton. Our volunteer team was made up of experienced VIDES Volunteers, FMA, SDB, new volunteers who came through School promotion and members of our Anima and Youth Council team who progressed u to being a Volunteer. The team were hosted in the Salesian House of Thornleigh and the project took place in Thornleigh Salesian School. The Juniors enjoyed social justice sessions by following our 'Rights Here, Right Now' programme as well as a variety of games, sports, arts & crafts and dance sessions. The Seniors had more focused Social Sessions which encouraged and deepened participation, self-esteem, confidence, critical thinking and opportunities to showcase their own personal talents.

There was a great response with around 30 Juniors and 16 Seniors taking part each day. This is the first time in many years that we had such a positive response from Seniors from the beginning of a project. Success of the project was determined by their level of participation, their returning each day and the desire of some of the seniors to plan and deliver a Salesian Goodnight at the end of the Camp. The week ended with a celebration show where children and young people got to showcase their talents and all that they had learned and created during the camp. Feedback from parents and the local community was extremely positive and arrangements for 2026 are already being made. Two of the Seniors have since made an application to become VIDES Volunteers and another 3 will become Young Leaders on the Bolton 2026 Camp and attend our Anima project in February 2026.

Relocation back to Croxteth

At the end of October 2025, after 2 years of absence, VIDES UK returned to Croxteth and our brand-new office and social space. The work done has been tremendous and we are sure that the new space available to VIDES UK will enable us to continue to offer a safe space for young people to gather and to develop the training and formation sessions we offer; ensuring that many more young people for years to come will have the opportunity to become active citizens, making a positive contribution to society through their work with VIDES UK.

Thanks

As we end this report we do so in thanksgiving. Firstly, our thanks and appreciation go to the whole VIDES UK Committee who give so generously of their time and gifts to ensure that VIDES continues to meet the needs of all those we work with. In particular, we give thanks to Laura Whiteley and Sam McCormick who will finish their roles as Chair and vice-chair. The total dedication and love you both have for VIDES is evident in your constant generosity of service and in your desire to push things forward, ensuring that all we offer is always of a high standard.

Our thanks also go to all those who have supported VIDES UK and our work this year. Our volunteer team who gives so much of themselves in service to the young and without whom our projects could not run. We thank the SDB Community in Bolton who opened their home to host us during the camp and kept us going with dinners, biscuits and tea, it was all greatly appreciated!

Thanks goes to the Salesian Sisters who always support us financially and with the spaces we need. Special thanks to Sr Elizabeth and the Community who, whether in Blundellsands or now back in Croxteth, allow us to take over their home, to always feel welcomed and who constantly support all we do with their interest, prayer, support and presence – thank you for making your home our home!

2025 was a good year for VIDES UK and we look forward, in hope, to 2026 when names and places may change but the heart and spirit of VIDES never will! Thank you!

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Financial Report

1st January – 31st December 2025

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Income and Expenditure Account Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Balance brought forward from 2024 - £3,411.67

Income

Resources	£4.16
General Donation	£7,765.30
Specific Donation	£3,000.00
Subs	£50.00

Total Income **£10,819.46**

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Vides Office General	£1,208.45
Insurance	£1,141.59
Vides International	£524.01
Office Equipment	£60.00
Hospitality	£170.02
Accommodation	£875.00
Resources	£505.26
General Donation	£384.23
Specific Donation	£1,600.00
Promotional Materials	£99.86

Total Expenditure **£6,568.42**

Savings Account Balance **£1,606.00**

Balance Breakdown at year end

Current Account	£ 7,662.71
Savings Account	£ 1,606.00

Restricted Funds

Pilgrimage 2026	£ 3,000.00
Abroad	£ 0
Provincial Council	£ 0

Total Restricted Funds	**£ 3,000.00**
Total Unrestricted Funds	**£6,268.71**

After examining these accounts
I find them to be an accurate
reflection

Anne Quirk

30/01/26