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From the streets to the stadiums – and back again

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A message from our Founder and Chair

2025 was the year the Youth Charter marked 32 years of taking its message from the streets to the stadiums – and back again. Our purpose is unchanged since we were founded alongside Manchester's Olympic bid in 1993: to Engage, Equip and Empower young people and their communities through sport, art, culture and digital activity.

At home, the year began with grief for the young lives lost on our streets and a determination to answer it. With funding from Sport England, we launched the Youthwise Community Campus Project, held stakeholder workshops in Bolton, Birmingham, East London and Manchester, appointed Community Campus Coordinators and welcomed new Social Coaches. We responded to the Spending Review, the Young Futures Hubs and, in December, the Government's first National Youth Strategy in more than twenty years.

Internationally, we took the Social Coach Leadership Programme to Romania and the case for investment to Cape Town. We carried the voice of young people to the UN ECOSOC Youth Forum and the Olympic Movement, set out a legacy plan 500 days before the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and closed the year by launching our Youth 4 Africa Framework and the From Luanda to Legacy campaign.

> **Our message has been consistent throughout: the time for symbolism is over. As the 2030 Agenda enters its final five years, we must go from taking a knee to taking a stand, and from policy to practice.**

I thank our Vice Presidents, Trustees, partners, staff and Social Coaches and, above all, the young people and communities who continue to inspire our work.

Prof. Geoff Thompson MBE FRSA DL QP JM
Founder and Chair, Youth Charter

2025 in Action

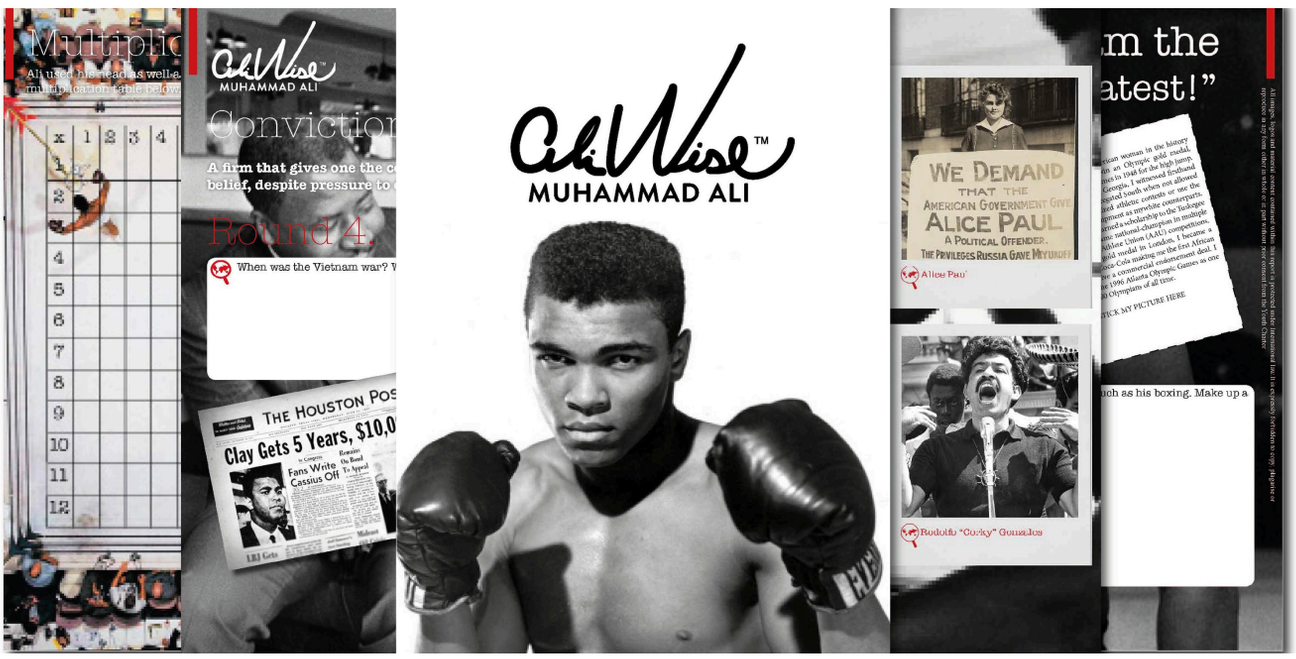
Twelve months of taking our message from the streets to the stadiums – and back again: on the ground in our communities, in the policy debate at home, and on the world stage.

01 JANUARY

The Youth Charter's Word from the Streets blog returned at the start of 2025 with a post on the continuing loss of young lives on the streets of the UK and Ireland.

The Youth Charter showed its support for the campaign to save The Central YMCA Club London, to ensure that our young people continue to be given somewhere to go, something to do and someone to show them how they can develop life-skills through sport, art and cultural activity. No organisation matches the YMCA in that commitment.

The Youth Charter celebrated the 83rd birthday of Muhammad 'The Greatest' Ali by launching its free Aliwise Education Pack. The late, great Muhammad Ali was named a UN Messenger of Peace by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 1998, in recognition of humanitarian work from the streets to the stadiums that has inspired the Youth Charter's own. Ali's six core principles – Confidence, Conviction, Dedication, Respect, Giving and Spirituality – are embedded in the Youth Charter's Social Coaching values and in the Aliwise Education Pack.



The free Aliwise Education Pack, launched on Muhammad Ali's 83rd birthday

The Youth Charter marked International Day of Education by sharing its Youthwise Education Packs, which use sport, art, culture and digital activities to Engage, Equip and Empower young people and their communities.

The Youth Charter also held a Bolton Community Campus Stakeholder Workshop, extending the Community Campus conversation across Greater Manchester.

02 FEBRUARY

The Youth Charter delivered a Birmingham Community Campus Stakeholder Group Workshop at the Birmingham City University Alexandra Stadium Campus.

The workshop was a significant step in the engagement and consultation in the delivery of the sport and physical activity legacy pledge of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games 'to improve the lives of children and young people, in particular from communities of historical deprivation and disadvantage'.

Stakeholder participants discussed, debated and made recommendations as to how community-based organisations can collectively work together to meet the social, cultural and economic challenges they continue to face in their delivery to the young people and communities they are committed to empowering.

We hope that this collaborative approach to delivering major games can leave a youth and community engagement model and cultural framework that represents the young people, communities and organisations committed to providing hope and opportunity through sport for development, for life.



Stakeholders at the Birmingham Community Campus workshop work through the Birmingham 2022 legacy pledge

In Cape Town, at the Sport for Development Finance Investment Forum held during the Finance in Common Summit, Prof. Geoff Thompson called on governments, private investors and NGOs to pool their resources and invest in Community Campuses – local hubs combining sport, education, vocational training and mentoring.

03 MARCH

The Youth Charter launched its Youthwise Community Campus Project with funding from Sport England. The project will deliver a network of Community Campuses and Social Coaches delivering Youthwise Projects across England, building on the Youth Charter's 32 years of Sport for Development and Peace work in the UK and around the world.

Prof. Thompson returned to the University of East London after a seven-year absence to address the One Newham Conference. He urged partners to draw on the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games to tackle youth violence, and invited communities to engage through the Community Campus initiative: "The 2012 Games were not just about sports; they were a catalyst for change."

The Youth Charter paid an International Women's Day tribute on 8 March and marked Commonwealth Day on 10 March, reaffirming its commitment to the Commonwealth Charter and Commonwealth youth.

The Social Coach Leadership Programme went international with an SCLP workshop in Romania.

On 13 March, Prof. Thompson gave the opening keynote at the annual *Youth in the Perspective of the Olympic Movement* conference, calling on the next President of the International Olympic Committee to place sport for development at the heart of Olympism. “The Olympics have always been about more than medals,” he said.



Young delegates at the *Youth in the Perspective of the Olympic Movement* conference



Stakeholder partners at the Greater London Community Campus workshop, UCL East

The Youth Charter marked its 32nd anniversary with a renewed Call 2 Action and, on 29 March, held a Greater London Community Campus Stakeholder Partner Group Workshop with UCL at UCL East on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Twenty stakeholder partners and 21 participants explored joined-up, community-led responses to youth violence, mental health, educational inequality, unemployment and social isolation, with the aim of turning the 2012 legacy into a “Legacy Opportunity for All”.

04 APRIL

The month opened with *Empowering Communities through Sport: A Local Call to Action for Development and Peace*, followed on 6 April – the UN International Day of Sport for Development and Peace – by the Youth Charter’s Global Call 2 Action. It urged governments, funders, civil society and youth leaders to “move from policy to practice” and build sport for development into education, health and community policy. “Sport for Development and Peace is more than a slogan,” said Prof. Thompson.

On World Health Day and amid renewed national debate prompted by the drama *Adolescence*, the Youth Charter published *From Tragedy to Transformation – A National Call to Action on Youth Violence*. Executive Director Janice Argyle set out the case for moving from reactive responses to coordinated action: scaling proven approaches, building a network of Social Coaches as trusted mentors, and creating hyper-local Community Campuses that bring together sport, education, the arts, digital access and community services.

Following the 2025 ECOSOC Youth Forum at UN Headquarters, the Youth Charter called for a stronger youth-focused communiqué, noting that the Forum's outputs under-represented grassroots solutions built on sport, culture and the arts. It asked Member States to adopt the Community Campus Model, invest in Social Coach Leadership Programmes and make young people co-creators, not just consultees, of the 2030 Agenda. "Young people must not be at the margins of global development discussions," said Prof. Thompson.

05 MAY

As tensions rose around the world, the Youth Charter issued *We Cannot Afford Another Conflict*, a global call for peace through sport. It asked where the Sport for Development and Peace movement was in responding to today's crises, proposed deploying Social Coaches as community mentors, and asked whether the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace should be re-established. "We cannot afford another conflict. But we can afford to invest in peace."

The Youth Charter celebrated International Coaching Week and contributed to the Education World Forum in London.

On 26 May, the fifth anniversary of the death of George Floyd, the Youth Charter published *From Taking the Knee to Taking a Stand*. The essay called on athletes and the wider sporting world to turn symbolic protest into sustained action for disadvantaged young people. "The protest was a moment. The movement must now be a mission," said Prof. Thompson. Loretta Green-Williams, Southern Africa Coordinator, added: "Taking the knee showed courage. Now we need conviction."

06 JUNE

June was the busiest month of the year for the Youth Charter's voice. It marked World Environment Day, UK Coaching and Volunteers' Week, Youth Day in South Africa, Windrush Day and Olympic Day.

On 9 June, in a statement on the global delivery of sport for development and the SDGs, issued after the IOC Sustainability Summit, the Youth Charter welcomed the reach of Olympism365 while acting as a "critical friend". It called for measurable SDG indicators, independently verified annual impact reporting, a Global Youth and Community Engagement Taskforce, and long-term funding for community sport, safeguarding and mental health. Two days later, it joined UNICEF in celebrating the International Day of Play: "Play is a universal language – a bridge that connects young people to opportunity, potential and hope."

The Youth Charter responded to national policy throughout the month: to the 2025 UK Government Spending Review, to the UK Government and Youth Sport Trust announcement, to the DCMS £900 million sport investment and to the prospect of a future London Olympic and Paralympic bid. It also contributed to the Future of Youth Work Conference and responded to the Athlete365 Summit.

On 26 June, 500 days before the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the Youth Charter launched a Global Call 2 Action for youth, sport and peace. It proposed Community Campuses across Africa, starting in Senegal, a network of 100 trained Social Coaches, a digital platform linking young people with decision-makers, and a legacy partnership between the IOC, the African Union and the Youth Charter. "Dakar 2026 must be more than a celebration, it must be a catalyst for lasting change," said Prof. Thompson.

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07 JULY

On the ground, the Youth Charter took part in the London Youth Games Community Sport Festival on Sunday 6 July and appointed its first Community Campus Coordinators, strengthening delivery of the Youthwise Community Campus Project.

In *From Olympic Promise to Global Action*, the Youth Charter explained why its Call to Action mattered more than ever. On 14 July, *Wimbledon at 50: An Arthur Ashe Legacy?* marked half a century since Ashe's 1975 title. Drawing on the Youth Charter's Tenniswise Report, it called on British tennis to become "a gateway, not a gallery". For World Youth Skills Day, *Empowering Youth through Skills for a Sustainable Future* set out how Community Campuses, Youthwise Projects and the SCLP Academy prepare young people for a changing world of work.

The Youth Charter welcomed the Government's Young Futures Hubs initiative and Royal endorsement of the agenda, offering its Community Campuses and evidence from the West Midlands, Greater Manchester and London to

complement the Hubs. On Nelson Mandela International Day, *Legacy of a Sporting Struggle, Spirit of a Global Call to Action* called on the movement to return to its founding values. *Levelling the Playing Field* urged that unused Apprenticeship Levy funds be used for sport and leisure apprenticeships for under-represented young people.



Nelson Mandela International Day: a legacy of sport, youth and reconciliation

Ahead of the inaugural African School Games in Algeria, which brought together over 3,000 young athletes from 44 nations, the Youth Charter proposed a Legacy Programme and an African Community Campus Network. The month closed with *Time to Stand Up, Not Just Take a Knee* and Prof. Thompson's essay *Sport for Development and Peace: A Live Aid of Hope and Opportunity*. Forty years after Live Aid, the essay called for a Global Sport for Development and Peace Fund and was voiced through Word from the Streets testimonies from Manchester, Johannesburg, London, Sudan and Somaliland. "Now is the time for action, not optics."

08 AUGUST

On 5 August, the Youth Charter delivered a Manchester Community Campus SCLP Workshop at Manchester Communication Academy. Later in the month, it supported the Hope for Cheetham Fun Day. *Football for All* set out the Soccerwise Programme and Community Campus as a national model for youth and community engagement.



Participants at the Manchester Community Campus SCLP Workshop, Manchester Communication Academy

On UN International Youth Day, 12 August, the Youth Charter issued *From Rhetoric to Reality*, a Global Call 2 Action submitted to UN and IOC leadership. It set out three priorities – a Global SDP Fund, authentic grassroots leadership, and evidence-based accountability. "Sport is not an optional extra – it is an essential driver of health, education, equality, peace and opportunity," said Prof. Thompson. A companion call asked Africa's youth to lead a legacy of hope from Dakar 2026, proposing a Pan-African Youth Legacy Programme.

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Combat for Peace explored the power of sport to bridge divides. In East London, the Youth Charter's We Move youth social action project, begun in May 2023, concluded at the end of August.

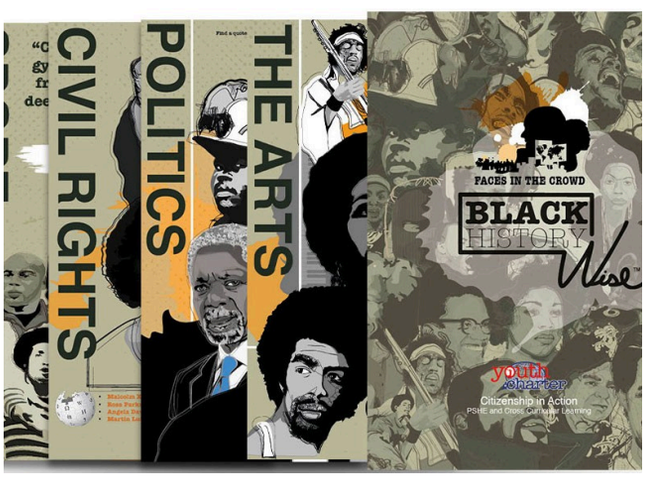
09 SEPTEMBER

The Youth Charter opened the month with a tribute to Althea Gibson. As the World Athletics Championships began in Tokyo, it called for a World Championship Sport for Development Legacy Framework, inviting international federations, funders and city leaders to turn the inspiration of major events into community action. "Mega events must deliver more than memories," said Prof. Thompson.

Ahead of the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September, themed “Act Now for a Peaceful World”, the Youth Charter published a Sport for Development and Peace Call to Action. It argued that sport must be embraced as a frontline force for peace, and committed to engaging young people as peace ambassadors through the Community Campus Model. “Peace is not passive. It requires action, investment and courage.”

10 OCTOBER

The Youth Charter celebrated Black History Month with a reflection from Prof. Thompson and welcomed a number of national and international Social Coaches.



The Black History Wise Education Pack



The City of Ali screening

On United Nations Day, 24 October, the Youth Charter called for greater global commitment to Sport for Development and Peace. It set out how the Community Campus Model aligns with the UN Youth 2030 Strategy, UNESCO’s Fit for Life and the IOC’s Olympism365. It asked for more investment in youth programmes, formal recognition of community-led initiatives under the 2030 Agenda, and open routes for young people into leadership, volunteering and civic life. “The next five years to 2030 are critical,” said Prof. Thompson.

11 NOVEMBER

On 6 November, the Youth Charter launched its Youth 4 Africa Framework. The framework extends the Community Campus Model across six areas: sport and physical activity; education and digital skills; health and life skills; arts and culture; training and employment pathways; and peacebuilding and social cohesion. It called on the African Union, CAF, development banks and UN agencies to invest in sport-driven youth development. “Sport is Africa’s universal language,” said Prof. Thompson.

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The Art of the Possible celebrated the partnerships behind the year's work. As world leaders met for COP30 in Brazil, *Sport, Climate Justice and the Urgency of a Global Youth-Centred Response* made the case for young people and sport in climate action.

12 DECEMBER

On 14 December, the Youth Charter responded to *Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy*, welcoming the first national youth framework in more than twenty years. It called for a dedicated Minister for Youth, a Ministry of Youth to coordinate delivery across government, and adoption of the Community Campus Model, the Social Coach Leadership Programme and the Youthwise Activities Framework. Its National Call 2 Action response set out the same case.



Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy

On 18 December, *From Sanctions to Social Legacy* argued that any proceeds released from the sale of Chelsea FC should be ring-fenced for youth sport for development and peace. It called for transparent, independent governance and for young people to help shape the programmes.

On 19 December, the Youth Charter launched *From Luanda to Legacy*, a Global Campus Campaign around the 4th African Youth Games in Angola, held as the country marked 50 years of independence. The campaign proposes turning Games venues into year-round Community Campuses and creating a youth leadership pathway to Dakar 2026. "Africa's greatest legacy will not be medals won, but lives transformed," said Prof. Thompson.

The year closed with the Youth Charter's 2025 Seasonal Appeal and its annual record of young lives lost in the UK and Ireland – the reason the year began, and the reason the work continues.

Looking towards 2030

The momentum of 2025 has carried into 2026. In January, the third Greater Manchester Community Campus consultation took place with Manchester Metropolitan University with Youth Charter Vice President Dame Sarah Storey. In March, the Youth Charter marked its 33rd anniversary with a renewed global call to action. In June came a Liverpool City Region Community Campus workshop with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and FireFit. Throughout the year, the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games and the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games have been the focus of our call for a lasting youth legacy.

Looking towards 2030, the Youth Charter will:

01 **Grow the Community Campus network** across England through the Youthwise Community Campus Project, and internationally through Youth 4 Africa and From Luanda to Legacy.

02 **Train a new generation of Social Coaches** through the Social Coach Leadership Programme and SCLP Academy.

03 **Measure what matters**, reporting outcomes against the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with young people involved in monitoring.

04 **Make young people co-creators**, not just consultees, in the policies that shape their lives, including the National Youth Strategy.

05 **Turn major-event legacy into community impact**, from London 2012 and Birmingham 2022 to Glasgow 2026, Dakar 2026 and beyond.

> The final five years of the 2030 Agenda will decide whether sport's promise becomes progress. We invite partners to move from endorsement to participation: Engage, Equip, Empower. Contact contact@youthcharter.org or visit YouthCharter.org.

2025 in Pictures

















1 Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Accra
2 Mandela+20: Light the Way, Trafalgar Square
3 Jamestown Gbekebii Foundation, Accra
4 At the Mandela+20 gathering
5 City of Ali screening
6 Greater London Community Campus workshop, UCL East
7 Manchester Communication Academy
8 Birmingham Community Campus workshop

Sporting Ambassadors

Over the past 33 years, the Youth Charter message has been inspired through teams and sporting ambassadors who have signed the Youth Charter Scroll in support of its work. These include:

Marcus Adam
Neil Adams MBE
Sir Ben Ainslie CBE
Kriss Akabusi MBE
Carlos Alberto Torres*
Claire Allan
Rob Andrew MBE
Lord Jeffrey Archer
Ossie Ardiles
Mike Atherton OBE
Chris Bailey MBE
Jeremy Bates
Jamie Baulch
Bill Beaumont CBE
Jack Beaumont
Franz Beckenbauer
David Beckham OBE
Paul Bennett MBE
Louise Bloor
Chris Boardman MBE
Lorna Boothe MBE
Toby Box
Julia Bracewell OBE
Abbie Brown
Daniel Brown MBE
Nicky Butt
Kevin Cadle*
Darren Campbell MBE
Pat Cash
Ben Challenger
Sir Bobby Charlton CBE
Linford Christie OBE
Gill Clarke MBE*
Joe Clarke MBE
David Coleman OBE*
Gary Connolly
Kirstina Cook
Sir Henry Cooper MBE*
Antony Cotterill
Lord Cowdrey*
Kadeena Cox MBE
John Crawley
Mark Croasdale
Vanessa Daobry
David Davies OBE
Sharon Davies MBE
Anita L. DeFrantz
Rob Denmark
Lisa Dermott
Emily Diamond
Anne Dickins MBE
Karen Dixon
Sandra Douglas
Tony Dobbin
Tony Doyle MBE
Adam Duggleby MBE
Paula Dunn MBE
Richard Dunwoody MBE
Scott Durant MBE
Tracy Edwards MBE
Farokh Engineer
Mike England MBE
Chris Eubank
Nicola Fairbrother
Sir Nick Faldo MBE
John Fashanu
Sir Alex Ferguson CBE
Will Fletcher
Richard Fox MBE
Janice Francis
Ryan Giggs OBE
Eugene Gilkes
Phil de Glanville
Helen Glover MBE
Duncan Goodhew MBE
Dame Katherine Grainger DBE
Jodie Grinham
Angus Groom
Sally Gunnell OBE DL
Dame Mary Glen Haig DBE*
Jane Hall
Susan Hampshire OBE
Gary Hardings
Eddie Hemmings
Tim Henman CBE
Philip Hindes MBE
Kate Hoey former MP
Dame Kelly Holmes DBE
Frances Houghton
Robert Howely
Norman Hunter*
Paul Ince
Stewart Innes
Colin Jackson CBE
Simon Jackson MBE
David Johnson
Michael Johnson
Jade Jones MBE
Jasmine Joyce
Mary King MBE
Jürgen Klinsmann
Sir Robin Knox Johnston CBE RD
Sir Eddie Kulukundis OBE*
Sonia Lawrence
Jason Lee
Rob Lee
Zoe Lee
Dame Denise Lewis DBE
Lennox Lewis CM, OBE
Sir Clive Lloyd CBE
Lisa Lomas
Helen Lonsdale
Devon Malcolm
Gary Mason*
Kelly Massey
Ally McCoist MBE
Mark McCoy
John McEnroe
Mike McFarlane OBE*
Barry McGuigan MBE
Katy Mclean MBE
Steve McMahon
Mick McManus*
Diane Modahl MBE
Adrian Moorhouse MBE
Nathan Morgan
Dewi Morris
Lutalo Muhammad
Fiona Murtagh
Tania Nadarajah
Prince Naseem
Gary Neville
Phil Neville
Martin Offiah MBE
Wayne Otto OBE
John Parrott MBE
Alan Pascoe MBE
Lenny Paul
Stuart Pearce MBE
Dame Mary Peters CH, DBE
Terry Phelan
Asha Philip
Liam Phillips
Dave Phillips
Dave Phillipson
Karen Pickering MBE
Sir Matthew Pinsent CBE
Nicky Piper MBE
Michel Platini
Paul Reaney
Sir Steven Redgrave CBE
Derek Redmond
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Paul Zetter CBE*
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England Rugby Squad
England Soccer Squad
Ghanaian Under 17 Soccer Squad
South African Soccer Squad
South African Rugby Squad
Lancashire County Cricket Club
Manchester United Football Club

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Independent examiner's report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2025

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2025 at a glance

£227,263
Total income, all from donations
2024: £50,903

£128,824
Total expenditure
2024: £60,710

£98,439
Surplus for the year
2024: deficit of £9,807

£160,504
Net assets at 31 December 2025, held as cash at bank
2024: £62,065

Youth Charter, UK Registered Charity No. 1191785. Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2025, independently examined by Accountancy Services (Astley) Limited. Cover: young people at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Accra.

Reference and administrative details

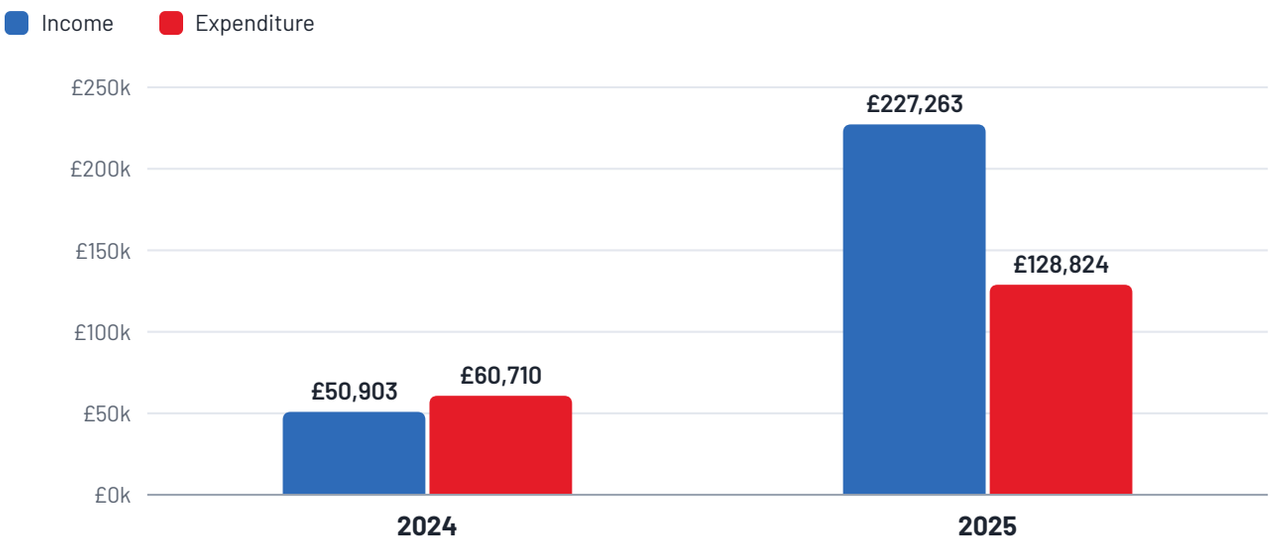
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Trustees	Inez Brown Alison Burchell Amita Krishna Brendan Pooni Chris Sayers Geoff Thompson Ronnie Todd
Independent examiner	Accountancy Services (Astley) Limited 28 Naunton Avenue, Leigh WN7 4SX
Accounting period	Period ended 31 December 2025, with comparatives for 2024

2025 financial highlights

Income rose from £50,903 to £227,263 in 2025, and the Youth Charter ended the year with a surplus of £98,439, taking net assets to £160,504.

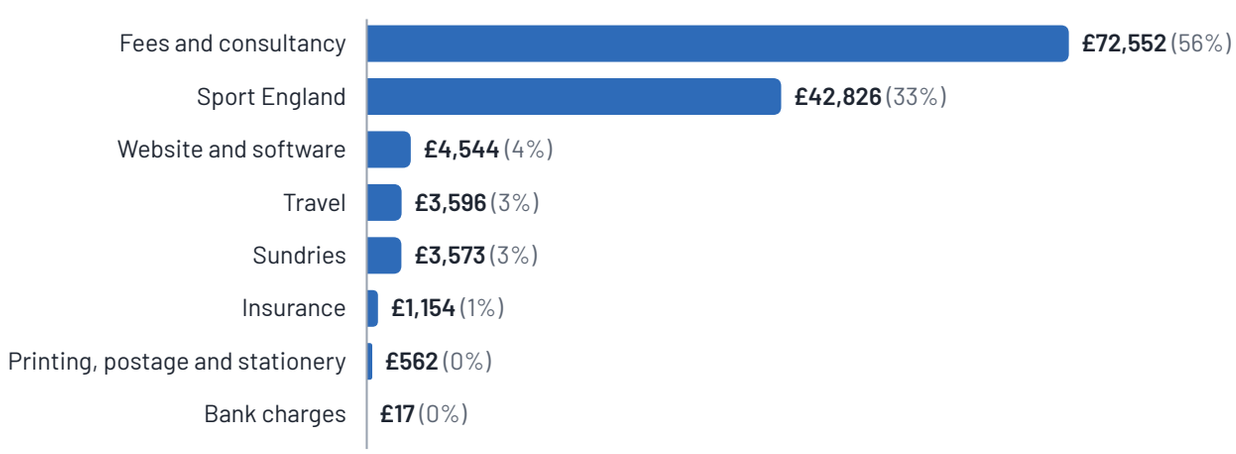
Income and expenditure

£, years ended 31 December



Where the money went in 2025

Expenditure by category, £ (share of total expenditure of £128,824)



- Income grew by 346% and expenditure by 112% compared with 2024. Donations were the only source of income in both years.
- Fees and consultancy (£72,552) and Sport England (£42,826) together accounted for 90% of 2025 expenditure.
- The charity had no debtors or creditors at either year end; its net assets are held entirely as cash at bank.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Youth Charter

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 record; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Accountancy Services (Astley) Limited
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Leigh
WN7 4SX

30th September 2026

Balance sheet

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	–	–
Cash at bank	160,504	62,065
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	–	–
Net assets	**160,504**	**62,065**
Financed by		
Reserves brought forward	62,065	71,872
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	98,439	(9,807)
Reserves carried forward	**160,504**	**62,065**

Income and expenditure account

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		–		–
Donations		227,263		50,903
Fundraising		–		–
Bank interest		–		–
Other income		–		–
Total income		**227,263**		**50,903**
Expenditure				
Fees and consultancy	72,552		34,579	
Website and software	4,544		9,959	
Children in need	–		22,541	
Printing, postage and stationery	562		–	
Sport England	42,826		–	
Travel	3,596		–	
Insurance	1,154		12	
Bank charges	17		137	
Sundries	3,573		1,930	
Total expenditure		**128,824**		**60,710**
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		**98,439**		**(9,807)**

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2025 at a glance

£227,263
Total income, all from donations
2024: £50,903

£128,824
Total expenditure
2024: £60,710

£98,439
Surplus for the year
2024: deficit of £9,807

£160,504
Net assets at 31 December 2025, held as cash at bank
2024: £62,065

Youth Charter, UK Registered Charity No. 1191785. Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2025, independently examined by Accountancy Services (Astley) Limited. Cover: young people at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Accra.

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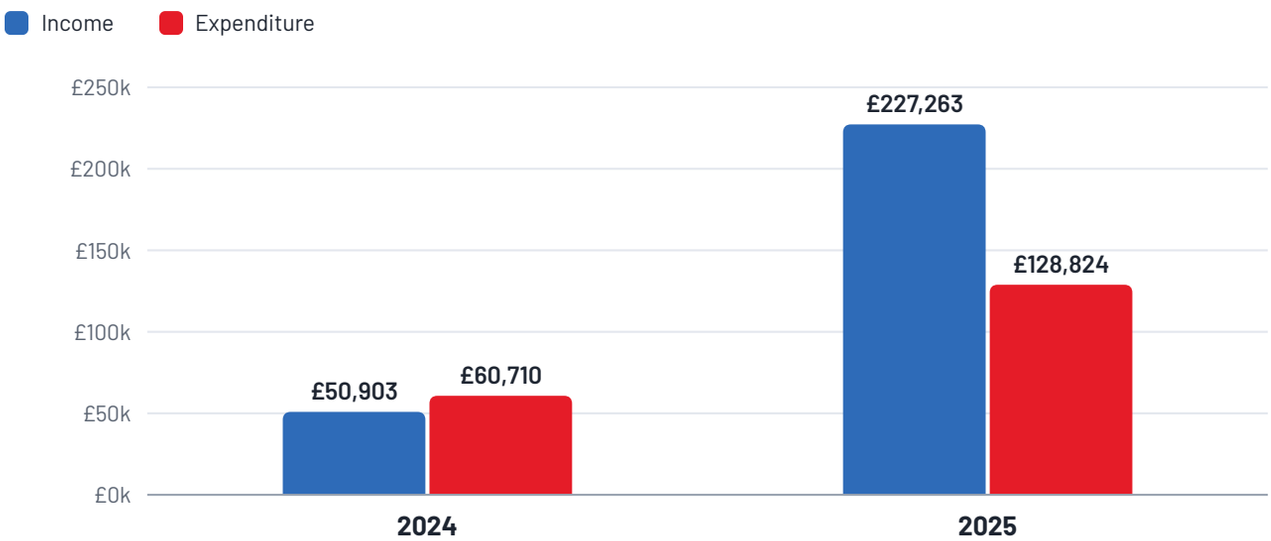
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Accounting period	Period ended 31 December 2025, with comparatives for 2024

2025 financial highlights

Income rose from £50,903 to £227,263 in 2025, and the Youth Charter ended the year with a surplus of £98,439, taking net assets to £160,504.

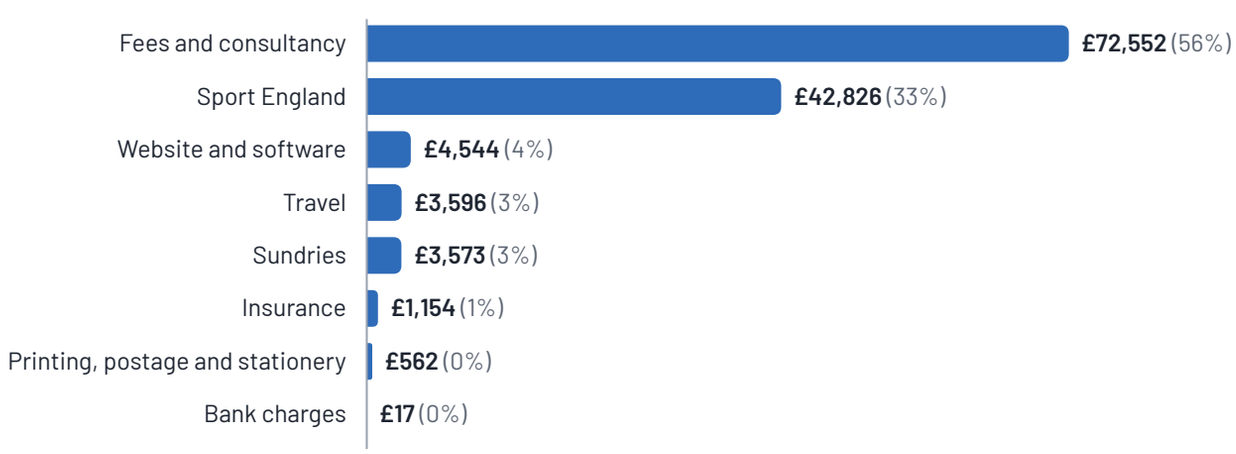
Income and expenditure

£, years ended 31 December



Where the money went in 2025

Expenditure by category, £ (share of total expenditure of £128,824)



- Income grew by 346% and expenditure by 112% compared with 2024. Donations were the only source of income in both years.
- Fees and consultancy (£72,552) and Sport England (£42,826) together accounted for 90% of 2025 expenditure.
- The charity had no debtors or creditors at either year end; its net assets are held entirely as cash at bank.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Youth Charter

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 record; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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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Balance sheet

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	–	–
Cash at bank	160,504	62,065
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	–	–
Net assets	**160,504**	**62,065**
Financed by		
Reserves brought forward	62,065	71,872
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	98,439	(9,807)
Reserves carried forward	**160,504**	**62,065**

Income and expenditure account

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		–		–
Donations		227,263		50,903
Fundraising		–		–
Bank interest		–		–
Other income		–		–
Total income		**227,263**		**50,903**
Expenditure				
Fees and consultancy	72,552		34,579	
Website and software	4,544		9,959	
Children in need	–		22,541	
Printing, postage and stationery	562		–	
Sport England	42,826		–	
Travel	3,596		–	
Insurance	1,154		12	
Bank charges	17		137	
Sundries	3,573		1,930	
Total expenditure		**128,824**		**60,710**
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