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**Company Registration number: 1843226**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited**  
**(Limited by Guarantee)**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**Charity Information**

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Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August,  
1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.

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**Charity Information (cont.)**

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Reference and administrative details**

The details are set out on page 2.

**Directors and their interests**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The directors as at the date of this report, are as stated below:

D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn  
I Khan (appointed 28 January 2021)

N. H. Ellis resigned from the Board on 10 September 2020.

D. Cooke and R. T. Dears retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000. The company is registered in England. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while s/he remains a member or within 12 months afterwards to put up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustees are eligible, as the Board of Directors, to appoint additional trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the AGM. There will be more than five, but no more than nine trustees. A third of the trustees must retire at each AGM, the longest in office retiring first. The trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted trustee will hold office only until the next AGM. When considering the co-option of a trustee, the Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. All new trustees will have to complete an application form including a skills audit.

The Chair and Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the trustees from among their number at the next general meeting after the AGM.

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**Trustees Induction and training**

New trustees receive an induction pack including information on the roles and responsibilities of trusteeship. It includes a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Executive Summary of the Business Plan and a copy of the latest annual report and accounts. New trustees meet with the Chief Executive to brief them on the operation of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these facilitate the undertaking of their role.

**Organisation**

The Board of Trustees, which can have up to nine members, administers the charity. The Board meet every six weeks. The Board will convene sub groups for specific purposes e.g. fundraising as and when required. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage and strategically develop the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and activity related to the direct work with young people.

**Partner organisations**

The Charity has a close relationship with VS6, which is a partnership of support organisations working with 8600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups operating across Liverpool City Region. It works to champion the vital role of our sector in the future of the city region, seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities. This includes the Combined Authority, metro mayor and the LEP.

As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCS's and other infrastructure organisations. Voluntary Sector Northwest support the coordination of VS6 and its engagement events and research. Throughout 2020, VS6 held numerous assemblies with the sector both online and in person (prior to social distancing measures) with representatives from hundreds of VCFSE organisations across the City Region. The Chief Executive chaired the Children and young People's Assembly.

This culminating in the production of a VCFSE manifesto utilising the findings from these discussions and recommendations from the reports produced from engagement with the sector, as well as external regional and national documents such as the Cheshire and Merseyside VCFSE Health and Care Reset paper. This VCFSE manifesto outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the development and recovery of the Liverpool City Region over the next three years are three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

We continue our partnership with LCVS including linking into the One Liverpool Plan and UNICEF Child Friendly City initiative.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group and Equality and Diversity group). UK Youth has a broad network of members, who have supported each other throughout the year in areas such as Covid readiness levels, and risk and the equalities agenda.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and its Youth Task Force. The charity has also been involved in the Combined Authority's Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities consultation, youth participation approach and its Housing First initiative, through membership of its steering group.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity also worked with the Combined Authority on the delivery of the Skills Capital Fund project, which funded significant refurbishment of the Charity's city centre headquarters and delivery site, to improve its accessibility and carbon footprint.

We have also developed closer strategic links with the department of Work and Pensions including strategic and operational work towards the development of a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

The Charity has strategic links with the CAMHS (including membership of the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Partnership Board) and is a member of the Sefton Emotional Achievement service (SEAS) consortium which aims to offer emotional wellbeing support for children, young people and their families in Sefton.

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in supporting the development of the NEET strategy and Adolescence Strategy.

We work in partnership with public, VCS and faith groups on the City Wide Fairness and Anti-poverty group, to provide practical coordination and campaigning on the impact of austerity locally, however meetings of this group were impacted by Covid and it is currently under review.

We remain members of the Health Watch Community Engagement Group and the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care leadership Group, supporting the engagement of the VCS in the Health agenda across the region, representing the needs and issues of young people. This has included information sharing in relation to the dissolution of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the restructuring of the NHS into Integrated Care Systems across a Cheshire and Merseyside footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, Champs Public Health, National Lotteries Community Fund (Talent Match, Covid Emergency Fund,), the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CAMHS), Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, SKY Music Hub, Brighter Sounds, Tesco (Bags of Help), Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund) and Liverpool Combined Authority (Skills Capital Fund).

Malmö Café continue to be a tenant of the building and running a Scandinavian themed café from the ground floor in our city centre base and Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble playing Fields. All of our tenants have abided by Government legalisation and guidelines in relation to their opening and delivery.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of interest) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people. Our Foodbank works in partnership with Fairshares,

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, YPAS, ADDvanced Solutions, Elevate, Windmills and Kenyons, procured to deliver targeted services, supported via and SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited. All profits are donated to Merseyside Youth Association Limited.

**Risk management**

The major focus of risk management this year has been the Covid-19 pandemic.

MYA operates a 5-level risk assessment process (Green to Red High). As infection rates and government guidance and levels change, we move between different levels of risk assessment. This includes identifying and rating risk in relation to MYA buildings, staff and office-based work, face to face delivery, travel, external visitors, use of communal areas meetings, dealing with symptomatic people on and off site, symptomatic people in households, mental health and emotional wellbeing, Emergency evacuation, and accidents.

A range of risk mitigations and controls are in place to reduce risk including, one-way systems, mask wearing, social distancing, screens, sanitation stations, increased hygiene and cleaning regimes and use of PPE. Prioritizing young people and offering support in a range of formats ensures that we are able to support for the most vulnerable clients at all levels.

Staff and young people are also individually risk assessed in relation to their own health and vulnerabilities as well as those with whom they live.

Each project has its own Covid-19 action plans, which includes project specific procedures and mitigations, which take into account, for example if the project operates under education or youth sector guidance. It also is nuanced in relation to the needs of the target cohort.

We work within the Government guidance and guidance outlined by National Youth Agency (in partnership with DCMS and Public Health England) and educational guidance for our OFSTED registered provision.

Therefore, we are providing Covid secure settings in line with nationally recognised guidance.

All Staff have signed the risk assessments and we give consistent messaging in relation to what level we are operating at.

We clearly communicate a change of level, in advance to all staff members.

MYA has a Covid 19 Immunisation and Testing policy and mandates testing on a regular basis for all staff, to prevent the spread of the virus, and therefore help to protect our vulnerable groups. We would actively encourage projects to test staff and young people regularly, as part of our Covid secure processes.

93% of our workforce have been vaccinated and we strongly encourage and recommend all staff to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

The Charity continues to implement its established Health and Safety policy as well as procedures to ensure that risks are minimised for both staff and young people in all other aspects of its work. These include Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, risk assessment of activities (on and off site), administration of medication policy and procedure and a separate residential policy.

Ellis Whittam provides external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

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**Risk management (continued)**

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team meetings. Health and safety is a standing agenda item on the Board meetings, Senior Management Team meetings as well as team meetings and within supervision sessions.

A rolling programme of health and safety training is delivered to staff members including risk assessment, first aid and fire marshal training as well as other modules of the e-Learning Health and Safety training.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2020 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserve policy, which is regularly reviewed by the trustees to ensure sustainability.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long term intention of the Trustees to build up our reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £2,414,391 and it is the directors' intention to seek to increase these levels as soon as possible. Restricted reserves at the year end date total £1,051,879.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are:

To provide and co-ordinate in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for young people in Merseyside who have need for such facilities because of their youthfulness, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances as to develop their physical, mental, spiritual capacities that may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the charity gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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**Mission**

Our mission is to create positive and lasting change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

**AIMS:**

- To inspire our young people to fulfil their full potential
- To increase our positive impact in the field of work with young people
- To build a strong and positive workforce, within MYA and across children and young people's services

**Objectives:**

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To present MYA as a key influencer for positive change and to support organisations who work with young people

**Vision:**

To become the provider of choice for children and young people's services, training and premises/facilities in Liverpool City Region.

**Fundamental Principles:**

We will do this by adhering to our values and key principles of being:

- Young people focused - keeping the young person at the centre
- Inclusive and accessible - to all our stakeholders
- Responsive and flexible - in relation to service provision and internal structures
- Effective and efficient - a can do, low risk organisation which offers value for money.

**Activities:**

**The charity has been implementing its Business Plan which is underpinned by the following objectives:**

- To deliver high quality support and services
- To deliver our targets and client outcomes
- To promote MYA's Social Impact
- To provide sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities
- To manage risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities
- To provide a healthy, safe and high-quality working environment
- To provide a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance
- To maintain a diverse range of income generation strands with a focus of earned and given income
- To deliver key outcomes within the marketing and communication strategies
- Grown and diversified sources of profitable income to invest in our future

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**Achievements and performance**

We have delivered **high quality support and services responding to children and young people's needs:**

Last year we commemorated our 130<sup>th</sup> year of existence. It was one of the most challenging years of our history. MYA's response to the Covid-19 Crisis has been exemplary, highlighting our ability to innovate and adapt to meet the changing needs of some of Merseyside's most vulnerable and complex young people.

Throughout the year, MYA's interventions have been delivered face to face, online or in a blended approach, as government guidance and our needs assessments have dictated. MYA has responded swiftly and effectively to the Covid-19 pandemic, and has worked with our staff and suppliers to create innovative solutions to provide 1 -1 mentoring, therapeutic support and Personal and Social development activity on a range of platforms (telephone, digital, social, media etc).

We have utilised Zoom, Discord, WhatsApp, Facetime, audio calls, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. The choice of platform is dictated by the needs of young people, the type of session, numbers in a group, whether it needs to be interactive or not and whether the session needs to be viewed at a time of the young person's choosing or live. We have done this with an emphasis on strong information management governance, supporting privacy shielding of sensitive data and information.

We have worked with some of the city's most vulnerable young people, ensuring they have telephone credit to access support, and we work closely with MYA's Food bank and community partners to ensure access to food and basic provisions. We have developed vulnerability assessments which have ensured that, within our risk management, even in lockdown, we have offered some Covid Secure face to face support for those at risk in relation to safeguarding.

MYA has not had any "in-house" transmission of Covid –19, throughout the year.

We are delivering a wide range of sessions from therapeutic groupwork, employability work, travel training, personal and social development, arts, crafts, sport, gaming, cooking, issue based, quizzes delivered by our own staff and commissioned by us from external providers.

We have done this following appropriate safeguarding, IMG and BACP guidance.

Therefore, MYA has continued to deliver a wide range of early intervention and prevention services across Merseyside, providing direct services to children, young people, and workforce development to professionals, albeit using a variety of delivery methods including:

- Employability programmes
- Mental Health and Emotional wellbeing programmes
- Youth Violence prevention programmes
- Workforce development programmes
- Disability and Inclusion Programmes
- Creative Programmes

We have been able to maintain our offer to young people across these areas through the support of our funders and via access to a number of new Covid emergency funds from Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, National Lotteries Community Fund, Youth Music and the Arts Council. We have also managed to expand the support and services we provide, by successful programme development and fundraising within the fields of Youth Violence prevention, youth employment and mental health.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

At MYA we ensure that young people are **Employable** for the future by offering:

- Intensive mentoring
- Therapeutic support
- Speech and Language support
- Child Care support
- Employability initiatives including work placements and volunteering
- Specific programme support for young people with disabilities
- Access to employment and training
- A young person's Food Bank
- Co-location of a Youth Employment Hub
- Development of outreach work

**MYA Talent Match**

The Programme has continued to deliver right throughout the last twelve months through a blended delivery model of one-to-one meetings either face to face or virtual, a highly packed calendar of Personal and Social Development activities that focussed on Mental Wellbeing and self-care, that were all led by Intensive Mentors.

For the most vulnerable young people we have continued with face-to-face delivery, and regular activities to alleviate social isolation. Welfare visits to young people with Food and Fuel Parcels have been a daily occurrence and we have supported Shelter through the supply of Emergency Food Parcels to young people who have found themselves homeless. Our Young Person's Foodbank reopened in July after the first lockdown, and we vowed to keep it open to meet the needs of the most vulnerable young people since.

Domestic Violence has seen a huge increase due to the lockdown restrictions and we have continued to maintain contact and safe meetings with these young people throughout. Our Counselling has seen over 90% attendance, with increased demand for Dialectical Behaviour Therapy through our bespoke Roadmaps Programme.

Getting back to a sense of norm for Talent Match has been a priority and all staff are back working in Community Hubs and JCP offices.

**Youth Hub**

MYA has supported the DWP Youth Hubs Initiative in response to the increased Unemployment Figures. Through the Flexible Support Fund, we will employ a Youth Hub Co-ordinator, a Neurodiverse Youth Hub Mentor and an Outreach Hub Mentor to engage with more marginalised communities with a focus on ethnic minorities.

We will have four DWP Youth Hub JCP Advisors based within the Hub, who are working with 18 - 24-year-olds. We will promote the Kickstart programme, and working with Partners such as National Careers Service, Liverpool in Work, SEETEC, and a range of Kickstart Gateways and Training Providers who will co-locate within the Hub to provide additional support for young people.

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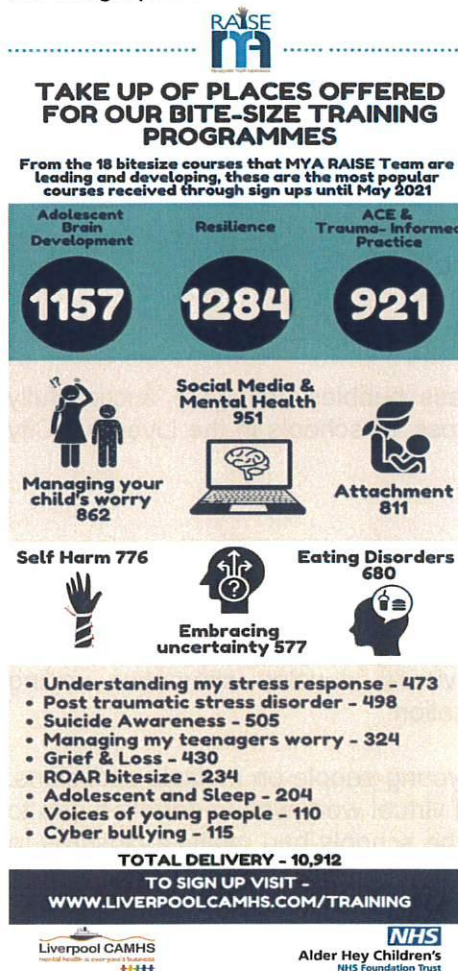
**Achievements and performance (continued)**

At MYA we ensure that young people are **healthy** by offering:

- Workforce development via our training offer, including “train the trainer” model
- Supporting and training parents to improve their children’s’ mental health
- Physical, mental and emotional wellbeing advice and support
- Access to participation (Voice, Platform, Action model) in mental health services
- Consultation and evaluation opportunities
- Support to enable services to become young person friendly
- Mental health promotion activities, events, conferences and festivals
- Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences using evidence-based approaches
- Tackling stigma and promoting trauma informed practice campaigns

**MYA Raise**

This year the Children’s Mental Health Promotion Team (Raise) have demonstrated resilience by delivering virtual training to the children and young people’s workforce on a range of mental health themes such as Resilience, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), Eating Disorders, Self-Harm, Suicide awareness and anxiety. Over 10,000 places have been booked and attended as shown in the infographic.



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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

The Roar Response to Children's Mental Health has also been further developed with courses being created for a ROAR Response to Early years, Roar response for SEND, and a ROAR response to Staff Wellbeing.

We have also delivered in primary schools our own program called ROCKET resilience champions which encourages primary school children to become more resilient and ensure this supports a Whole School Approach to Mental Health.

**MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention**

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a peer education programme that provides young people with the language and framework to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of abuse, while building resilience and promoting positive mental health.

By supporting schools to have a 'whole school' approach to early intervention and prevention of bullying, harassment and risky behaviours, the programme empowers pupils to identify and communicate concerns with peers and school staff alike.

The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme explores a series of 'scenarios' involving a range of behaviours, such as name-calling, sexting, controlling behaviour and harassment. Using a 'bystander' approach individuals are not considered potential victims or perpetrators; instead, they are empowered as active bystanders with the ability to support and challenge their peers in a safe way.

MVP is based on five core components:

- Exploring violence through a gendered lens;
- Developing leadership;
- Adopting a bystander approach;
- Recognising the scope of violent behaviour; and
- Challenge victim-blaming.

Despite school closures and periods of self-isolation for class bubbles, we have successfully implemented the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program across 10 schools in the Liverpool City Region and continue to develop this work.

**MYA Mentoring those at risk of Exclusion**

The project provided trauma informed mentoring to pupils aged 11-16 who were on the cusp of exclusion from school and vulnerable to criminality. We worked across 8 schools in the city region, with two mentors who were working with 40 young people developing bespoke pathways of support that develop young people's understanding of their behaviours, develop alternative coping strategies, and re-engage and motivate them to remain in education.

The Mentors engaged with all 8 Schools and met most of the young people on multiple occasions. A blended approach to delivery of one to one, group work and virtual work was undertaken due to the COVID restrictions imposed on Schools and a couple of the schools had multiple closures to deal with throughout the programme.

However, we persevered, and each young person were working through their own file and seeing their Intensive Mentor on a weekly basis.

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**MYA Mentoring those at risk of Exclusion (continued)**

Face to Face delivery occurred in 7 of the 8 Schools. One School due to Covid would not permit any external visitors and therefore, delivery took place via ZOOM for 4 of the 5 pupils. One young person received face to face work within their children's home.

Most of the work has been around building trust and setting boundaries. Group work and one to one sessions focussed on emotional regulation which was well received.

The main year group the Intensive Mentors are working with are Year 9 with 26 young people. Year 8 there are 13, Year 7, 5 and Year 10, 3.

36 of the 40 young people were retained in education. 4 received permanent exclusion.

Each pupil had varied support issues (ADHD, ADD, defiant, lack of empathy or fear of consequence, abandonment issues) but it was clear to us from the beginning that although working with the toolkit exercises would be great to engage the young people, the underlying mental health issues that was causing the behaviour that led to their exclusion would need to be supported in a different way. We felt a CBT/CAT approach could work well in the future as well as a public health approach with multi agency working practices.

At MYA, we aim to ensure the **Inclusion of disabled children and young people** by offering:

- Short breaks and friendship groups
- Holiday provision for disabled children and young people
- Access to inclusive youth work provision
- Consultation and participation (Youth Voice)

**MYA Choices Knowsley**

Despite the challenges faced this year as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, the MYA Choices project has been able to consistently adapt and respond, successfully supporting 133 children and families. The engagement with the project's virtual offer from existing service users has been outstanding, but even more impressive has been the response from a wider network of non-service users accessing our online content. Many of the posts to our MYA Choices Facebook page have been viewed hundreds of times, with one video of a staff member performing a British Sign Language interpretation of Bill Withers 'Lean on Me' reaching over 5000 people and being viewed 2992 times.

To summarise the 2020/21 period, it has been an extremely challenging time which has also led to some strong outcomes and project development. Despite the barriers and setbacks faced, the MYA Choices project achieved a number of outcomes which have really made a difference in the lives of children/ young people and their families, including:

- Increasing number of young people connected to the virtual social media platform to 319
- Awarded over £150 of Amazon vouchers to young people as prizes for interactive activities
- Posted 352 interactive activities on the MYA Choices Facebook page
- Made over 1000 phone calls to parents/ carers and families
- Worked with more than 133 young people and families through our Choices settings and online platform

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**MYA YOU**

The virtual offer which was developed in order to reduce negative outcomes during periods of restricted face-to-face delivery was a huge success for the MYA You project and SPLICE clubs. We regularly saw attendance figures in the 30's at our live virtual youth platforms and have maintained this offer after returning to face to face delivery. In addition to the fun and engaging activities provided as part of the virtual offer, the group have also been involved in a range of consultation and co-production exercises, with members of the group sitting on and feeding back into more strategic platforms such as 'Child Friendly City -Young Management Team'.

The popularity and success of the live sessions spread outside of our existing cohort, and the young people were even joined one evening by Steve Reddy- the LCC Director for Children and Young People's Services, who stayed for a chat and a game of bingo.

To summarise the 2020/21 period, while not being without its challenges, it has been a year full of growth, development, and success. The outcomes achieved have not only made an immediate difference to the lives of young people and their families but have also future proofed the project and primed it for any further periods of challenge or crisis. Some of the key achievements include:

- Increasing number of young people connected to the virtual platform to 89
- Delivered over 80 live virtual sessions to groups of between 10- 30 young people
- Awarded over £600 of Amazon vouchers to young people as prizes for interactive activities
- Posted 149 interactive activities on the MYA SPLICE Facebook page
- Worked with more than 180 young people through our SPLICE clubs and online platforms

At MYA we ensure young people are **creative** by offering:

- Access to performing arts facilities and activities including:
  - Music
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Digital and technical arts
- Youth Arts Outreach programme
- Theatre in Education pieces
- Performance opportunities
- Personal and transferable skills development using arts as a tool
- Mentoring and peer development

**MYA SPACE**

SPACE has had a very successful year through unprecedented times. With three successful Covid support grants concentrating on the wellbeing of young people, SPACE continued and developed our Youth Arts programme with youngsters in one of the most deprived areas of the Northwest. Working with around 150 young people each week in group work and, with a significant rise in demand, one to one work. Our whole programme went straight online delivering up to 20 sessions per week throughout each lockdown. We were also able to create an online panto and a SPACE FESTIVAL for our groups to perform to an online audience. We continued our unique Alternative Education programme with the support from our partners and funders. We secured funding to provide programmes for young people at risk of offending, County lines and Knife crime issues.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**MYA Noise** has achieved the following key priorities this year:

Noise worked with 62 young musicians aged 12-29 this year, delivering a range of online, hybrid and in-person mentoring activities.

In October, we launched our LIMF X Noise programme in partnership with Liverpool International Music Festival, postponed from April 2020 and reimagined as an online creative development platform for seven emerging artists. The same month, we presented young musician Danny Parker with an award from MYA's Step Up Fund to buy equipment for his band, Keyside Cassidy.

In December, we launched our Beneath the City video series, capturing live musical performances in a quality format for the project's singer songwriters to build their audience online.

As restrictions eased, we organised cabs to bring vulnerable young people to and from MYA. For one young guitarist, long term unemployed and experiencing acute social anxiety, his return to lessons was only the third time he had left the house since lockdown began.

With emergency grants from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, Arts Council England and Youth Music helping to stabilise project finances, we have begun to raise the core funds needed to ensure our sustainability over the next financial year and beyond.

We have made a short film about our work during lockdown, to celebrate our achievements in this period.

**We have delivered our targets and client outcomes** to make a positive and lasting change.

MYA works with Liverpool City Region's Local Authorities, health commissioners and the Combined Authority to ensure that the outcomes of our projects align and add value to strategic priorities. Our offer is aimed to deliver outcomes in the key priority areas of health (including mental and emotional health), educational and skills attainment and employability, personal and developmental outcomes for vulnerable and at-risk young people (including young disabled people, those at risk of being perpetrators of victims of violence, those with low educational attainment etc.).

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with 1,421 different young people, with 120,146 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. This represents a 60% reduction in the number of different young people accessing our services. This is primarily due to the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions on our opening and our outreach work. The young people we worked with have mainly been those already know to use and utilising services, rather than engaging new young people.

However our contacts have increased by 78%, which is an average of each young person accessing our services 86 times a year, which represents 1.6 visits per young person every week of the year. This means that the young people we have worked with have need more of our time as a result of Covid and we have worked more intensively, with fewer young people to meet their needs This shows continued alignment with our business plan objectives and our mission to create positive and lasting change in Merseyside's young people.

57% of our cohort this year identified as male and 43% identifying as female.

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**Outputs (continued)**

31% of our young people declared that they were disabled an increase of 11% from last year. This reflects the work we have done to actively engage and maintain services, including the continuation of our short breaks programme during parts of lockdown and our targeted but differentiated offer in Talent Match.

This year we have also increased the number young people from diverse and minorities communities from 5% to 7.5%, however the number of young people who identified as LGBTQ+ has reduced by 1% to 3%.

We have proactive plans to increase these numbers in the coming year.

This year has seen a significant shift toward more engagement with the over 17 year olds. 26% of our young people were aged 22-25, 18% were aged between 17-21 and 17% were aged 25-29.

23% are aged between 12-16 and 16% under 11 years old.

We have provided training to 10,529 different organisations/professionals, reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health. This is a huge increase from 1330 we trained last year and is testament to the success of Raise Team's online training offer and Bitesize programme.

We have worked with 150 partner and referral agencies This demonstrates our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes and Social Impact**

MYA creates positive change in the lives of young people. Our work delivers the following long term outcomes:

- Enhanced employability
- Improved health and emotional wellbeing
- Increased confidence and self esteem
- Enhanced personal and social skills
- Raised aspiration and achieving learning goals
- Created independence directly through transferrable skills.

However, we know if these long term outcomes are to be met, we must work on 5 key elements that are the building blocks to profession:

- Skills
- Aspiration
- Belonging
- Resilience
- Motivation

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**Outcomes (continued)**

MYA's outcome star is the measure of these outcomes across all of our projects. Results were as follows:

- 88% Increased their motivation up 1% from last year
- 88% increased their resilience up 8% from last year
- 86% increased their skills up 5% from last year
- 85% increased their sense of belonging up 7% from last year
- 85% increased their aspirations a reduction of 1% from last year

These figures are outstanding considering the Impact Covid has had on the lives of our young people and is testament to the intensive and targeted support offered by our staff team

A further 649 young people gained or remained in employment, education or training because of our projects. 186 achieved an accreditation or qualification as a result of our work.

We have **provided sustainable and profitable premises with quality resources and facilities**. We successfully delivered on the Combined Authority's Skills Capital Fund project to improve our energy efficiency, to reduce our carbon footprint and to provide enhanced learning spaces for vulnerable young people and those with neurodevelopmental and sensory processing needs.

This was delivered this year and we now have a new boiler and heating system, new double-glazed windows, LED lighting, an Induction loop, new reception and ASD friendly training space.

All MYA premises were supported to become Covid secure in relation to installing screens, social distancing marking, one-way systems, PPE and hand sanitizing stations.

We have **managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and growth**. We faced significant loss of Income due to Covid-19, as many funders suspended their current funding programmes, in order to address immediate Covid needs within communities, including provision of food etc.

It also impacted on our income generation through hire of facilities and tenancy rental. As our building had to close. This had the potential to have a severe impact on budgets this financial year and diminishing their ability to plan and sustain activities to the year-end including:

- Support Services - £57,000 lost in room bookings and tenancies
- Choices Knowsley – income lost from summer schemes and grants
- SPACE – access to grant funds and ticket income
- Noise – access to grants and studio hire

MYA's annual income has fallen by £388,547 in this financial year and reserves have increased by £352,918.

This has been a challenging year financially, as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, with reductions in income across many areas including hire of facilities, tenancy income and local authority funding.

Much welcome support has been received by way of Covid Emergency grants from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, the Arts Council, National Lottery Communities Fund and Youth Music. This has helped us ensure that losses have not impacted on programme delivery and staffing levels. It has also support us to seek additional funding via bids and tenders.

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**Outcomes (continued)**

The success of those applications for a number of Covid Emergency funds supported us to "bridge the gap" between our pre Covid-19 business plan and the post Covid-19 access to income generation strands and funders, to support business as usual and maintain vital services to vulnerable young people.

We have been able to do this by ensuring:

- o Efficient internal financial systems
- o Efficiency and best value review of all service contracts
- o Effective project budget monitoring and quarter review
- o Savings on utilities and resources during lockdown periods
- o Management of investment portfolio to maximise income
- o Paying off Loan within agreed payment schedule
- o Diversification of income streams including:
  - Securing investment from Covid-19 Emergency Funds (National Lotteries Communities Fund, Arts Council, Julla and Hans Rausing Trust and Youth Music)
  - DWP Flexible Support Fund investment for the Youth Hu
  - Successful application to Merseyside Violence Reduction partnership to provide peer education programmes, and mentoring to reduce youth violence

We have provided a **healthy, safe and high-quality working environment** by developing a proactive Covid Readiness Level system, with corresponding 5 stage risk assessments.

Individual risk assessments were also undertaken with vulnerable staff members and we continued to support access to external counselling for staff welfare purposes.

We have implemented a Covid-19 testing and vaccination policy and via our CCG funded work, accessed the Vaccination programme from January 21.

We work closely with the National Youth Agency and their Youth Sector guidance webinars and guidance documentation.

To maximize staff and service user satisfaction and to minimize other risk, we continue to work closely with health and safety consultant, Ellis Whittam with regular premises audits and action planning. This has included additional processes and procedures to enable safe home working and virtual youth work delivery, during lockdown periods.

Despite being in lockdown our ISO9001:2015 recertification took place virtually in May 2020. MYA maintained its Certification of ISO9001(2015) award for a further three years.

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**Outcomes (continued)**

MYA has also maintained Gold Standard in the Investors in People Award and are working through our action plan to move us towards Platinum.

We have invested in staff welfare by providing increased staff meetings, virtual social events, such as a quiz night and Christmas party. All staff have received a personalised welfare pack during the second Lockdown.

SMT has also met on an increased timetable to support managers in their roles to keep staff well informed and motivated.

**We have provided a flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change.**

The appraisal and supervision processes continued throughout lockdown utilising Zoom, when staff did not have access to their office base. We identified key workforce development areas and have put a training calendar in place to upskill the workforce in these areas. This primarily focused on ELearning, and we prioritised these areas, and put in a revised schedule for completion, with a small number of modules to be completed on a monthly basis.

We have delivered the final module of our bespoke management training for our Senior Management Team.

We also delivered one full staff team conference during lockdown, facilitated via Zoom.

We have **maintained our marketing and communication strategy** via development and use of social media which has enabled MYA to utilise virtual platforms and marketing our virtual offer during lockdown.

Our Cloud based server when necessitated has enabled MYA to work remotely including home working.

We have put on hold our 130<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, events and aligned communications action plan. This will be delivered in 2021-22.

**Plans for future periods**

**Strategy**

Merseyside Youth Association has reviewed its Business Plan in light of Covid-19 and its impact.

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**Strategy (continued)**

**Impact of Covid pandemic on young people:**

**Youth Labour Market**

Research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies shows that younger workers are nearly two and a half times more likely to work in a sector that is shut down as a result of the pandemic. This is reinforced by the Resolution Foundation findings that youth unemployment is likely to rise by 600,000 to over a million which will have a long-lasting impact on young people's wages and job prospects.

The economic pain inflicted by Coronavirus will be felt unequally across the UK. Compared to the UK as a whole, the North East and North West of England both have a higher proportion of employment in shutdown sectors, such as retail and manufacturing.

Research by the Institute for Student Employers suggested that all types of entry level roles have been reduced by 23% this year, with the volatile jobs market forecast to shrink further as 15% of employers expect to scale back recruitment further in 2021. Employers are seeking 32% fewer entrants on apprentice or school leaver programmes than originally planned for, whilst graduate jobs have been cut by 12%, internships and placements will also slump by 40%.

In January 2021, 726,000 fewer people were in payroll-ed employment when compared with February 2020; (425,000(58.5%)) were aged under 25.

NEET Figures report more young people became NEET In Oct-Dec 2020 than any other period since 2011.

**Unemployment**

The number of unemployed young people in Liverpool has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic. Statistics released by the Centre for Cities showed that 7440 young people in Liverpool (8%) claimed benefits in August more than double the number in the month prior to the pandemic.

Young people in Liverpool are 2.5 times more likely to work in the shutdown sectors which are being further disrupted by local lockdowns and more stringent social distancing measures. This will undoubtedly result in an increase of NEET young people within the City Region.

**Mental Health**

Research by Young Minds, a charity providing mental health support, has shown the impact the crisis is continuing to have on young people with a history of mental health problems. Their research surveyed 2,111 young people with mental health needs, to understand the impact of the school closures and tightening restrictions.

The results revealed that 32% agreed that their mental health was much worse, with 51% saying it was a bit worse. The impact in more deprived areas with higher levels of vulnerability such as Liverpool is anticipated to be higher.

The Health Foundation in their "Emerging evidence on health inequalities and COVID-19: March 2021" paper state that:

Certain groups have experienced disproportionate effects on their mental health as a result of the pandemic. The mental health charity Rethink found that over three-quarters of people with pre-existing mental illnesses reported their mental health had got worse. People with an eating disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder or a personality disorder were among those most likely to be affected.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Young people have been unequally impacted with higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and sleep loss. And those living alone have also been adversely affected across different outcomes.

In addition to experiencing one of the greatest increases in loneliness and higher levels of anxiety and depression symptoms, individuals from ethnic minority communities have also reported more thoughts of death or self-harm. The levels are the highest since the start of the first lockdown and were still rising by the end of January 2021.

**Social Isolation**

Research by the University of Liverpool reported that a main driver for worsening mental health was social isolation, with those who feel more connected to their community having better wellbeing and quality of life. The UCL study also found that loneliness levels are at their highest since the first lockdown and have been increasing since the start of the January lockdown.

**Inequalities**

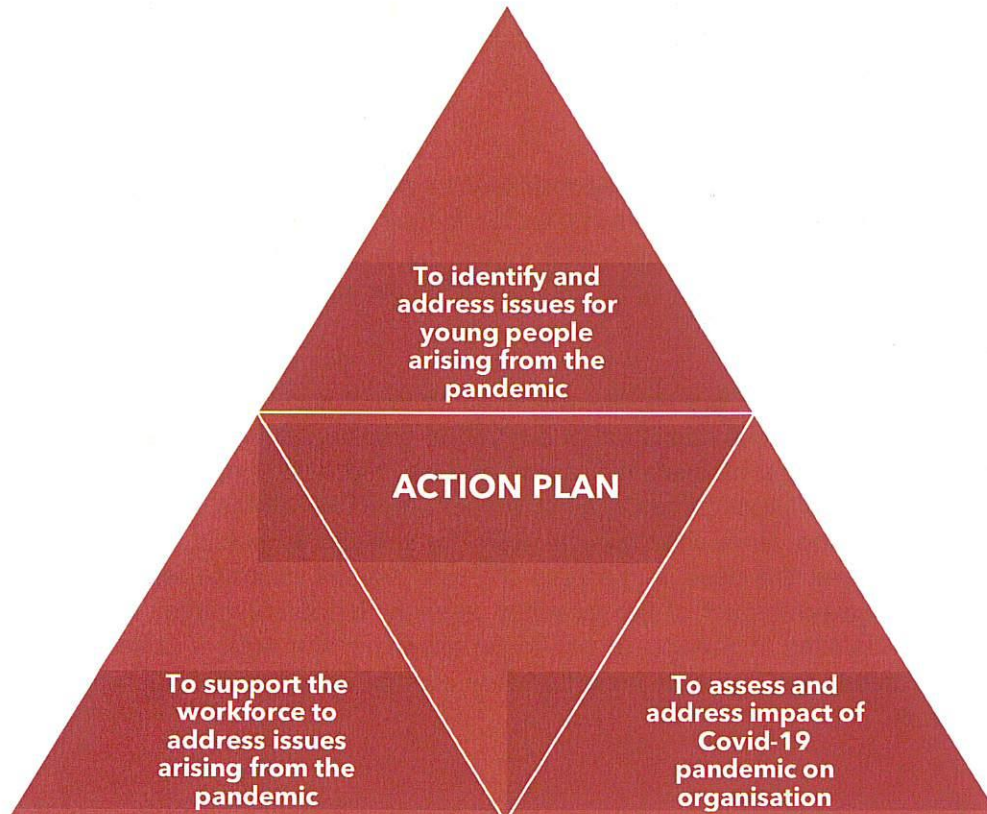
The increasing divisions within our society, amplified by Brexit and stoked by extremism has made the informal political and social education of our young people a priority. The Black Lives Matters movement has shone a light on systemic racism and has mobilised young people to fight against injustice and prejudice. Violent crimes against woman, members of the LGBT&Q community and disabled people and the perceived "cultural wars" in relation to public statues, language and behaviour has amplified the need to address the root causes of these issues. This, against a backdrop of the ongoing impact of the austerity agenda, further resources in Local Authorities budgets and uncertainties in relation to economic growth in the region, linked to exit from the European Union means that it is more important than ever for us to invest in young people and high-quality youth work.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

With this in mind, MYA is developing a Covid-19 Recovery plan, which has been included in its refreshed Business Plan. This organisational plan, will impact on action planning within each project to ensure we meet the following priorities:



Each Project will develop an action plan containing how it will address the following:

Identify and address issues for young people arising out of the pandemic:

- Co-produce responsive curriculum with young people
- Focus on wellbeing and resilience, through a trauma informed lens
- Maintain clear communication in relation to our offer in line with Covid-19 readiness levels

To support the workforce to address issues arising from the pandemic

- Ensure policy is co-produced and evidence based
- Maintain clear communication with workforce in relation to Covid readiness level
- Utilise quality processes (including supervision and appraisal) to support staff responses

To assess and address impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the organisation

- Review strategic enablers considering Covid Recovery
- Continue to be proactive and responsive to risk
- Plan income generation in light of government roadmap

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Regional devolution and the concept of the Northern Powerhouse could provide opportunities, as the Mayoral Manifesto calls for Inclusive Economic growth, which recognises people and place, will be on this agenda. This, alongside the LCR's Build Back Better recovery planning will need to be harnessed and we must ensure that young people's needs are put front and centre of this planning.

Many social economy organisations have shrunk, and some have closed down. There has been a growth of commercial sector providers bidding for public sector contracts. The European Structural Investment Fund has provided MYA with opportunities for development and partnerships. The European Structural Fund's Youth Employment Initiative has been extended until 2023, which provide MYA with an opportunity to continue delivering the Talent Match Programme until then. We are seeking funding to continue this vital work, including the Shared Prosperity Fund to replace ESF funding although much of the detail in relation to this is still in flux. Thus, the importance of evidencing successes and influencing future youth skills and employment strategies and funding streams locally and nationally is essential.

MYA is taking a lead in partnership and joint working to deliver services to support other social economy organisations and to maintain the culture of support focussed on need rather than profit. MYA is also building relations to create delivery partnerships with commercial sector and social enterprise organisations across the North West.

MYA will also share its learning with the VCS Youth Sector and work with VS6 and infrastructure organisations to help identify new and emerging needs of youth people and young people's organisations.

We will review our project work in terms of these needs and we believe that our focus on young people's mental health, ACE work, equalities and employability will be front and centre of support to young people in a post Covid-19 world.

We also seek to develop our strategic influence nationally, in relation to youth strategy, youth crime and violence, youth unemployment and mental health.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

Our work will be built on our robust internal processes, supporting a strong staff team to deliver effective and inspiring outcomes for young people:



Our direct delivery will continue to be:

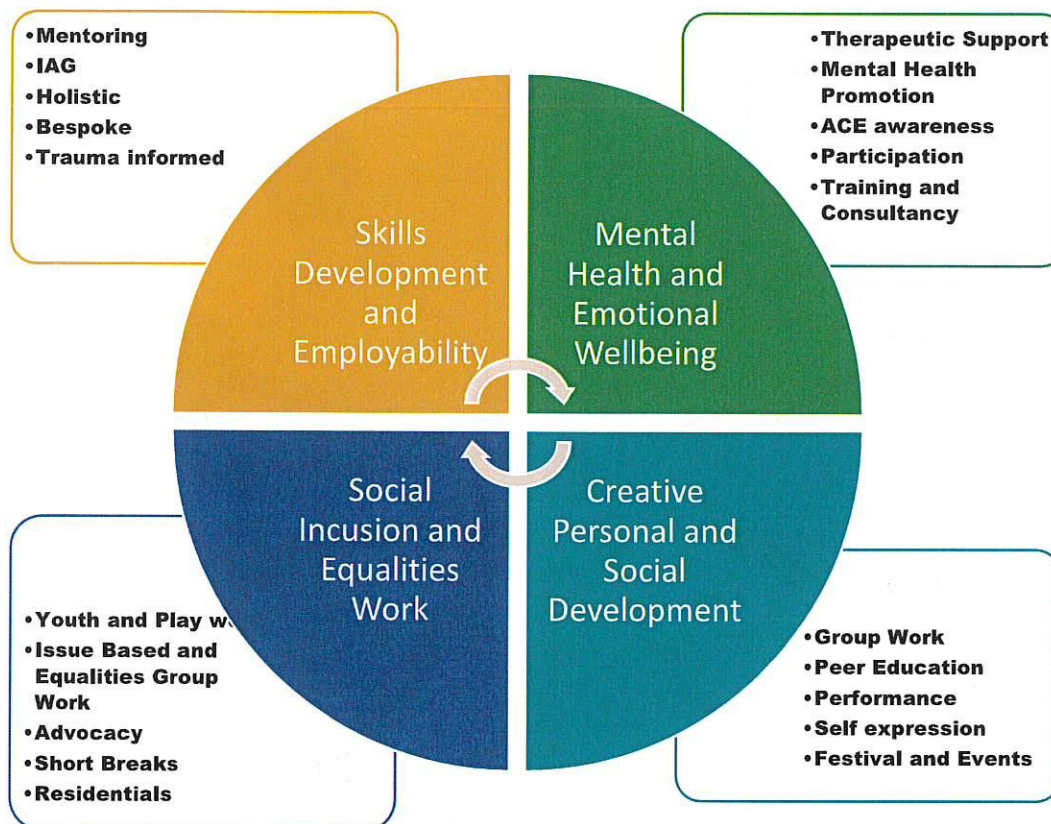
- Driven by young people for young people
- Demand led - real skills for real futures
- Motivational and inspiring
- Holistic and multi-disciplinary
- Asset led - built on young people's skills, knowledge and interest

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

We will focus our delivery in the following areas:



We shape our curriculum to address young people's mental health and wellbeing, social isolation and engagement in education, training or work. This will include:

- Projects which connect young people to each other, reduce social isolation and create positive peer networks
- Projects which focus on wellbeing, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
- Projects that promote pro- social behaviours, anti – discriminatory practice and diversity
- Projects that support gaining, maintaining and sustaining positive progressions in education, training or employment

MYA will continue to demonstrate its impact in the following areas:

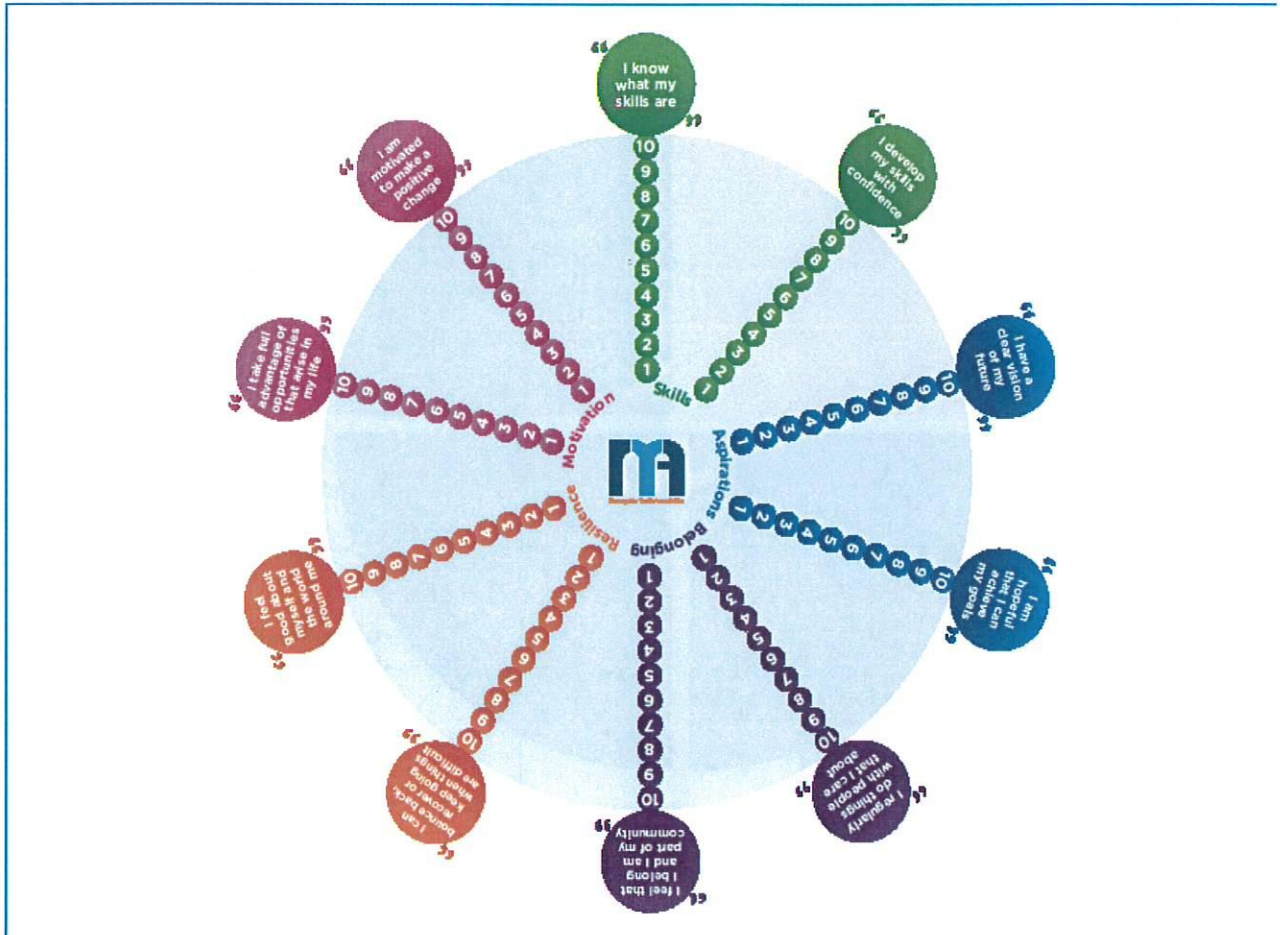
- Skills
- Aspiration
- Resilience
- Motivation
- Belonging

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We will do this by using the following Outcome Star:



We will work in partnership with ARK Consultants to develop our Social Return on Investment and smarter reporting of outcomes.

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

**Training**

**We will expand our market for training by:**

- Offering a blended approach to training including online and bitesize courses
- Expanding and diversifying our offer including violence reduction, peer mentoring,
- Increasing our resources including SEN ROAR,
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive mentoring qualification

**Seeking new markets including:**

- Public bodies- schools, Merseyside Police, local authorities (including Public Health), adult services
- Integrated Care Systems
- Voluntary sector- play and youth organisations, family projects, community organisations
- Private sector – independent schools, afterschool and holiday club providers, children's homes
- Markets outside Liverpool City Region, with a focus on the North West

**Premises**

**We monitor the impact of capital work on our premises in the following areas:**

- Energy efficiency and reduced utilities cost in Hanover Street
- Access of our learning spaces by learners impacted by ASD and hearing impairment

**We will also:**

- Improve access to our buildings
- Maintain OFSTED registration for key venues
- Invest in improvement in health and safety in line with our action plans
  - Fireproofing of basement area following reconfiguration of boiler room
  - Installation of CCTV at Gordon Youth Centre
- Maximise tenancy rentals and hire of facilities via marketing, promotion and discounts – focusing on our accessibility and new learning space
- Operate as a Youth Employment Hub, co-locating DWP staff
- Continue to enhance facilities for hire via investment in new technologies
- Continue to invest in refurbishment of building and contents

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

**We aim to fund our future plans by:**

- Continuing to deliver innovative support to young people which meets their needs via our Covid Recovery Plans
- Working with our partners to both strategically and operationally deliver a children and young people recovery plan which includes:
  - Identifying and addressing the impact of the Covid crisis on children and young people
  - Co-designing, planning, and delivering direct work to address their needs
  - Supporting MYA staff and the children and young people's workforce to safely return to direct work post lockdown
  - Review what has worked and what didn't in the first phase of crisis support and what we can learn from it
  - Build organisational resilience and flexibility to deal with future waves
  - Work with decision makers to support the Covid Recovery campaign and lobby for investment on children and young people's services
- Developing business plans and fundraising strategies for projects without secure funding post Dec 2022
- Using our reputation to secure other funding for our MYA SPACE Performing Arts Centre, Noise Music Project and Choices Knowsley Project in 2021- 2022
- Utilising MYA's holistic mentoring model in other areas such as youth crime and violence and school exclusion
- Working with partners in the Health Sector and VCS sector to influence the delivery of the Integrated Care System and Place based approach,
- Selling our Mental Health resources and training in other geographical locations and to other professions within the City Region
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive Mentoring qualification to sell to other geographical locations
- Undertaking Youth Futures Fund assessment process, following on from our application to help secure our innovative delivery of holistic mentoring support for young people who are unemployed
- Working with VS6 and the Combined Authority on the skills agenda—becoming integral to local offer working with the hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Developing links with the elected Metro Mayor – building on existing positive relationships with local politicians
- Lobbying nationally and locally for replacement funds for ESIF through the Shared Prosperity Fund- either directly via government ministers, the DWP and LCR

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

- Working with National Lottery Community Fund on learning from their strategic programmes to influence future policy and programmes
- Co-hosting a national conference showcasing the Talent Match approach across the sustainability funded projects, to influence government and funders, in lessons learned
- Responding to new funding initiatives specifically to develop of work within LCR
- Increasing income via hire of facilities and tenancy rental

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to the departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

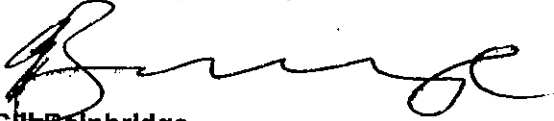
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**Auditor**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Collins & Co. are deemed to be reappointed as auditor to the company for the ensuing year. This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Bainbridge  
Secretary**

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of  
Merseyside Youth Association Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Youth Association Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and of the group's Incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISA's (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information which comprises the Trustees' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 30), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to wind up the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually, or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

**The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the Senior Statutory Auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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Merseyside Youth Association Limited (cont.)**

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed those laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations; to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of the Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members and trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members and trustees, those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members and trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
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*Paul Collins FCA.*

Date: 15/12/2021

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	1,600	10,727	12,327	25,849
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3	84,267	4,000	88,267	148,685
<i>Investments</i>	4	6,404	-	6,404	5,737
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5	393,154	3,322,102	3,715,256	4,028,515
<i>Other Income</i>		-	-	-	2,015
<b>Total</b>		<u>485,425</u>	<u>3,336,829</u>	<u>3,822,254</u>	<u>4,210,801</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	6	6,144	-	6,144	7,843
<i>Charitable activities</i>	7	145,565	3,384,177	3,529,742	3,896,737
<i>Other expenditure</i>	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>151,709</u>	<u>3,384,177</u>	<u>3,535,886</u>	<u>3,904,580</u>
<b>Net Income before Gains/(losses) on Investments</b>		333,716	(47,348)	286,368	306,221
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	56,541	-	56,541	(27,820)
Net gains on investment property		10,009	-	10,009	73,806
<b>Net Income before transfers</b>		<u>400,266</u>	<u>(47,348)</u>	<u>352,918</u>	<u>352,207</u>
Transfers between funds	17	226,335	(226,335)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>626,601</u>	<u>(273,683)</u>	<u>352,918</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,325,562</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,414,391</u>	<u>1,051,879</u>	<u>3,466,270</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 26 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,960,906	1,347,088
Investment assets: Investments	12	275,917	267,020
Investment assets: Investment property	12	762,436	752,427
		<u>2,999,259</u>	<u>2,366,535</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	679,147	1,058,046
Cash at bank and in hand		389,463	414,937
		<u>1,068,610</u>	<u>1,472,983</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	(462,170)	(548,552)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>606,440</u>	<u>924,431</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,605,699</b>	3,290,966
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	(138,640)	(178,705)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,467,059</u>	<u>3,112,261</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	17		
Unrestricted		2,415,180	1,786,699
Restricted		1,051,879	1,325,562
		<u>3,467,059</u>	<u>3,112,261</u>

The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these financial statements.


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**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**


	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,960,906	1,347,088
Investment assets: Investments	12	275,912	267,015
Investment assets: Investment property	12	762,436	752,427
		<b>2,999,254</b>	2,366,530
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	676,872	1,055,597
Cash at bank and in hand		393,180	419,495
		<b>1,070,052</b>	1,475,092
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	<b>(464,396)</b>	(549,565)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>605,656</b>	925,527
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,604,910</b>	3,292,057
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	<b>(138,640)</b>	(178,705)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,466,270</b>	3,113,352
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>			
Unrestricted -	17		
Retained within the company		2,415,180	1,786,699
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		(789)	1,091
		<b>2,414,391</b>	1,787,790
Restricted		<b>1,051,879</b>	1,325,562
		<b>3,466,270</b>	3,113,352

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
A. Gibbons



.....  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 39 to 54 form part of these accounts.

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	22	637,884	310,495
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		6,404	5,737
Proceeds from sale of investments		63,395	62,454
Purchase of investments		(9,802)	(71,686)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(676,704)	(67,402)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(616,707)</u>	<u>(70,897)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(36,843)	(33,668)
Repayments of finance lease		-	-
Interest paid		(4,700)	(7,053)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(41,543)</u>	<u>(40,721)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(20,366)</b>	<b>198,877</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		426,682	227,805
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u><b>406,316</b></u>	<u><b>426,682</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		393,180	419,495
Cash equivalents		13,136	7,187
		<u><b>406,316</b></u>	<u><b>426,682</b></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The results for the subsidiary company have been consolidated with the parent charity and shown separately in the notes to the accounts. The balance sheet is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

**Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are also subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal.

Transfers of income are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of groups that owe their main affiliation to another body.

The financial statements include internal recharges of costs to projects, which are accounted for on a "line by line basis" in order to show the actual "true costs" of running the projects.

**Turnover**

Turnover comprises the amounts receivable in respect of grants, donations, subscriptions and the sale of services.

**Income**

*Donations and legacies*

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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*Investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Expenditure**

*Grants and donations*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation to the charity.

*Raising funds*

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

*Charitable activities*

Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

*Irrecoverable VAT*

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

*Leasing*

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the income and expenditure account so as to produce constant period rates of change on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rental payments under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost, except where the cost figure is not available. In such instances, valuations have been used.

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

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Long leasehold land and buildings	-	Amortised over a maximum of 50 years
Short leasehold and buildings	-	Amortised over the period of the lease
Fixtures & fittings	-	10% on cost
ICT equipment, including computers	-	33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

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All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £5,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager. The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the charity at 31<sup>st</sup> March in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities in the period during which services are rendered by employees.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Contingent Liabilities and Provisions**

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

**Charitable status and taxation**

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated accounts have been prepared to include the results of the subsidiary on a line by line basis except that the incoming resources and resources expended have been consolidated as a single line entry, as the results of the subsidiary are not material to the group as a whole.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	1,600	10,727	12,327	4,929
Legacies	-	-	-	20,920
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>10,727</u>	<u>12,327</u>	<u>25,849</u>
<b>3 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	69,639	4,000	73,639	128,072
Insurance recharges	14,628	-	14,628	15,461
Trading subsidiary income	-	-	-	5,152
	<u>84,267</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>88,267</u>	<u>148,685</u>
<b>4 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	1	-	1	19
Dividend income	6,403	-	6,403	5,718
	<u>6,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,404</u>	<u>5,737</u>
<b>5 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Arts Council England	-	87,772	87,772	14,050
Big Lottery Fund – Talent Match	-	1,009,157	1,009,157	981,192
Big Lottery Fund – SPACE Project	-	50,922	50,922	275,633
Big Lottery Fund - SPACE (capital)	-	-	-	38,153
Brighter Sounds	-	1,375	1,375	9,500
Community Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
Department for Work and Pensions	-	10,650	10,650	-
European Social Fund	-	1,265,272	1,265,272	1,312,883
Groundwork UK – Tesco Bags	-	-	-	4,000
Knowsley MBC	-	262,130	262,130	336,590
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	54,500	54,500	67,018
Liverpool CCG	-	213,612	213,612	213,449
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	1,500	1,500	-
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	76,770	76,770	49,955
Mersey Care NHS	-	-	-	26,667
NHS Trust	-	-	-	28,000
Merseyside Police	-	130,340	130,340	209,580
Sefton CVS	-	10,925	10,925	12,420
Sefton MBC	-	40,252	40,252	25,000
Skills Capital funding	392,414	-	392,414	230,242
Sports England	-	4,840	4,840	-
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	41,922	41,922	-
Youth Music	-	25,482	25,482	39,930
Programme income	-	21,175	21,175	76,170
Project sales income	-	9,506	9,506	44,232
Other income	740	-	740	33,851
	<u>393,154</u>	<u>3,322,102</u>	<u>3,715,256</u>	<u>4,028,515</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
<b>6 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,048	-	4,048	4,566
Trading subsidiary expenditure	1,880	-	1,880	3,061
	<u>6,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,144</u>	<u>7,843</u>
<b>7 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	165,472	1,637,747	1,803,219	1,730,655
Staff pension costs	7,267	33,357	40,624	35,974
Staff training/health & safety	(5,521)	22,662	17,141	10,708
Staff fitness/wellbeing	770	(770)	-	700
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(32,427)	44,535	12,108	15,370
Insurance	22,534	40,959	63,493	67,164
Light and heat	11,352	21,462	32,814	49,654
Cleaning and laundry	12,325	15,726	28,051	43,063
Repairs and maintenance	73,138	8,940	82,078	81,747
Accountancy	36,284	23,770	60,054	43,521
Advertising	(900)	900	-	2,394
Auditors' remuneration	16,200	-	16,200	16,500
Bad debts	750	182	932	4,573
Bank charges	2,236	-	2,236	2,705
Childcare costs	-	-	-	-
Computer costs	27,430	16,032	43,462	34,838
Consultancy fees	-	6,795	6,795	18,465
EMDR training costs	-	180	180	-
ESF indirect overhead	(149,990)	149,990	-	-
ESF procured services	-	436,225	436,225	463,648
Equipment and resources	11,871	15,526	27,397	25,606
External supervision/support	720	1,965	2,685	4,320
Fees and subscriptions	2,014	235	2,249	2,751
Foodbank costs	-	4,767	4,767	2,212
Hire of equipment	6,735	1,624	8,359	9,816
Interest paid	4,700	-	4,700	7,053
IT support charges	(23,265)	23,265	-	-
Legal and professional costs	20,636	1,232	21,868	26,576
Management support fee	(1,722)	1,722	-	-
NOW Festival	-	2,310	2,310	12,840
Printing, postage & stationery	4,786	3,168	7,954	20,214
Programme expenses	(16,491)	124,862	108,371	244,191
Project start up costs	(316)	316	-	-
Support services/other charges	(131,376)	131,376	-	-
	<u>65,212</u>	<u>2,771,060</u>	<u>2,836,272</u>	<u>2,977,258</u>
c/fwd				

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>7 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	65,212	2,771,060	2,836,272	2,977,258
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	567,586	567,586	793,132
Telephone	8,505	39,244	47,749	49,545
Travel and motor expenses	1,869	4,322	6,191	16,111
Depreciation	62,886	-	62,886	47,207
Sundries	7,093	1,965	9,058	13,484
	<u>145,565</u>	<u>3,384,177</u>	<u>3,529,742</u>	<u>3,896,737</u>

<b>8 Net Income/(expenditure)</b>	2021 £	2020 £
Net Income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	62,886	47,207
Staff costs (see note 9)	1,843,843	1,766,628
Accountancy	60,054	43,521
Auditors' Remuneration	16,200	16,500

The auditor's remuneration of £16,200 (2020: £16,500) relates solely to the audit.

<b>9 Staff Costs</b>	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and Salaries	1,659,176	1,589,491
Social Security Costs	144,043	141,164
Pension Costs	40,624	35,973
	<u>1,843,843</u>	<u>1,766,628</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Administration	10	7
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	47	47
	<u>59</u>	<u>56</u>

Remuneration exceeding £60,000, including pension contributions, was paid to staff as below:

	Number	Number
From £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2020: £Nil) during the year. A total of £448 (2020: £448) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**10 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £40,624 (2020: £35,973).

**11 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Works In progress £	Total £
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>					
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1st April 2020	12,000	2,182,832	54,102	10,520	2,259,454
Additions	-	652,522	24,182	-	676,704
Transferred	-	10,520	-	(10,520)	-
At 31st March, 2021	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,845,874</u>	<u>78,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,936,158</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st April 2020	7,920	875,109	29,337	-	912,366
Charge for the year	240	56,918	5,728	-	62,886
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March, 2021	<u>8,160</u>	<u>932,027</u>	<u>35,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>975,252</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31st March, 2021	<u>3,840</u>	<u>1,913,847</u>	<u>43,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,960,906</u>
At 31st March, 2020	<u>4,080</u>	<u>1,307,723</u>	<u>24,765</u>	<u>10,520</u>	<u>1,347,088</u>

The freehold and leasehold buildings consist of various youth club premises throughout Merseyside (which are held on behalf of those clubs) and the company's head office building in Liverpool. The fixtures and fittings consist of the telephone system, various chairs/tables and computer equipment.

Certain of the buildings are bound by restrictive covenants which provide that they may only be used as youth clubs.

The company's freehold land and buildings were revalued on an open market basis in 1987 by Messrs Edmund Kirby (Chartered Surveyors). The company's long term leasehold land and buildings were similarly revalued by the directors in 1987. A long term leasehold property which was purchased in 1987 via a 100% grant, was revalued in 1997 by the directors.

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<b>12 Investment assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	262,776	259,828
Cash held by investment managers	13,136	7,187
	<u>275,917</u>	<u>267,020</u>
Investment property	762,436	752,427
	<u>1,038,353</u>	<u>1,019,447</u>

The investment property has been valued based on discounted cashflows from rental income over the duration of the current lease. The discount factor used is CPIH at the year end date.

**Investment in subsidiary undertakings:**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The investments held at the year end, and the percentage shareholding, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company No.</u>	<u>Incorporated in</u>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
MYA Youth Limited	4745797	England & Wales	100%	100%

It is the intention that the trading company donates its profits to the charity on a regular basis

The profit and loss account of the trading company for the year ended 31st March, 2021 was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Turnover	(355)	5,152
Cost of sales	(190)	(1,587)
Gross profit	(545)	3,565
Administrative expenses	(1,335)	(1,474)
Donation to parent company	-	(2,091)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	(1,880)	-
Retained profit brought forward	1,091	1,091
Retained profit carried forward	<u>(789)</u>	<u>1,091</u>

**Listed Investments and cash:**

	<b>Opening value</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Change in market value</b>	<b>Closing value</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	259,828	9,802	(63,395)	56,541	262,776
Cash	7,187				13,136
	<u>267,015</u>				<u>275,912</u>

**13 Debtors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade Debtors	133,964	92,621
Prepayments and accrued income	540,682	955,662
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	2,275	2,620
Other debtors	2,226	7,143
	<u>679,147</u>	<u>1,058,046</u>

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<b>13 Debtors (continued)</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
<u>Group</u>		
Trade debtors	133,964	92,792
Prepayments and accrued income	540,682	955,662
Other debtors	2,226	7,143
	<b>676,872</b>	<b>1,055,597</b>
<b>14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade creditors	198,743	237,552
Bank loan	37,592	34,370
Accruals and deferred income	171,699	228,179
Taxation and social security	39,360	37,475
Other creditors	14,776	10,976
	<b>462,170</b>	<b>548,552</b>
<u>Group</u>		
Trade creditors	198,743	237,552
Bank loan	37,592	34,370
Accruals and deferred income	173,925	229,192
Taxation and social security	39,360	37,475
Other creditors	14,776	10,976
	<b>464,396</b>	<b>549,565</b>

The bank borrowings from HSBC plc are secured by a first legal charge dated 7th January 2002, over the company's long leasehold property (Abney Building), and a debenture dated 29th September 2000 over the company's present freehold and leasehold properties, a first legal charge over the book and other debtors, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital both present & future, and a first floating charge over all the assets of the undertaking both present and future.

The bank loan is payable over 10 years at an interest rate of 2.29% over the Bank of England Base Rate.

Deferred income represents monies received on restricted funds, for which the appropriate expenditure will be incurred at a date after the year end.

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**15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>138,640</u>	<u>178,705</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2020: £23,659) is due after more than 5 years.

**16 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	2,237,929	761,325	2,999,254
Current Assets	710,886	359,166	1,070,052
Current Liabilities	(395,784)	(68,612)	(464,396)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(138,640)	-	(138,640)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u><b>2,414,391</b></u>	<u><b>1,051,879</b></u>	<u><b>3,466,270</b></u>

**17 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2020 £	Income (Inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2021 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	940,957	992,173	(526,746)	(500,822)	905,562
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	49,301	-	(19,228)	687,224	717,297
SPACE Project	42,120	-	(1,289)	-	40,831
Gordon Youth Centre	5,517	-	(117)	-	5,400
Starting Point	478,303	-	(42,252)	-	436,051
	<u>575,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(62,886)</u>	<u>687,224</u>	<u>1,199,579</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	-	-	13,678	13,678
MYA MVP	-	-	-	12,728	12,728
MYA Noise	-	-	-	1,204	1,204
Raise	199,613	-	-	(3,503)	196,110
SPACE Project	70,836	-	-	15,483	86,319
Staff Fitness project	52	-	-	(52)	-
Gordon Youth Centre	-	31,333	(31,728)	395	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	1,091	-	(1,880)	-	(789)
	<u>271,592</u>	<u>31,333</u>	<u>(33,608)</u>	<u>39,933</u>	<u>309,250</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>1,787,790</b></u>	<u><b>1,023,506</b></u>	<u><b>(623,240)</b></u>	<u><b>226,335</b></u>	<u><b>2,414,391</b></u>

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**17 Movement on funds  
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	At 1st April, 2020 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	270,448	(256,770)	(13,678)	-
MYA MVP	-	71,000	(58,272)	(12,728)	-
MYA Birthday Celebration	-	-	(503)	503	-
MYA Noise	-	85,060	(83,856)	(1,204)	-
MYA YOU	-	63,500	(80,031)	16,531	-
MYA Youth Hub	-	10,650	(956)	-	9,694
Navigators	-	-	(195)	195	-
Raise	18,450	296,168	(318,121)	3,503	-
Skills Capital Fund	230,242	-	(2,928)	(227,314)	-
SPACE Project	-	218,136	(202,653)	(15,483)	-
Staff Fitness project	-	812	(160)	(652)	-
Starting Point - Capital reserve	761,325	-	-	-	761,325
Step Up Fund	957	-	(799)	-	158
Talent Match	129,045	-	(75,424)	-	53,621
Talent Match 2019	153,231	1,024,884	(951,034)	-	227,081
Talent Match Plus	-	1,265,272	(1,328,055)	62,783	-
VRP Mental Health	32,312	45,000	(38,521)	(38,791)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b><u>1,325,562</u></b>	<b><u>3,350,930</u></b>	<b><u>(3,398,278)</u></b>	<b><u>(226,335)</u></b>	<b><u>1,051,879</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>3,113,352</u></b>	<b><u>4,374,436</u></b>	<b><u>(4,021,518)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>3,466,270</u></b>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
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**Unrestricted funds**

General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
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**Designated unrestricted capital reserves**

The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:

Headquarters

Gordon Youth Centre

SPACE Project

Starting Point

This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.

**Designated unrestricted funds**

The following funds were designated by the trustees following the success of the projects to allocate additional resources to enable further related work to be performed in future periods:

Choices Knowsley

MYA MVP

MYA Noise

Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project)

SPACE Project

Trading subsidiary –

MYA Youth Limited

This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

**Restricted funds**

Choices Knowsley

This project aims to provide outreach youth work in the Penny Lane area of Liverpool.

MYA Birthday

Celebration

Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Mason Owen Financial Services, this project has been set up to support the 130th birthday celebrations for the charity. This will include a number of events across the year including a book and a short film on our history showcasing young people's lives that have been changed by the charity, a musical, a tapestry and a new archive drop for further historical documents into Liverpool Records office.

MYA MVP

The Mentors in Violence Prevention Project (MVP) is a mentoring project for secondary schools across Merseyside. The Mental Health Youth workers will deliver training to school based staff and young people to be mentors in the program which delivers a range of 22 youth based issues underpinned by mental health and resilience. The youth themes they will cover are in the range of substance use, coercive control, homophobia and racism and the mentors will deliver to mentees who are younger students. This supports youth leadership and has got some great outcomes as it personally develops all concerned.

MYA Noise

The project aims to aid the personal and social development of young people through music, to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to explore their musical talents and to build musical, personal and transferrable work-based skills.

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MYA Youth Hub	Funded through the DWP this service offers a wide range of in-person support to help young people into education, training, and employment across the Liverpool City Region. As well as a comprehensive on-line service offering events, careers information, advice and guidance, young people can access the Youth Hub which is located within our Hanover Street premises.
Navigators	The Navigators project is youth workers within a hospital setting working alongside young people who are involved in violent activity as either victim / survivor or perpetrator which in the main means hospital treatment. The staff will work alongside the young person to support them at this time and help them consider the outcomes they want out of life and help them navigate their way to finding those outcomes.
Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project) Skills Capital Fund	<p>This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.</p> <p>Funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, this project will support capital improvements which enhance our learners' environment, improve our energy efficiency and carbon footprint and enhance the accessibility of our Hanover street facilities.</p>
SPACE Project	Youth Arts venue, with 200 seater theatre space, rehearsal space, recording studio and editing equipment. Art-based workshops are on offer and facilities are available for hire.
Starting Point – Capital Reserve	This fund was set up to be equal to the amount of the contingent liabilities remaining in place in connection with the Starting Point Building Project.
Step Up Fund	The Step Up Fund is a small fund established through a legacy from Mrs Stella Warren. The fund is designed to help unemployed young people within MYA projects to access training or education by helping with course fees, travel costs, childcare etc. Awards of up to £350 are available (in exceptional circumstances awards of £500 may be made).
Big Lottery Fund: Talent Match	Intensive Mentoring Programme for young people aged 18-24 who have been out of the labour market for over 12 months.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.

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**18 Transfers between funds**

Certain transfers between different funds relate to adjustments necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £80,012 (2020: £156,139) has been transferred from unrestricted funds to cover this shortfall), including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. In addition, £227,314 has been transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted in respect of Skills Capital Fund; all funding has now been received and assets capitalised.

Twelve (2020: ten) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves – the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts. Following the success of such projects, the directors have made transfers to designated (unrestricted) funds to enable further related work to be performed in future periods. During the current year, the directors have made a transfer to designated funds totalling £43,093 (2020: £239,015) to enable further related work on these projects to be performed. In addition, the directors have made further transfers to unrestricted funds in respect of projects that have incurred surpluses totalling £39,443 (2020: £37,990) and a transfer of £3,503 (2020: £Nil) from designated funds to support an in-year loss on one project.

**19 Taxation**

As a charity, Merseyside Youth Association Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**20 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021:

- As part of the fundraising process for the Starting Point Building Project, a grant of £311,325 was received from Rope Walks Partnership. One of the conditions of this grant is that if the building is used for purposes other than those specified in the application, or is sold, then some or all of the grant may be repayable at the donor's discretion. This condition applies until 2021.
- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during the current and previous financial years. It is a condition of that funding that the charity shall not dispose of or change the use of any such capital assets thus funded. This condition relates to £622,656 of funds received and remains in place for 5 years from the Agreed Project Financial Completion Date, which was 31 March 2021.

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**21 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	15,930	15,930
Between one and five years	-	-	9,687	25,617
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,617</u>	<u>41,547</u>

**22 Cash generated by operating activities**

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year	352,918	352,207
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(6,404)	(5,737)
Depreciation	62,886	47,207
Net gains on investments	(66,550)	(45,986)
Interest payable	4,700	7,053
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<u>347,550</u>	<u>354,744</u>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	378,725	(129,177)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(88,391)	84,928
	<u>637,884</u>	<u>310,495</u>

**23 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2020: £661,453) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £Nil (2020: £19,664).

**24 Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, and, in the event of the winding up of the company, the liability of each member (including those members who have served within the previous twelve months) is limited to a contribution of £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor was a member.

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity was charged £Nil (2020: £6,158) by R & R Joinery Limited, a company in respect of which R. T. Dears is a director and shareholder. £Nil (2020: £Nil) was owed to the company at the balance sheet date.

During the year, the Charity received a donation of £Nil (2020: £2,091), and purchased services costing £Nil (2020: £3,189), from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited. Balances due from group companies are shown in Notes 13 and 14 of the financial statements.

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**26 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	23,791	2,058	25,849
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3	143,400	5,285	148,685
<i>Investments</i>	4	5,737	-	5,737
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5	32,476	3,996,039	4,028,515
<i>Other income</i>		-	2,015	2,015
<b>Total</b>		<u>205,404</u>	<u>4,005,397</u>	<u>4,210,801</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	6	7,843	-	7,843
<i>Charitable activities</i>	7	157,187	3,739,550	3,896,737
<i>Other expenditure</i>	8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>165,030</u>	<u>3,739,550</u>	<u>3,904,580</u>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before losses on Investments</b>		40,374	265,847	306,221
Net losses on Investments		(27,820)	-	(27,820)
Net gains on Investment property		73,806	-	73,806
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<u>86,360</u>	<u>265,847</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		68,637	(68,637)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>154,997</u>	<u>197,210</u>	<u>352,207</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,632,793</u>	<u>1,128,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,325,562</u>	<u>3,113,352</u>

