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Merseyside Youth Association Limited
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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2024

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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 (continued)

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The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the parent charity and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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 who acted during the year are as stated below:

P. Boyce
D. Cooke
R. T. Dears
A. Gibbons
J. R. Gosney (resigned 26 October 2023)
I. Khan (resigned 7 September 2023)
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd
P. Moonan (appointed 18 May 2023)
D. R. Swaffield
M. W. Wynn (resigned 19 December 2023)

D. Swaffield and R. 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 23rd 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.

VS6 has an agreed manifesto and action plan which outlines a vision for the sector including the role of the VCFSE sector in the City Region focused on three key themes: A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem, An Economy That Works for All and Championing Our Communities.

The CEO is a trustee of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. VSNW ensures that the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, in all its diversity, takes its full part in shaping the future of the North West. VSNW's activity to support the sector in the North West is currently focused on five areas: Devolution, System Change, Health and Social Care, Supporting Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

We continue our partnership with LCVS, Sefton CVS, St Helens and Halton CVA, One Knowsley and Community Action Wirral to coordinate the infrastructure offer across the city region.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group) and is a member of Youth Focus North West and is part of their Strategic Leads group.

The Charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and UKSPF Provers group.

We have also maintained our close strategic links with the Department of Work and Pensions including delivering a Youth Employment Hub at MYA's city centre headquarters, with co-located DWP work coaches. This includes membership of the LCR Youth Hub Network.

The Charity has strategic links with 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.

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Partner organisations (continued)

The Charity has continued its work with Liverpool City Council in membership of the Fairer, Healthier Liverpool Group, addressing the social determinates of health. We have also been proactive in the Liverpool City Council Youth Service Review, attending the steering group.

MYA has embedded strong and effective strategic and operational partnerships linked to the delivery of Knowsley's Targeted Youth Offer. This includes membership of the Knowsley Children and Families Board, and participation in network meetings in relation to several strategies including Stronger Communities, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Children, Health and Wellbeing, ASB, Care Leavers and Crime and Communities team meetings.

We remain members of the Heath 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.

The CEO is also a VCFS representative on Cheshire and Merseyside NHS Children and Young people's Committee taking a systemic, multi-disciplinary approach to meeting the health needs of children and young people. She is also a member of the Cheshire and Merseyside VCSE CYP Network group which seeks to connect the wider sector with the ICB and to identify and address priority issues across the ICB footprint.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service and Sports and Recreation Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, The Youth Futures Foundation, the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESF/YEI) (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), UK Shared Prosperity Fund (managed through the Combine Authority), UK Youth, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council England, Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, Youth Music, Community Foundation Lancashire and Merseyside, Sefton CVS, Liverpool CVS, National Citizens Service (Open via Youth Fed and targeted) Department of Work and Pensions (Flexible Support Fund), PRS Foundation, VOLA and YPAS.

Malmo Café rebranded to become Yonder. They remain a tenant of the building, running a café from the ground floor in our city centre base. This arrangement will come to a close following their relocation to the Baltic Quarter, and we will be seeking a new café provider in the next financial year. Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble Playing Fields.

Each project will have operational links and partnerships with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies within their communities (including communities of identity) to enable a more effective and co-ordinated service for young people.

Talent Match has a number of delivery partners, including Youth Federation, Listening Ear and The Brain Charity, procured to deliver targeted services, via an SLA. They also micro commission a wide range of organisations who provide personal and social development opportunities for young people.

The Charity wholly owns a trading company MYA Youth Limited, and following a review has suspended use of the company.

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Risk management

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.

WorkNest provide external Health and Safety advice and undertake annual premises audits and monitor progress against action plans.

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 2023 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

The Charity has a reserves 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 unrestricted 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. These objectives have been met. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £3,200,407 and restricted reserves at the year end date total £46,613.

Objectives

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 considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Mission

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

Vision:

Liverpool City Region has young people able to learn, adapt and thrive in their communities with pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience.

Aims:

- To give every child and young person the best start in life
- To enable a sense of belonging in our young people
- To inspire our young people to achieve their full potential
- To enable all children and young people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- To contribute to the development of healthy and sustainable places and communities
- To build a strong, positive and dynamic workforce, creating fair employment within MYA and across children's and young people's services

Objectives:

- To deliver a high-quality experience for all young people
- To co-design a responsive curriculum that predicts and responds to needs
- To embed the IDEA framework in all our planning
- To provide a stimulating and inspirational environment that supports personal development
- To influence for positive systemic change with and for young people and their organisations and services with which they engage
- To utilise reflective practice as an employer as well as a provider
- To maintain our external quality assurance framework

Values:

- Young Person Centred
- Inclusive, adaptable and Accessible
- Responsive and Flexible
- Friendly and Non-judgemental
- Challenging and Rewarding
- Supportive and Developmental
- Effective and Efficient

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Key Enablers



TO BE PEOPLE
FOCUSED



TO NURTURE
BELONGING
AND DEVELOP
A SENSE OF
IDENTITY



TO BUILD AND
SUSTAIN
INTERVENTIO
NS THAT
RESPOND TO
NEED



TO BE
COMMUNITY
BUILDERS



TO BE
CHANGE
MAKERS



TO FOCUS ON
WELLBEING
AND
RESILIENCE
THROUGH A
TRAUMA-
INFORMED
LENS

Needs analysis

Our Youthwork offer starts with an analysis on what young people's needs are, and our offer and curriculum are developed to address them.

Our young people's needs include:

Feelings:

- Social Isolation
- Identity
- Feelings of belonging
- Feelings of safety
- Peer relationship difficulties
- Anxiety and depression
- Health anxiety
- Body image
- Hopelessness
- Apathy
- Fear of the future

Behaviours:

- Unhealthy relationships
- Risk taking
- Vaping
- Smoking
- Eating difficulties
- Poor sleeping patterns
- Violent behaviour
- Criminal behaviour
- On-line harm
- Gambling
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Self-Diagnosis of disability or health issues
- Conflict escalation
- Lack of structure or purpose

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Needs analysis (continued)

External issues:

- Costs of living crisis
- Poverty
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Family issues
- Social pressure including social media
- Lack of support networks
- Racism
- Exploitation
- School difficulties
- Difficulties accessing SEND diagnosis

Responsive Curriculum Offer:

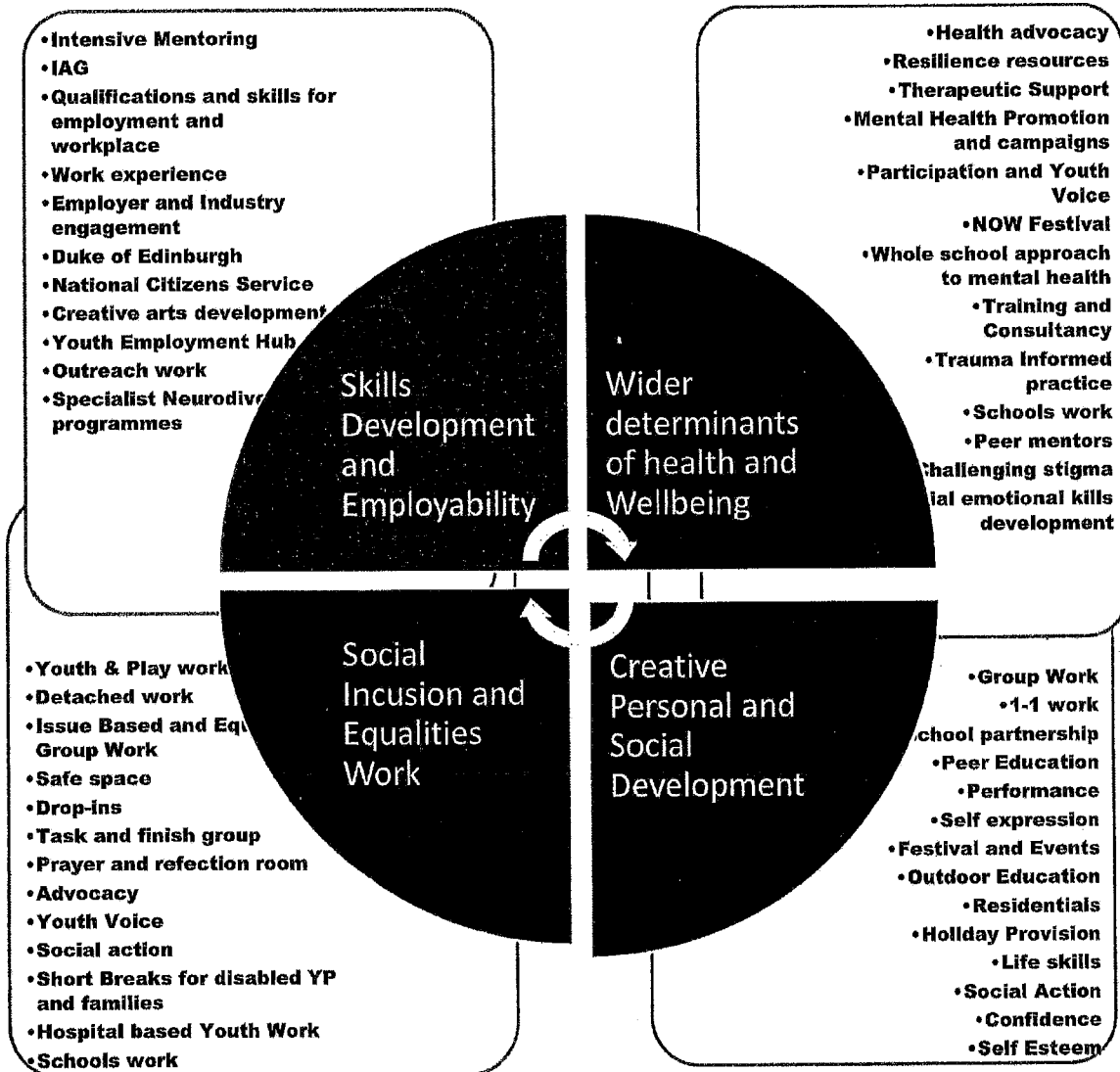
We have undertaken a needs and gaps analysis and have agreed the following priorities in the coming year:

- Provide Safe spaces for young people where their basic needs can be met.
- Provide projects which:
 - Connect young people to each other
 - Reduce social isolation
 - Create healthy and positive peer relationships and learning
 - Focus on wellbeing, health, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
 - Enable young people to explore their identity
 - Engender a sense of belonging
 - Promote pro-social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
 - Enhance young people's aspirations and progressions
 - Develop Life skills
 - Enhance social and emotional development

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MYA Offer



Resilience framework, Safe spaces, Progressive pathways,
Professional workforce

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MYA Offer (continued)

MYA's staff are often the trusted adult in young people's lives, providing place based, community facing projects that provide:

Life-changing opportunities

From creative workshops to interventions, we create life-changing opportunities and transitions, celebrating and recognising the small outcomes as well as the big ones.

Whole person approach

We keep young people at the centre of everything we do, with a responsive whole person approach that allows individuals to reach their potential.

Skills that equip them for life

We want to give young people the skills they need throughout their lives. All our projects are intended to instil pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience so young people can learn, adapt and thrive.

Achievements and performance

We're committed to our vision for Liverpool City Region, to be a place where young people are able to learn, adapt and thrive in their communities with pride, belief, hope, independence and resilience.

We want to open doors to an inclusive, flexible, respectful experience where we can create positive cascading impact that opens eyes, minds and possibilities far and wide.

The foundation to this is building a sense of belonging that can and will last a lifetime, empowering children and young people to find their place in the world.

We know from experience how important strong communities are, and that positive change is infectious. By championing children and young people at a personal and societal level, our efforts ripple out, doing good we may never see.

So, every interaction – big or small – is another step forward, a chance to influence the system and sector as they evolve, a way of growing our wider community, and of inspiring and empowering children and young people to take ownership over their lives.

Skills Development and Employability

MYA Talent Match celebrated 10 years of delivery, with a conference at St George's Hall. This gave us a chance to showcase some amazing case studies proving quite clearly "what works". We looked back on young people, whose Talent Match journeys started some time ago, and asked Where are you now? Each one attributed their journey and their destination to Talent Match and their Intensive Mentor. Films showcased their achievements and mapped how far they had come, demonstrating powerfully the impact that Talent Match can have on young peoples' lives.

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Skills Development and Employability (continued)

Our ESF/YEI programme was completed in December, with the following whole programme results:

Results	Target	Achieved	% Achieved
Inactive participants engaged in job-search	376	342	91%
In training / education upon leaving	898	938	104%
Participants gaining a qualification upon leaving	1,539	1,513	98%
In employment (incl. self-employment) upon leaving	1,055	1,006	95%
Unemployed participants who complete the YEI supported intervention	2,403	2,368	99%
Unemployed who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	1,479	1,460	99%
Unemployed participants who are in education, training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	1,960	2,016	103%
Long term unemployed who complete the YEI supported intervention	1,979	1,959	99%
Long term unemployed who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	1,139	1,188	104%
Long term unemployed participants who are in education training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	1,620	1,657	102%
Inactive participants who complete the YEI supported intervention	801	807	101%
Inactive participants who receive an offer of employment, education, apprenticeship or traineeship	458	470	103%
Inactive participants who are in education training, gain a qualification or are in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving	622	663	107%

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Skills Development and Employability (continued)

We were successful in securing UK SPF funding from the LCR Combined Authority to continue our work.

MYA Youth Hub

Over the last year The Youth Hub has evolved into a hub of action for 18 to 24-year-olds, referred by Job Centre Plus as an alternative offer with specialist support. The Hub is intended to be a welcoming, trusted, and safe space, and that's exactly what it has become. We know this from the number of young people who pop in even when they don't have an appointment. Drop-in sessions encourage social interaction and group activities that explore transferable skills are always welcomed.

Our person-centred, individualised support puts young people in the lead and helps us see life through their lens. Everyone referred to the Youth Hub also gets access to Neurodiverse Mentor, Marginalised Communities Mentor, DWP Coaches, and partnership work with Talent Match.

Taking a partnership approach to our work with DWP has been essential to our growing success. Marketplace events are facilitated jointly and held at MYA, giving young people open access to opportunities with employers from right across the region.

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

MYA Raise Team worked with over 2,300 young people this year, delivering mental health and emotional wellbeing support to children, young people, their families and those who support them.

We've developed and delivered various projects, including the impactful ROCKET Resilience Champion programme. This one-day resilience-building initiative, delivered in Key Stage 2, has yielded significant results. Over 87% of the children who took part not only gained a deep understanding of resilience but also the necessary tools to foster it, showcasing the effectiveness of our approach.

The 2024 NOW Festival – centred around the theme of ACEs – was a powerful platform that brought together 19 schools and community groups from across Merseyside.

Other areas of work have included a project working with young asylum seekers, insight work on the 16-25 service and the promotion of safety planning for young people with suicidal ideation.

Our Bitesize training has been delivered to over 3,000 delegates (parents, carers and members of the children and young people's workforce) covering a range of mental health themes, from eating disorders and self-harm to suicide awareness, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and managing anxiety and low mood.

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Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing (continued)

MYA Mentors in Violence Prevention

The RAISE team have successfully delivered the Mentors in Violence Prevention Project across 30 Secondary schools throughout the Liverpool City Region, working with 492 Mentors and 4,054 mentees. This is based on the five core components: Adopting an Active Bystander Approach, Developing Leadership, Challenging Victim Blaming, Exploring Violence through a gender lens and understanding violence. This enables both mentors and mentees to explore a range of scenarios which will support their personal and social skills development.

Social Inclusion and Equalities work

MYA Know

Another standout in 2023-24 has been our second full year of delivery since the launch of MYA's Integrated Youth Service, funded by Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The project has become established and then embedded locally within the existing structures and mechanisms which are in place. In total we have supported 1,687 young people in Knowsley with over 18,000 contacts.

MYA's Integrated Youth Service is a comprehensive service comprising of:

- One-to-one intensive mentoring
- Health
- Detached Youth Work
- Participation and Youth Voice

Each department and area of work is integrated both internally – to maximise opportunities for young people – and externally within the wider sector, to ensure value and quality of intervention experience. Highlights include delivering intensive mentoring support to 133 young people, delivering 1,743 hours of detached youth work, with 7,147 contacts and 370 young people undertaking planned sessions.

Think Health have delivered 12 health campaigns, delivered school assemblies and drop ins to 2,698 pupils and trained 131 professionals in health related topics.

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Social Inclusion and Equalities work (continued)

The Dam

MYA's Outdoor Education Centre, has completed its the first full year of independent delivery using our own team of instructors and trainers. Set lakeside in breath-taking surroundings within The Lord Derby's Estate in Prescot, Knowsley, 'The Dam' is an exclusive access centre which makes for a remote and magical experience for participants. 1,951 young people have participated in a range of exciting and engaging activities including:

- Canoeing
- Paddle Boarding
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Bushcraft
- Archery

Our highly experienced and qualified instructors also provide a number of professional sector qualifications and accreditations. Over the last year we have trained 50 professionals, strengthening the local sector and adding further value.

MYA Navigators

In September 2023, two additional Navigators were recruited. a full staff team of four means that we now have a higher presence across the hospital sites, increasing staff awareness and knowledge of the project.

Promotional drives, along with having a full staff team for half of the year, has helped us increase referrals. Navigators successfully worked with these young people, referring and signposting them onto services such as YPAS, Victim Care Merseyside, Merseyside Domestic Violence Service, and MYA projects including SPACE, Noise and Talent Match.

MYA Choices Knowsley

This is a Short Break service for young people with complex needs and disabilities. We are funded by Knowsley Council (KMBC) and work closely with them to provide the best service for our young people that is safe and enjoyable, whilst also providing respite for parents and carers.

A variety of activities are offered across our sessions. We plan each programme in relation to different sensory stimulation and educational tools, so young people can develop new skills and have opportunities for learning that promote independence and inclusivity. Holiday sessions include swimming, bigger venues with trampolines, sports rooms, outdoor play areas, and lots of space for the young people to enjoy free play, choosing the activity they want to do.

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MYA Choices Knowsley (continued)

This year, we have successfully delivered to 74 young people with 1,619 contacts (an average of 21 sessions per young person). This included 10 weeks of holiday provision and around 40 weekend sessions. One clear achievement is the consistency of our young people, who attend provision each week and/or holiday and always come in excited to attend. Even with the new referrals, they have built a strong foundation that incorporates their needs – particularly sensory needs – into the programme and allows them to express themselves freely.

As our young people have individual complex needs, we need to continue working to a professional standard, providing new opportunities in a safe and secure environment. Looking into the new year, we plan to keep increasing referrals whilst making sure safety remains paramount. We also hope to plan more trips and continue creating session plans to incorporate the young peoples' wants and needs, with adaptability and inclusivity.

MYA You

The MYA You Splice project has had some big changes this year, including leaving our long-term venue in Everton and moving to Speke Adventure Playground (The Venny) in May 2023. Our cohort has grown, with many young people moving with us and new referrals settling in and building relationships well. Now we're established, we continue to grow and develop as part of the local community.

A new youth-led programme has allowed us to ask the young people more about what they want. We have trips planned to Hollywood Bowl, McDonalds, and Pizza Hut, which have all helped aid their ability to budget and understand money. New skills have been developed in the form of bowling and socialising in the local community. Socialising can be daunting for some, but with the support of staff and friends everyone has enjoyed their time.

Childwall Splice is still running smoothly, and we benefit from ongoing visits from a cricket coach who attends most weeks. This has brought new young people to the group who stay and socialise after the sport session ends. We are really proud of how many young people attend each week, some of whom have been part of Splice for many years.

Overall we proved 51 young people with over 9,000 contacts (an average of 17 sessions per young person). Our aim is for the young people to feel safe and happy in a positive environment that celebrates their differences, building trusting relationships and supporting them if they need advice or help. There are so many barriers for young people with SEND to access mainstream services. We want them to feel empowered to develop new skills and promote inclusivity through our services, adapting our sessions to meet their needs.

Creative Personal and Social Development

MYA SPACE

SPACE is based in the Linacre ward of Bootle where it offers performing and creative arts and wellbeing as a tool for youth work and informal education. A varied program of youth work is delivered, giving over 600 young people opportunities to learn new skills in everything from dance and drama, to music, singing, musical theatre, script writing, set building, costume making, media and film, music production, and band development.

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Creative Personal and Social Development (continued)

MYA SPACE (continued)

We also provide a strong mental health and emotional wellbeing offer in schools, offering listening ear and programmes to support young people who are struggling to return or remain in school.

Outcomes for these sessions include creating theatre for other young people and the community – like our fun pantos – band performances and dance shows, and other more educational pieces. 'BULLY' was a theatre in education project that young people wrote and performed. 'Behaviour Yourself' were short films used for an antisocial behaviour project, and 'A Lad in Bootle' was our panto with a twist.

SPACE have also facilitated mental health and wellbeing projects working in both schools and our centre. These include one-to-one space to talk, projects around stress and exams, advice on relationships, sexual health, money matters, drugs and substance misuse, and health and nutrition – all of them helping young people to gain knowledge and skills, and build their resilience.

Highlights include gaining YIF funding to refurbish our building and funding from The National Lottery for our MIND, BODY & SPACE project, facilitating a wellbeing food offer for young people. We look forward to facilitating all our projects with young people into 2024 – so watch this SPACE!

MYA Noise

Partnership working has been key for Noise this year. Linking in with LCR Music Board SIF and Talent Match has enabled Noise to deliver another successful music focused programme whilst exploring new directions.

Through collaborative working, Noise piloted a Music Wellbeing Group – a four-week programme with two Noise staff members and two trained councillors. Young Artists were invited to attend two-hour group counselling sessions to discuss the anxieties and stresses that come with a life in music, whilst receiving professional therapeutic and pragmatic guidance and advice. For most in the group this was their first experience with any kind of counselling.

A new Talent Development activity – Next Gen – was funded by Talent Match and delivered in-house by Noise. The aim was to help young people with an interest in music in exploring the industry as an employment or enterprise route for them, providing innovative ways to up-skill young people and cultivate transferable skills.

Record Club is a monthly opportunity for some of our young Artists to meet in the studio and play new music for each other, before gaining essential constructive feedback. We are up to our 12th Record Club and have a dedicated cohort who gain a great deal from these monthly sessions.

MYA NCS

We successfully delivered our first two NCS Targeted programmes running from January - March 2024 for 14 SEND young people, and April - June for 34 young people from the Knowsley and Liverpool boroughs.

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MYA NCS (continued)

The young people engaged in the 12-week development course, completing sessions around Life Skills, including a day at MYA's The Dam, Employability Skills, and delivering a social action project for their local community. A key success was the retention of the young people, with all 48 young people completing the full 12 sessions on NCS, highlighting how they enjoyed their NCS experience. We have now successfully recruited the full staff team and are set for a strong Year 2 programme delivery.

Outputs

The charity has worked with 5,277 different young people, with 120,041 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. We worked with 481 more young people this year than last year. Most of our projects work with young people regularly throughout the year, to build relationships and feelings of belonging. On average, each young person attends 22 times per year.

Equality data:

- 47% of the cohort identify as male
- 51% identify as female
- 2 % identify as non-binary.
- 9 % of our cohort were from Black, Asian and Minoritized Ethnic Communities.
- 6% of our cohort identified as LGBTQ.
- 15% of our young people identified as disabled.

Age:

- 39% of our young people were aged between 0-11
- 46% were aged between 12-16
- 9% were aged 17-21.
- 6% were over 21 years.

This shows a shift to working with a younger cohort, which reflects our work in Knowsley and our Holidays and Food programmes in Sefton and Knowsley.

We have provided training to 3,391 different organisations/professionals reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health.

We have worked with 479 partner and referral agencies, demonstrating our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

Outcomes

This year we have enabled 291 young people to enter training, education or work and a further 510 have gained a qualification as a direct result of our work.

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

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Outcomes (continued)

In relation to the results from MYA's Outcomes star, these percentages show the number of young people who have demonstrated increases in the following outcomes for 2023-24:

- Motivation – 94%
- Skills – 94%
- Resilience – 93%
- Aspiration – 93%
- Belonging – 93%

SROI

For the last 5 years, Ark Consultancy have been undertaking their Social Return on Investment evaluation of the Talent Match Programme. This year's social value on outcomes was £26,018,684, an average of £36,086 per participant.

The 5-year cumulative values of Talent Match is £94,224,501, an average value of £27,141 per programme participant.

Further analysis of the data highlighted that:

- 515 participants stated they were suffering from anxiety or depression. With 36% reporting a reduction during their journey.
- 252 of the participants stated they felt they had lacked family support on joining the programme, 45% of participants improved their family relations during the programme.
- 70 of the participants had caring or parental responsibility.
- 77 stated they had problems with drugs or alcohol, 51% of those participants left the programme stating they no longer had dependency issues.
- 259 of the participants stated they had a disability.
- 370 participants stated on joining the programme they felt a lack of control of their life, around 72% of participants left the programme feeling more in control of their life.

The health and wellbeing social value interventions and activities achieved £53m (56%) of the total £94,224,501 social value, a significantly higher value than the other 3 themes. The top 3 categories represent:

- Those young people whose confidence had increased during the programme with a value of £21.2m (40%)
- Young people who experienced a reduction in anxiety or depression with a value of £15.8m (29.8%)
- Young people whose overall health had improved with a value of £10.4m (19.7%)

Facilities

MYA premises in Hanover Street have been used by over 15 different groups in this 12-month period, raising income of £51,933.

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Facilities (continued)

MYA SPACE, our Youth Arts Centre has begun its refurbishment, funded via the YIF Programme. Work has begun on the new windows, lighting, cladding and ventilation. The programme is due to be completed in July 24, when the new kitchen and dining area and solar panels will be installed.

Our Place in Knowsley has increased their usage and income generation by working in partnership with community organisations, Local Authority departments and public sector partners. Their income from facilities was £43,032, an increase of £2,767 from last year.

The Dam has made £4,400 in hire of facilities and has income from sales and programme of £40,970.

Finance

MYA's annual income has increased by £619,906 in this financial year and reserves have increased by £210,548. Projects have been investing in direct work with young people, that increased income being met with an increase in expenditure of £734,174. The charity's investment in that direct work has gone beyond that, as projects have spent their reserves brought forward to increase their reach with support to young people. The rise in investments, totalling £286,484, has positively contributed to that increase in reserves.

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 68% has come from grants including European funding, Charitable Trusts, Foundations and public sector grants.

Our income from Local Authorities has decreased in percentage terms by 4% and now represents 23% of our total income.

Our income from sales (training, project and programme income) and hire of facilities has remained consistent at from 8% of overall income. Hire of facilities alone and tenancy rentals has increased by £12,992 reflecting the increased use of our Hanover Street HQ and Our Place facility in Knowsley.

Income from donations and legacies and from investments (together) has increased by £2,179, as both categories of income have increased.

Quality Assurance

MYA successfully achieved its re-certification of **ISO9001(2015)** award in May 23.

We have also maintained our IAG Matrix Standard and NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit.

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Quality Assurance (continued)

We have undertaken Data Impact Assessments on all areas of work, and we continue to review our cloud security to ensure we are as compliant and secure as possible. We have re-tendered our external IT support and are working with MRD, which supports our cloud-based systems.

We have begun the implementation of HR software (YouManage) that will enable MYA to improve the quality and effectiveness of the HR management processes.

Marketing

We have launched the new website and have seen a significant increase in traffic through the site, which has positively impacted our hire of facilities.

We have rebranded all our external comms and are rolling out the rebranding of our buildings.

Plans for the Future

We have embedded the IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality and Accessibility) framework into our planning at Business and Project level.

We have identified 10 key areas for development and have set out SMART targets for the coming year. They are as follows:

1. Vision, Values and Strategy

- Promote updated mission and vision internally and externally
 - ✓ Impact Report
 - ✓ Website
 - ✓ Promote Fair Employment Charter status
- Ensure Board of Trustees set strategy and provide strategic leadership and oversight of the work of MYA:
 - ✓ Move to quarterly Board meetings
 - ✓ Implement sub- committee structure
 - ✓ Maintain strategic focus and scrutiny
 - ✓ Streamline reporting
 - ✓ Diversify Board membership

2. People and Culture

- Refresh and implement new processes:
 - ✓ Recruitment and selection
 - ✓ Induction
 - ✓ Salary grading matrix
- Improve consistency of performance management processes
- Develop a skills pipeline for employment within the organisation

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Plans for the Future (continued)

3. Key Policies and procedures

- Retain External Quality Marks
- Improve use of IT via:
 - ✓ HR data system
 - ✓ Share Point
- Implement updated:
 - ✓ Employee Handbook
 - ✓ Contract of employment
 - ✓ Financial systems and procedures
 - ✓ Disaster Contingency Policy
 - ✓ GDPR mapping document

4. Reach and Engagement

- Engage 4,000 different young people a year
- Facilitate 130,000 contacts a year
- Set and monitor equalities targets
- Implement new:
 - ✓ CRM system
 - ✓ SROI outcomes monitoring
- Utilise data analysis to target reach
- Identify our community and utilise its assets

5. Curriculum Offer

- Provide Safe spaces for young people where their basic needs can be met.
- Provide projects which:
 - ✓ Connect young people to each other
 - ✓ Reduce social isolation
 - ✓ Create healthy and positive peer relationships and learning
 - ✓ Focus on wellbeing, health, positive coping strategies, creativity, resilience building and fun!
 - ✓ Enable young people to explore their identity
 - ✓ Engender a sense of belonging
 - ✓ Promote pro-social behaviours, anti-discriminatory practice and diversity
 - ✓ Enhance young people's aspirations and progressions
 - ✓ Develop Life skills
 - ✓ Enhance social and emotional development

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Plans for the Future (continued)

6. Youth Voice

- Create and develop diverse youth voice platforms within projects
- Empower young people to shape the services they receive
- Utilise Lundy Framework
- Champion youth voice, platform, action
- Demonstrate the impact "You said, we did"
- Implement learning from youth voice into campaigns, curriculum and delivery

7. Communications

- Audit of current comms/social media and review gaps
- Set up a Comms group for support and coordination
- Complete building branding
- Facilitate staff conference on communications
- Showcase our successes:
 - ✓ Campaigns
 - ✓ Outcomes
 - ✓ Events
 - ✓ Website

8. Partnership and advocacy

- Sustain existing partnerships and networks
- Expand partnerships and networks to support transition
- Forge multi-disciplinary partnership to build life changing interventions
- Support and challenge partners ensuring best working practices across the sector
- Advocate with partners to motivate for systemic change and a rights-based approach
- Review Leasehold buildings and agreements
- Finalise outstanding leases:
 - ✓ JH playing fields
 - ✓ Knowsley
- Facilitate Property Sub-Committee of the Board
- Use properties to strengthen local sector whilst balancing needs of MYA
- Full review of Hanover St usage:
 - ✓ Maximising income
 - ✓ Flexibility for change
 - ✓ Efficient internal spacial plans
- SPACE – relaunch refurbished centre and monitor Solar impact

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Plans for the Future (continued)

9. Financial Growth

- Horizon scan to remain ahead of the fundraising curve
- Seek new funders to sustain offer
- Responding to new funds and applying for new opportunities
- Implement a 10% admin fee on bids over £5k with no FCR costs
- Set and monitor earned income generation targets
- Optimising MYA facilities
- Utilising space in Hanover Street and MYA premises

10. Risk management

- Develop organisation risk register
- Improve succession/continuity planning within projects.
- Undertake DPIAs
- SLT to scrutinise new funding bids considering capacity and risk
- Close analysis of Cashflow 2024/25
- Implement revised risk assessment forms
- Monitor reserves and financial projections into 2025/26
- Improve internal communication
- Implement quarterly review of project ISO non-conformance and mitigations with SLT review

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2024 (cont.)

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 FRS 102. 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.

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 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Ms Gill Bainbridge
Secretary**

**Merseyside Youth Association Limited
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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 31st March, 2024 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 31st March 2024, 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 (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law) 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 and proper 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 (which includes the directors' report prepared for the purpose of Company Law).

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. 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
Collins & Co.
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants
Suite 13, Hattersley House
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Paul Collins FCA

Date: *17th December 2024*

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities including Income and
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Income from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	1,179	9,465	10,644	9,164
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	153,052	49,882	202,934	187,262
<i>Investments</i>	5	7,782	-	7,782	7,083
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	7,184	4,742,242	4,749,426	4,147,371
Total		<u>169,197</u>	<u>4,801,589</u>	<u>4,970,786</u>	<u>4,350,880</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	4,544	-	4,544	4,545
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	277,806	4,764,372	5,042,178	4,308,003
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-	-
Total		<u>282,350</u>	<u>4,764,372</u>	<u>5,046,722</u>	<u>4,312,548</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments		(113,153)	37,217	(75,936)	38,332
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	18,673	-	18,673	(11,284)
Net gains on investment property		267,811	-	267,811	(42,589)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		<u>173,331</u>	<u>37,217</u>	<u>210,548</u>	<u>(15,541)</u>
Transfers between funds	18	150,159	(150,159)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>323,490</u>	<u>(112,942)</u>	<u>210,548</u>	<u>(15,541)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,876,917</u>	<u>159,555</u>	<u>3,036,472</u>	<u>3,052,013</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,200,407</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,247,020</u>	<u>3,036,472</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 34 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

See Note 27 for the comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

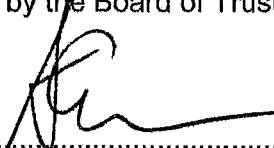
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Company Balance Sheet at 31st March, 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,961,520	1,852,931
Investment assets: Investments	13	305,946	283,764
Investment assets: Investment property	13	833,188	565,377
		3,100,654	2,702,072
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	619,244	1,013,408
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,913
		748,192	1,024,321
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	15	(576,161)	(623,925)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		172,031	400,396
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,272,685	3,102,468
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	16	(25,650)	(66,001)
NET ASSETS		3,247,035	3,036,467
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	18		
Unrestricted		3,200,422	2,876,912
Restricted		46,613	159,555
		3,247,035	3,036,467

The notes on pages 33 to 49 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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A. Gibbons


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J.C. Lewys-Lloyd

Company Registration Number: 1843226

The notes on pages 34 to 50 form part of these financial statements.


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Group Balance Sheet at 31st March, 2024

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FIXED ASSETS			
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Investment assets: Investment property	13	833,188	565,377
		3,100,649	2,702,067
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	619,244	1,013,408
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,923
		748,192	1,024,331
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	15	(576,171)	(623,925)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		172,021	400,406
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,272,670	3,102,473
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	16	(25,650)	(66,001)
NET ASSETS		3,247,020	3,036,472
THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP	18		
Unrestricted -			
Retained within the company		3,200,422	2,876,912
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		(15)	5
		3,200,407	2,876,917
Restricted		46,613	159,555
		3,247,020	3,036,472

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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A. Gibbons


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Company Registration Number: 1843226

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Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities	23	454,575	(254,287)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends received		7,782	7,083
Proceeds from sale of investments		31,072	13,331
Purchase of investments		(29,575)	(24,149)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(183,677)	(21,330)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(174,398)</u>	<u>(25,065)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of bank loan		(37,374)	(36,280)
Interest paid		(19,995)	(8,021)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(57,369)</u>	<u>(44,301)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		222,808	(323,653)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		(84,458)	239,195
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>138,350</u>	<u>(84,458)</u>
Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand			
Cash at bank and in hand		128,948	10,923
Bank overdraft		(10)	(99,796)
Cash equivalents		9,412	4,415
		<u>138,350</u>	<u>(84,458)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

1 Statutory information

Merseyside Youth Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity information page. The Charity is also a public benefit entity.

2 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. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for 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. 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 31st 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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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

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 31st 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, including cash, debtors and creditors, 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	
			2024 £	2023 £
3 Donations and legacies				
Donations	<u>1,179</u>	<u>9,465</u>	<u>10,644</u>	<u>9,164</u>
4 Other trading activities				
Hire of facilities	130,632	49,882	180,514	167,522
Insurance recharges	<u>22,420</u>	-	<u>22,420</u>	19,740
	<u>153,052</u>	<u>49,882</u>	<u>202,934</u>	<u>187,262</u>
5 Income from investments				
Interest on cash deposits	126	-	126	41
Dividend income	<u>7,656</u>	-	<u>7,656</u>	7,042
	<u>7,782</u>	-	<u>7,782</u>	<u>7,083</u>
6 Income from charitable activities				
Grants:				
Alder Hey – NHS Trust	-	27,072	27,072	12,204
Arts Council England	-	-	-	797
Big Lottery Fund	-	14,235	14,235	-
Brighter Sounds	-	25	25	6,140
Department for Work and Pensions	-	92,302	92,302	104,401
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	-	-	7,478
European Social Fund	-	1,162,665	1,162,665	1,143,163
Groundwork UK: Tesco Bags of Help	-	-	-	1,000
Knowsley MBC	-	1,009,853	1,009,853	984,960
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	97,723	97,723	50,579
Liverpool CCG	-	-	-	80,616
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	6,000	6,000	24,045
Merseyside Police	-	259,801	259,801	371,678
National Lottery Heritage	3,260	-	3,260	27,325
NCS Trust	-	27,161	27,161	-
NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	-	313,150	313,150	148,400
One Knowsley	-	58,148	58,148	45,724
PRS Foundation	-	-	-	4,992
Right to Succeed	-	3,000	3,000	-
Sefton CVS	-	11,990	11,990	9,300
Sefton MBC	-	53,355	53,355	93,943
Sports England	-	-	-	(2,020)
Street Games	-	-	-	20,000
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	202,125	202,125	-
UK Youth	-	46,400	46,400	-
Young Persons Advisory Service	-	-	-	52,617
Youth Federation Limited	-	34,803	34,803	-
Youth Futures Foundation	-	884,022	884,022	763,221
Youth Investment Fund	-	213,082	213,082	-
Youth Music	-	20,111	20,111	46,409
Programme income	-	45,414	45,414	9,167
Project sales income	-	120,272	120,272	131,154
EMDR training income	-	29,079	29,079	9,178
Other income	<u>3,924</u>	<u>10,454</u>	<u>14,378</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>7,184</u>	<u>4,742,242</u>	<u>4,749,426</u>	<u>4,147,371</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
7 Expenditure on raising funds				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,273	-	4,273	4,199
Trading subsidiary expenditure	55	-	55	130
	<u>4,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>4,545</u>
8 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Wages and salaries	193,126	2,466,891	2,660,017	2,241,199
Staff pension costs	8,578	54,381	62,959	50,653
Agency costs	9,720	53,836	63,556	97,715
Redundancy costs	41,845	-	41,845	-
Staff training/health & safety	(7,570)	29,672	22,102	30,044
Staff fitness and wellbeing	361	-	361	1,583
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(26,363)	99,002	72,639	61,814
Service charges	-	38,050	38,050	34,813
Insurance	39,169	65,485	104,654	88,279
Light and heat	33,003	76,705	109,708	100,204
Cleaning and laundry	34,881	20,756	55,637	50,951
Repairs and maintenance	53,623	10,911	64,534	89,290
Accountancy	51,054	27,275	78,329	58,741
Advertising	-	-	-	2,939
Auditors' remuneration	18,000	-	18,000	17,000
Bad debts	764	600	1,364	2,226
Bank charges	10,079	5	10,084	8,350
Computer costs	34,191	32,690	66,881	55,258
Consultancy fees	6,895	7,678	14,573	12,960
EMDR training costs	-	58,795	58,795	65,758
ESF indirect overhead	(152,018)	152,018	-	-
ESF procured services	-	125,073	125,073	121,274
Equipment and resources	8,628	35,620	44,248	67,422
External supervision/support	2,916	4,383	7,299	5,816
Fees and subscriptions	1,742	7,770	9,512	7,127
Foodbank costs	-	1,636	1,636	2,580
Hire of equipment	9,326	5,413	14,739	13,426
Interest paid	19,995	-	19,995	8,021
IT support charges	(33,249)	33,249	-	-
Legal and professional costs	25,643	10,230	35,873	36,977
Management support fee	(12,460)	12,460	-	-
Marketing and communication	5,038	43,218	48,256	20,328
NOW Festival	-	12,917	12,917	12,203
Printing, postage & stationery	3,964	13,458	17,422	21,895
Programme expenses	(7,180)	207,381	200,201	178,226
Project start up/recruitment	(4,452)	4,452	-	-
Support services/other charges	(189,042)	189,042	-	-
Talent Match costs:				
- Programme expenses	-	770,070	770,070	552,379
c/fwd	<u>180,207</u>	<u>4,671,122</u>	<u>4,851,329</u>	<u>4,117,451</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
8 Charitable activities (cont.)				
b/fwd	180,207	4,671,122	4,851,329	4,117,451
Telephone	25,028	58,855	83,883	75,065
Travel and motor expenses	282	18,247	18,529	10,446
Vehicle expenses	-	1,174	1,174	-
Volunteers	-	-	-	150
Youth Hub administration fee	(9,690)	9,690	-	-
Depreciation	75,088	-	75,088	73,170
Sundries	6,891	5,284	12,175	31,721
	<u>277,806</u>	<u>4,764,372</u>	<u>5,042,178</u>	<u>4,308,003</u>

9 Net (expenditure)/income	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	75,088	73,170
Staff costs (see note 10)	2,722,977	2,291,851
Accountancy	78,329	58,741
Auditors' Remuneration	18,000	17,000

The auditor's remuneration of £18,000 (2023: £17,000) relates solely to the audit.

10 Staff Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and Salaries	2,434,405	2,046,280
Social Security Costs	225,612	194,919
Pension Costs	62,960	50,653
	<u>2,722,977</u>	<u>2,291,852</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:

	2024 £	2023 £
Administration	9	9
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	68	54
	<u>79</u>	<u>65</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 (2023: £Nil) during the year. A total of £517 (2023: £494) 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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11 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 £62,960 (2023: £50,653).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

<u>Parent Company and Group</u>	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles	Buildings work in progress	Total £
COST OR VALUATION						
At 1st April 2023	12,000	2,856,420	99,383	10,795	-	2,978,598
Additions	-	-	-	-	183,677	183,677
At 31st March, 2024	12,000	2,856,420	99,383	10,795	183,677	3,162,275
DEPRECIATION						
At 1st April 2023	8,640	1,067,695	48,208	1,124	-	1,125,667
Charge for the year	240	64,592	7,838	2,418	-	75,088
At 31st March, 2024	8,880	1,132,287	56,046	3,542	-	1,200,755
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31st March, 2024	3,120	1,724,133	43,337	7,253	183,677	1,961,520
At 31st March, 2023	3,360	1,788,725	51,175	9,671	-	1,852,931

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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13 Investment assets	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	296,520	279,344
Cash held by investment managers	9,412	4,415
Accrued income due	9	-
	<u>305,946</u>	<u>283,764</u>
Investment property	<u>833,188</u>	<u>565,377</u>
	<u>1,139,134</u>	<u>849,141</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:	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<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>	2024	2023
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, 2024 was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	<u>35</u>	<u>107</u>
Gross profit	<u>35</u>	<u>107</u>
Administrative expenses	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(130)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Retained reserves brought forward	<u>5</u>	<u>28</u>
Retained reserves carried forward	<u>(15)</u>	<u>5</u>

Listed investments and cash:

	Opening value	Purchases	Disposals	Change in market value	Closing value
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	279,344	29,575	(31,072)	18,673	296,520
Cash	4,415				9,412
Accrued income	-				9
	<u>283,759</u>				<u>305,941</u>

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14 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>		
Trade debtors	332,452	257,932
Prepayments and accrued income	281,639	751,000
Other debtors	5,153	4,476
	<u>619,244</u>	<u>1,013,408</u>
15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Bank overdraft	-	99,796
Trade creditors	142,636	100,964
Bank loan	40,018	37,041
Accruals and deferred income	326,777	316,560
Taxation and social security	51,660	52,840
Other creditors	15,070	16,724
	<u>576,161</u>	<u>623,925</u>
 <u>Group</u>		
Bank overdraft	10	99,796
Trade creditors	142,636	100,964
Bank loan	40,018	37,041
Accruals and deferred income	326,777	316,560
Taxation and social security	51,660	52,840
Other creditors	15,070	16,724
	<u>576,171</u>	<u>623,925</u>

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 (including a fixed charge) 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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16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>25,650</u>	<u>66,001</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £Nil (2023: £Nil) is due after more than 5 years.

17 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	3,100,649	-	3,100,649
Current Assets	647,586	100,606	748,192
Current Liabilities	(522,178)	(53,993)	(576,171)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(25,650)	-	(25,650)
Fund Balance	<u>3,200,407</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,247,020</u>

18 Movement on funds

	At 1st April, 2023 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2024 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	670,888	986,121	(734,422)	59,223	981,810
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	662,445	-	(26,885)	-	635,560
MYA Know	24,038	-	(1,601)	(9,670)	12,767
MYA The Dam	-	-	(2,417)	9,670	7,253
MYA SPACE Project	38,253	-	(1,288)	-	36,965
Gordon Youth Centre	15,321	-	(645)	-	14,676
MYA YIF (Capital)	-	-	-	183,677	183,677
Starting Point	1,112,872	-	(42,252)	-	1,070,620
	<u>1,852,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,088)</u>	<u>183,677</u>	<u>1,961,518</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
MYA Foodbank	6,504	-	-	(1,562)	4,942
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	-	-	-	-
MYA Know	89,334	-	-	(57,141)	32,193
MYA MVP	21,796	-	-	(15,009)	6,787
MYA Navigators	13,106	-	-	(13,106)	-
MYA Raise	217,701	-	-	(5,029)	212,672
MYA SPACE Project	-	-	-	-	-
MYA YOU	4,654	-	-	(4,154)	500
Gordon Youth Centre	-	43,467	(46,692)	3,225	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	5	-	(55)	35	(15)
	<u>353,100</u>	<u>43,467</u>	<u>(46,747)</u>	<u>(92,741)</u>	<u>257,079</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>2,876,917</u>	<u>1,029,588</u>	<u>(856,257)</u>	<u>150,159</u>	<u>3,200,407</u>

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18 Movement on funds (cont.)

	At 1st April, 2023 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 st March 2024 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
MYA Choices Knowsley	-	240,235	(264,367)	24,132	-
MYA MVP	9,642	106,000	(130,651)	15,009	-
MYA Foodbank	-	74	(1,636)	1,562	-
MYA Know	-	898,628	(924,760)	26,132	-
MYA NCS Targeted	-	27,161	(18,183)	-	8,978
MYA Noise	-	53,675	(72,975)	19,300	-
MYA The Dam	-	99,653	(130,662)	31,009	-
MYA YOU	-	75,223	(60,732)	(14,491)	-
MYA Youth Hub	13,414	92,302	(94,756)	-	10,960
MYA YiF (Revenue Fund)	-	29,405	(30,717)	1,312	-
MYA YiF (Capital Fund)	-	183,677	-	(183,677)	-
MYA Navigators	-	131,391	(146,583)	15,192	-
MYA Raise	-	466,773	(371,802)	(94,971)	-
MYA Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	-	6,816	-	-	6,816
MYA SPACE Project	-	156,486	(157,050)	564	-
MYA Step Up Fund	8	-	(8)	-	-
MYA Talent Match	14,205	-	(14,273)	68	-
MYA Talent Match Plus	23,895	1,162,666	(1,193,106)	6,545	-
MYA Talent Match Youth Futures	98,391	894,050	(972,582)	-	19,859
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	202,125	(204,280)	2,155	-
Total restricted funds	<u>159,555</u>	<u>4,826,340</u>	<u>(4,789,123)</u>	<u>(150,159)</u>	<u>46,613</u>
Total funds	<u>3,036,472</u>	<u>5,855,928</u>	<u>(5,645,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,247,020</u>

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Name of fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	
General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>	
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	
MYA Know	
MYA The Dam	
MYA SPACE Project	
MYA YIF (Capital)	
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.
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>	
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:	
MYA Foodbank	
MYA Choices Knowsley	
MYA Know	
MYA MVP	
MYA Navigators	
MYA Raise	
MYA SPACE Project	
MYA YOU	
Gordon Youth Centre	This is a leasehold property located in the Netherton area of the city. The centre is utilised as a project base for our Talent Match team and supports its delivery of personalised pathways to education and employment for young people. There are also tenants located at the centre including a pharmacy who have a licence to operate in the designated area to serve the local community. Income from tenancies is used to finance the operating and maintenance costs of the building.
Trading subsidiary – MYA Youth Limited	This represents the accumulated profits/(losses) of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.

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Restricted funds

**MYA Choices
Knowsley**

Choices Knowsley is a Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council funded 'Short Breaks' service for disabled children/young people and their families. The main purpose of a short break is to give parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability the opportunity to have a break from their caring role. Provision is available for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 and currently residing in Knowsley.

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 Know

Funded through Knowsley MBC, this project supports young people in the Borough to ensure they reach their potential; overcome barriers they face and achieve the outcomes and goals they set themselves. The project works in a variety of ways; including 1-1, small group work, coaching, Detached Youth Work etc., The project team also contribute to Boroughwide activities and events for young people. The majority of services are delivered from MYA's 'Our Place' venue located in Longview, Huyton and The Dam at Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley.

MYA NCS Targeted

Funded by NCS (National Citizens Service), this project provides an opportunity for young people to gain life skills, employability skills and develop their own social action project.

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.

MYA YOU

The YOU Project funded through Liverpool City Council, is a citywide, strategic approach to providing services for disabled children and young people as well as their families.

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.

MYA Raise

This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.

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Restricted funds (continued)

MYA Youth Investment Fund (Revenue & Capital)	The Youth Investment Fund is funded by the UK government to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services in the out of school youth sector, to drive positive outcomes for young people. It is used to improve the health and wellbeing of young people, equip them with skills for work and life and empower them to become active members of their community and society.
MYA 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.
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.
Siobhan Price Memorial Fund	This a small fund established in memory of Siobhan Price who was a Social Worker with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. She had a passion for making a difference for young people and was an avid outdoor pursuit enthusiast. Following her sudden and unexpected passing at a very young age, family and colleagues of Siobhan raised a sum of money and approached MYA to hold the money and use it to provide opportunities for young people to engage in the activities that Siobhan loved such as paddleboarding.
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.
Talent Match – Youth Futures	Funded by Youth Futures Foundation who are a “what works” funder. This programme supports young people who have been out of training, education or work for 12 months or more. This project works with young people aged 15-29 providing intensive mentoring and bespoke wraparound support to enable them to achieve their goals. Evaluated by King’s College London, this programme aims to provide an evidence base on “what works” to address youth unemployment in order to influence future unemployment strategies.
MYA UK Shared Prosperity Fund	This is a central pillar of the UK government’s Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. Under the People and Skills Priority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority commissioned a number of community-led employment projects to work with economically inactive and socially excluded people to offer a range of personalised support to move them closer to employment.

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19 Transfers between funds

Twelve (2023: eleven) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves; other than for the four projects whose reserves have been restricted, the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts.

Net transfers to designated unrestricted funds in the year represent:

Transfers from designated funds to general unrestricted funds in respect of projects that incurred surpluses totalled £9,183 (2023: £8,114). In addition, adjustments were necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £3,260 (2023: £11,077) has been transferred to designated funds to cover this shortfall, including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. Further, the directors have made transfers from designated to restricted funds totalling £86,818 (2023: £24,994) as brought forward designated funds have been utilised, while £Nil (2023: £115,518) has been transferred from restricted to designated funds in respect of surpluses generated by projects. In the previous year, a further £8,188 was transferred from restricted to designated funds to support MYA Foodbank and £5,446 was transferred from unrestricted reserves to designated capital reserves in respect of fixed asset additions.

Net transfers from restricted funds in the year represent:

Transfers from restricted funds to general unrestricted funds in respect of projects that incurred surpluses totalled £109,462 (2023: £15,159). In addition, adjustments were necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £56,162 (2023: £58,407) has been transferred from general unrestricted funds to restricted funds to cover this shortfall, including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects. Further, the directors have made transfers from designated to restricted funds totalling £86,818 (2023: £24,994) as brought forward designated funds have been utilised, while £Nil (2023: £115,518) has been transferred from restricted to designated funds in respect of surpluses generated by projects. In the previous year, a further £8,188 was transferred from restricted to designated funds to support MYA Foodbank.

In respect of fixed asset additions in the year, £183,677 (2023: £10,795) has been transferred from restricted reserves to designated capital reserves. A transfer of £9,670 has been made from the designated unrestricted capital reserves of one project to another, representing an asset transfer.

20 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.

21 Contingent liabilities

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31st March, 2024:

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Skills Capital Fund monies received during 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. Therefore, the condition is in place until 31 March 2026.

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21 Contingent liabilities (continued)

- A potential liability exists in respect of the Social Investment Business Foundation (“SIBF”) monies of £183,677 due to be received in respect of the financial year for the capital improvement of the property held under a lease at Seaview Road. A charge was registered on 15 December 2023 prohibiting any disposition of the land at Seaview Road, occupied by MYA SPACE, without the written consent of SIBF. This condition remains in place for 15 years from 13 October 2023. Therefore, the condition is in place until 12 October 2038.

22 Financial commitments

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31st March, 2024 as follows:

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	45,475	3,739
Between one and five years	-	-	58,214	1,322
	-	-	<u>103,689</u>	<u>5,061</u>

23 Cash generated by operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	210,548	(15,541)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(7,782)	(7,083)
Depreciation	75,088	73,170
Net (gains)/losses on investments	(286,484)	53,873
Interest payable	<u>19,995</u>	<u>8,021</u>
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital	11,365	112,440
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	394,155	(176,865)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>49,055</u>	<u>(189,862)</u>
	<u>454,575</u>	<u>(254,287)</u>

24 Capital commitments

At 31st March, 2024, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (2023: £30,000) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £1,243,543 (2023: £Nil).

25 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.

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26 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity wrote off the balance due from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited, in the amount of £35. Balances due from group companies are shown in Note 14 of the financial statements.

27 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	2,708	6,456	9,164
<i>Other trading activities</i>	4	146,497	40,765	187,262
<i>Investments</i>	5	7,083	-	7,083
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	-	4,147,371	4,147,371
Total		156,288	4,194,592	4,350,880
Expenditure on:				
<i>Raising funds</i>	7	4,545	-	4,545
<i>Charitable activities</i>	8	240,428	4,067,575	4,308,003
<i>Other expenditure</i>	9	-	-	-
Total		244,973	4,067,575	4,312,548
Net (expenditure)/income before losses on investments		(88,685)	127,017	38,332
Net losses on investments		(11,284)	-	(11,284)
Net losses on investment property		(42,589)	-	(42,589)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(142,558)	127,017	(15,541)
Transfers between funds		66,259	(66,259)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(76,299)	60,758	(15,541)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		2,953,216	98,797	3,052,013
Total funds carried forward		2,876,917	159,555	3,036,472