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# **Quinton Youth for Christ**

*Registered Charity No 1137368*

## **Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14**

*Quinton YFC exists to enrich, empower and equip young people  
in partnership with the local community.*

## **Summary Report of the Trustees – November 2014**

The year 2013-2014 has been a very important year for Quinton YFC in establishing the charity's position at the heart of the Christian community in Quinton. Not only now can we say that we serve the local churches, but more than ever we seek to be an expression of the mission of the local churches to this community.

This shift from being an outside organisation which serves a community to an inside organisation which represents a community is best demonstrated by the changing make-up of the trustees. Our huge thanks go to Andy King, Sally Nash, Darren Richards and Jo Whiting, all of whom stepped down in 2013, having been founding trustees of QYFC in 2010. These people were instrumental in enabling the charity to get off the ground in the early days and their energy, vision and expertise was a huge factor in the successful set up of the charity.

It has been right and fitting that these people have been replaced by others who are key stakeholders already in Christian youth work in Quinton, who focus us even more on the specific needs of both the churches and the young people of Quinton. Jess Hirst, Martin Hayden and Becky Hanson have already become valuable assets to the charity and their involvement as trustees and the opportunity for them to be advocates for us within the community are key factors in our next stage of development.

Our relationship with local churches has become stronger this year also due to three important initiatives.

- The "Welcome Home" event about retaining, developing and bringing back young people to church was inspiring. We were delighted to be so well supported by Gavin Calver from British Youth for Christ and the leadership of all the local churches was well represented at the three events.
- The opportunity to play a significant role in leading the youth section of Christ Church's weekend away further developed our relationship with this church.
- The fundraising auction at Edgbaston Cricket Ground was a fantastic opportunity for all our supporting churches to get together and show their support at this exciting showcase event.

Dani Knox continues to provide dynamic leadership and it has been wonderful to see Abbie Dunne's development during the year. So much of what we do on a day to day basis relies on Abbie's skills as a youth worker and as an organiser. The addition of Rob Canning from September 2014 as a trainee youth worker further enhances our core team and we continue to serve our local schools in mentoring and in club provision as part of our "everyday" work.

We remain indebted to all those who have provided vital financial and other support – individuals, churches, trusts, and the local authority, without which we could achieve nothing.

Finally, it is sometimes difficult to measure the immediate impact of youth work, particularly when so much of it is long-term and relational. I would therefore direct everyone to the actual words of our service-users quoted in this report to be undisputed evidence of the value of what we do. I leave you with what one of them has said as a representative voice: *"I am more happy and confident at school and at home. I feel more proud and happy with myself"*.

## **Schools work**

### **Mentoring**

This year we moved offices and are now based in the main school building of Four Dwellings Academy. This is proving very beneficial with increased mentoring attendance as we are much closer to where the young people are. The school are keen for us to keep them updated on the mentoring work and so we are now sending off weekly updates to the school pastoral team. Our update system includes self-assessment figures from the young people, which the school liked and are trying to implement into their own progress figures. The mentoring program as a whole has been reviewed and updated to incorporate new activities to get young people digging deeper and more practical help settings targets beyond mentoring. Additionally, hot chocolate is now being served to those who want it as a way of helping them feel relaxed. Encouragingly, on a number of occasions the school (pastoral team, head teacher or deputy head for behaviour) have called to ask us to do immediate 1-on-1 mentoring with students. Overall, this year there have been 42 young people mentored overall, four of which were for bereavement mentoring.

*"I learned different ways to tackle situations, I feel better"*

*"Mentoring helped me a lot by having someone to talk to, the lessons were great. I have great expectations for my life"*

*"I have benefited from this because it has boosted my confidence. I feel happy for once also not really bothered how people see me or my life"*

*"I am more happy and confident at school and at home. I feel more proud and happy with myself"*

*"I have benefited from mentoring by getting to know myself and thinking about the future. I found it helpful looking at my habits. I am feeling better about school, trying harder in humanities"*

*"I have gained more confidence in myself and lessons. I have gained the ability to forget about negative things and I feel like I am going to achieve my goals."*

*"As soon as I came to mentoring I felt good and felt that I could be honest. I am being a good person."*

*"Mentoring has changed my behaviour, I have been getting on with my work. Having someone to talk to has helped. My family have noticed a difference."*

### **Elevate**

(for children in their final year of Primary School, to prepare them for Secondary School)

Elevate was attended by 35 students in three schools throughout the year and ran really well. The young people engaged well with the club and took the opportunity to learn more about their transition to high school. Teachers at the schools were keen for the clubs to run and reported that the students attending had massively benefitted from it. We are exploring the possibility of running this in a fourth school. We received very good feedback from those who attended:

*"They helped me not be scared of high school"*

*"I have learned not to be scared in high school"*

*"They are helping us to be brave when we go to high school"*

*"I have learnt that you can face your fears"*

## **Aspire**

(for children in their first year of Secondary School)

During the year Aspire ran twice with a total of 10 young people spread across the two groups. It was really good fun and also very effective at helping the young people dream big for their futures. The program has been updated prior to the first running and included many more games and challenges that were fitting to the session topic. It made the program much more interactive which was genuinely effective at helping the young people think about what was being looked at.

*"It has helped me make myself want to achieve my goals harder, I want to achieve higher"*

*"Aspire has helped me be confident, I feel excited about my future"*

*"It has helped me to try my best and think of what I want to do when I'm older"*

*"It has helped me discuss my future, I feel I can achieve it now"*

## **Drop In**

After a frustrating year of not being able to run our after school club due to asbestos in the building we used, we found an alternative venue. In the summer term we ran two pilot sessions based in Four Dwellings Academy canteen, a location used by both the primary and secondary. We were thrilled with the turn out and felt the numbers confirmed we should go ahead to re-launch the club in September 2014 running three nights a week. For the year, we are looking to build up the numbers who attend, making sure it is available to as many who want to attend.

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## **Church work**

Each of the supporting Churches were visited a number of times throughout the year and kept updated on the work. All the Churches gave financially to our work over the year as well.

We were invited to go to the Christ Church weekend away and deliver a program for their young people. The weekend was positive where we were able to meet and get to know the young people who attended the Church as well as meet the adults who attended the Church. The youth program ran over three days and included games, talks, activities and more whilst exploring the story of King David from the Bible. Developing stronger links with the Church was a really good outcome.

We planned and delivered Welcome Home, a 3 night event open to people attending Churches in Quinton with the aim of looking at how to reach, retain and return young people in our Churches. With guest speakers teaching and people from various Churches attending, the nights we a really good chance to learn and share stories of what works and where we have seen it work. It was also a positive way of getting more people signed up to receive our termly newsletter and to sign up for centre support.

We began supporting one of the local Girls Brigades, attending each session and delivering a short thought for the evening that the young people can use in their daily lives.

We will be delivering more ecumenical youth projects over the coming year, seeing young people from different churches engaged in community work and socials.

## Other

During October 2013 we had 11 people run the Birmingham Half Marathon on behalf of QYFC and raised over £1600 for the work.

David Guard, Bob Hudson and Rob Canning starting work with us, increasing the capacity of male mentoring.

During the year we have been able to work alongside Lench's, a sheltered living accommodation for elderly people. It has been great to bring young and older people together over cakes and games! The residents have always spoken positively about these nights and both we and Lench's hope that it stays a regular thing. Our EQ events took place over the year with social nights and street cleaning/gardening.

During the year we were able to visit the Paul and Barney's worship café 3 times to give a short talk.

The big fundraiser for this year was a charity auction which turned out to be a great night. We had over 110 people attend and raised a gross amount of over £6000 through donations, the auction and the raffle. The night was so well enjoyed that people asked if there would be another, which there will be. We had a lot of guests who hadn't heard of us before attend and so the night was a great opportunity for us to inform many more people about the different aspects of our work.

Throughout the year we were able to serve on a number of teams including Spring Harvest, New Wine and Aqua Sports. This was a great opportunity for us to work with young people from various different places and support them in various different ways. The teams were great fun to be on and the young people had a really good time.

After receiving funding we were able to build a Quinton YFC app for use on phones and tablets that will keep people updated on all of the local youth provision. The app enables us to inform people on what is available and keep them updated on any cancelations, helping young people know what will be happening each week.

We wrote and delivered a training day for professionals and students from various locations looking at mentoring and the benefits that it has as well as providing many practical examples as to how mentoring can be delivered. The feedback from the training was really positive and there is a plan to deliver it again in the future.

Both Abbie and Dani have continued in their professional development. Abbie has attended solution focus training (used in our mentoring) and Dani has started working towards a certificate qualification in fundraising including writing a case for support and fundraising strategy for Quinton YFC.

## **Finance**

The detailed accounts are on pages 8-11 following.

Income for the year 2013/14 exceeded expenditure by £7,015, so that the reserves carried forward to fund future activities rose to £39,449. Those reserves, of course, include grants obtained in advance specifically to finance the work of the following year.

Total income at £50,777 showed an increase of £3,353 over the previous year, the largest change being the income from the Sponsored Half-Marathon and the Edgbaston Charity Auction, together producing gross receipts of £7,663, and a net surplus after costs of £3,717. Total Donations from Individuals show a decrease of £2,047 but this was due entirely to the cessation of the support raised in the previous year by the former student towards his costs. Support by individual donors continued to increase, and it was particularly gratifying to experience a 29% increase in regular monthly support. Together with a 15% increase in support from local churches, this is progressively reducing our excessive dependence on grants from other bodies, although those remain essential still for the level of work we wish to continue.

Expenses showed a total increase of £3,545, mainly attributable to salaries, with the absence of both Student costs and of expenses of activities for young people (including the suspended after-school provision) offset by the costs of the fundraising events. The increases in staff costs reflected the return of the centre director from maternity leave to part-time work, the start of employer's pension contributions for a second employee, and salary increases to recognise experience and performance.

Looking forward, we are already benefitting from the sponsorship of runners in a further Birmingham Half-marathon in October 2014, and are in the initial stages of planning another fundraising auction in 2015. We have also recently been awarded a grant of £7,000 by Harborne Parish Lands Charity, and £500 each from three other trusts. We will be continuing to seek other sources of income to enable the work to progress, and to seek personal support from more local people.

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## **Legal and Administrative Information**

Quinton Youth for Christ was registered with the Charity Commission on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010, its registered charity number being **1137368**.

The charity is led and managed day-to-day by its **Director, Mrs Danielle Knox**. The address for correspondence is **11 First Meadow Piece, Quinton, Birmingham, B32 2QJ**.

It is governed by its constitution adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**The following have acted as Trustees during the year:**

		<u>Office</u>
Richard Starkie		Chair
Jo Whiting	(to 25/11/2013)	Secretary
Robert Stand		Treasurer
Darren Richards	(to 25/11/2013)	
Andy King	(to 27/1/2014)	
Dr Sally Nash	(to 25/11/2013)	
Jess Hirst	(from 25/11/2013)	
Martin Hayden	(from 25/11/2013)	
Becky Hanson	(from 27/1/2014)	

*In accordance with its Constitution, Officers and Trustees are normally appointed by the Annual Meeting for a three year period, and are then eligible for re-election.*

**Bank:** Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.

**Independent Examiner:** David Dixie FCA, AIMS Accountants, Dixie Associates Ltd, 34 Swarthmore Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 4JS.

**The Charity's formal objects**, as contained in its constitution, are as follows:

- (a) To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of young people throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in QUINTON and its environs;
- (b) The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in QUINTON and its environs
- (c) To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including Dignity, Empowerment and Partnership to all young people throughout QUINTON and its environs
- (d) The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments, through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved
- (e) To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

**Patron:** The Rt Revd David Urquhart – Bishop of Birmingham

**Council of Reference:** Revd Paul Beetham, Don Crawford, Pastor Benny Matthews, Revd Matt Simpson, Revd Ray Yates

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		£	£
Donations: from individuals		9,236	11,283
tax refunds on Gift Aid		1,762	2,034
from churches	3	3,090	2,680
Grants: from local authority and schools	4	11,375	9,000
from trusts	4	17,000	21,000
Sponsored Events and Fundraising		7,663	152
Fees for speaking and writing		215	455
Contributions to activities from beneficiaries		73	728
Bank and Deposit Interest		93	71
Other income		270	21
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>50,777</b>	<b>47,424</b>
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<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Salaries, pension and NI	5	35,321	30,869
Student accommodation and expenses	6	0	5,722
Staff training and retreats		864	390
Activities and events for young people	7	194	1,735
Telephone, postage and stationery		697	432
Promotion, publicity and cost of fundraising events		5,563	123
Insurance		294	308
Travel		243	199
Other expenses		266	119
Professional Fees		120	120
Contribution to National YFC		200	200
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<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>43,762</b>	<b>40,217</b>
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<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<b>7,015</b>	<b>7,207</b>
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Total funds brought forward at start of year		32,434	25,227
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>39,449</b>	<b>32,434</b>
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*Note: There are no other recognised gains or losses, and there were no restricted or endowment funds in either year.*

*The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these accounts*

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**Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

<u>Assets</u>	<i>Note</i>	£	<u>2014</u> £	£	<u>2013</u> £
<b>Fixed Assets and Investments</b>			<i>nil</i>		<i>nil</i>
<b>Current Assets:</b>					
Debtors: Tax reclaimable on Gift Aid donations		737		675	
Other Debtors and Payments in advance		1,130		224	
		-----	1,867	-----	899
Cash at bank and in hand		9,372		12,935	
Cash in COIF Deposit Fund		30,000		20,000	
		-----	39,372	-----	32,935
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>41,239</b>		<b>33,834</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> HMRC (PAYE, NI, etc)		(194)		(472)	
other		(1,596)		(928)	
		-----	(1,790)	-----	(1,400)
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<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>39,449</b>		<b>32,434</b>
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<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds			39,449		32,434
Restricted Income Funds			<i>nil</i>		<i>nil</i>
Endowment Funds			<i>nil</i>		<i>nil</i>
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<b>Total Funds</b>	9		<b>39,449</b>		<b>32,434</b>
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**Signed on behalf of the trustees:**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2014



Richard Starkie  
Chair of the Trustees



Robert Stand, FCA  
Honorary Treasurer

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## Quinton Youth for Christ

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention.

#### 2. Accounting Policies

**Recognition of incoming resources:** these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received, or when the charity has an unconditional entitlement, or when the trustees are virtually certain that they will be received and their monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure:** Where incoming resources have related expenditure, both are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Restricted funds:** There were no grants or other income received which were restricted to funding specific work or expenditure and which therefore would have required separate identification in the SOFA, nor were there any related expenditures. There were no unspent restricted funds at 31 August 2014.

**Tax reclaims on donations:** These are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Donated services and facilities:** No monetary value has been ascribed to these, but the charity is very grateful to the Four Dwellings Academy for the free provision of accommodation and associated services. Similarly no monetary value is attached to the help received from volunteers.

**Liability recognition:** Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Assets:** It has been considered inappropriate to capitalise equipment purchased for use by the charity, as no individual items have cost more than £400.

The charity owns no property, motor vehicles or investments.

#### 3. Donations from Churches

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Christ Church at the Quinton / Paul & Barny's	£1,200	£1,220
St Boniface Church, Quinton	£700	£600
Quinton Evangelical Free Church	£500	£200
Quinton Methodist Church	£350	£450
George Road Community Church	£160	£100
Church of God of Prophecy	£150	£0
Ridgacre Methodist Church	£30	0
St Faith and St Laurence Church, Harborne	0	£110
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	<b>£3,090</b>	<b>£2,680</b>
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#### 4. Grants received:

##### from Local Authorities and Schools

Birmingham City Council: Teenage Pregnancy Prevention	£9,995	
Other	£1,380	
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	<b>£11,375</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
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##### from Other Trusts etc

Lloyds TSB Foundation	£15,000	
Alfred Haines Charitable Trust	£750	
Friend Hall Farm Street Trust	£500	
The Houston Charitable Trust	£500	
The Corban Trust	£100	
Foundation for Social Change	£100	
Bewley Charitable Trust	£50	
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	<b>£17,000</b>	<b>£21,000</b>
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#### **Total Grants received**

	<b>£28,375</b>	<b>£30,000</b>
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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (continued)

<b>5. Staff Costs</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Gross salaries (including maternity pay)	£32,365	£34,848
Less Statutory Maternity Pay refunds	0	£(7,299)
	----- £32,365	----- £27,549
Employer's National Insurance	£1,311	£2,635
Pension Contributions	£1,645	£685
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	<b>£35,321</b>	<b>£30,869</b>
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The charity had two paid employees during the year.

#### **6. Student's Costs:**

In 2012/13 the charity was committed to paying the accommodation and living expenses of a full-time youth work student on placement, who made a major contribution to the charity's work for three years. Around 66% of his costs of £5,722 in 2012/13 were covered by the personal support donations which he was successful in obtaining. He completed his placement and training in August 2013, and no equivalent costs have been incurred in 2013/14.

#### **7. Activities and Events for young people**

This includes the costs of materials and accommodation for residential events, the football league, the local EQ Mission weekend and the running expenses of the internet café/after-school club.

#### **8. Trustees' expenses:**

No trustee claimed or was reimbursed for any expenses during the year, and there were no transactions with trustees or related parties.

#### **9. Funds carried forward and Reserves Policy**

It should be noted that the £39,449 carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> August includes a number of grants which were sought and obtained to fund the ongoing work of the charity without being specifically attributed to a time period, and are accordingly needed to finance the charity's activities during the year 2014/15.

It is not the policy of the trustees to accumulate reserves, but to seek each year sufficient funds to finance and develop current activities and meet, so far as possible, commitments to partners, staff and volunteers. The reserves at each balance sheet date will fluctuate and depend on the extent to which advance funding for the ensuing academic year has already been received. The trustees believe the level of funds at 31 August 2014 to be reasonable in the circumstances of the charity; it represents nine months' budgeted expenditure.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Quinton Youth for Christ**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 1245 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Dixie FCA

24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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