



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

September 2015 - August 2016

Charity name: Reality Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1111763

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith among children and young people within the area of Countesthorpe and surrounding areas in Leicestershire, by such exclusively charitable means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.</p> <p>To help educate children and young people through their leisure time activities so as to develop their physical, mental and Spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Reaching out with the Good News of Jesus to young people across Leicestershire.</p> <p>Working in partnership with local churches, school and communities, to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	A considerable contribution is made by local volunteers to Reality Youth Project.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>September – December 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September we employed Dan, a new youth worker in Desford. The church seems very committed to youth work and this new appointment brings with it some excitement. Regarding the Reality Bus we have received various funding: £6,000 from Leicester County Council and we have also had £1,100 from churches. We continue to run 2 successful nights a week and relationships with those young people are beginning to flourish. <p>January – March 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a charity we identified a gap in what we offered for young people in Leicestershire. From this 'The wknd' was born. It is a 24 hour residential filled with games and activities based around a theme. In February we were based in Oadby with inflatables, skittles, craft stations and more. Our theme for the weekend was Friendship and Unity. It was very well received by the young people. The Abundant Life courses are still busy, involving more schools and recently the Prince's Trust. Many mental health issues are being encountered among the young people taking part. This has enabled the schools to further work with these young people in the future. The Reality Bus received £9,000 from Awards for All, which took us one step closer to a bus manager. <p>April – June 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May we did another Reality Fundraiser which involved a bike ride from Countesthorpe to Canterbury. This not only raised some additional funds

		<p>but also raised the profile of Reality and the work being done on the bus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus is now being used for 3 nights of the week offering 6 sessions to young people across Leicestershire. <p>July – August 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ncounter summer saw 2 missional hubs in Hinckley and Netherhall. We were able to see some of the same young people as in previous years and our relationship with local councils have further enabled projects and the bus in the future. • The Rank Trust has given the bus a grant of £10,000. Excitingly this has meant we could employ a bus manager. This comes with a vision of being fully booked with 10 sessions a week by the end of the year.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	This year the Staff Team at Reality have been looking carefully at our mission, values, practice, strategic anchors and our aims for the coming 2 years. We have continued to ask “how are we doing?” in relation to these areas.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We set ourselves a target of £5,000 for our major Fundraising Event in May which we achieved.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	After a successful year of fundraising, the charities finances are in a healthy position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to support various areas of the charity if ever they came under financial crisis. Reserve money can only be spent with agreement by the Board of Trustees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our reserves now stand at £20,000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of funds comes from giving by local Churches and individuals. Other sources of funding include national and local grant awarding bodies.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As common to many charities we rely on grant income and donations which can be uncertain and cannot always be budgeted beyond the short term. We manage this risk by having a good relationship with our donors, making grant applications ahead of time and keeping money in reserves to make up any shortfall.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Declaration of Trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees meet with the Executive Director prior to the first meeting to talk through roles and responsibilities and to answer any questions.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Employees are line managed by their departmental Managers, who are managed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director is line managed by the Chair of Trustees and accountable to the full board of Trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We have close links with Urban Saints, Leicester Diocese and Hope Together.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Reality Youth Project
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1111763
Charity's principal address	St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Cundill	Chair		
2	Mark Jarvis	Vice Chair		
3	Rob Foster	Secretary		
4	Alison Dale	Treasurer		
5	Bruce Harrison			
6	Rachel Cobb			
7	Richard Hames			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Safeguarding	CCPAS	PO Box 133, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7UQ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Executive Director - Matthew Brown

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. David James Cundill	Mr Rob Foster
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	15 th May 2017	