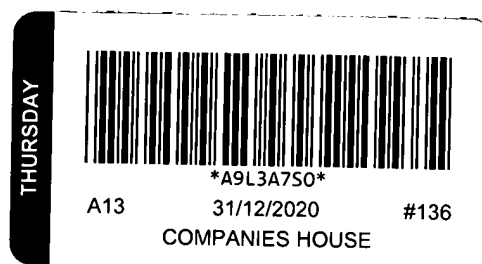


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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**



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**Charity Information**

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Charity Registration Number:	700738	
Company Registration Number:	1843226	
Governing Document:	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August, 1984 as amended in 1985 and 2000.	
Registered Office:	Abney Building 65-67 Hanover Street Liverpool L1 3DY	
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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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**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 served during the year, and to the date of this report, are as stated below:

D. Cooke  
R. T. Dears  
A. Gibbons  
J. R. Gosney  
J. C. Lewys-Lloyd  
D. R. Swaffield  
M. W. Wynn

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

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

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

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

**Appointment of Trustees**

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

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

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

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**Trustees induction and training**

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

**Organisation**

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

**Partner organisations**

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

As a member of VS6, we also work closely with the local VCSs and other infrastructure organisations. Voluntary Sector North West support the coordination of VS6 and its engagement events and research. Priorities this year have included developing engagement with the sector in relation to Inclusive Growth, Health and Social Care and Wealth and Wellbeing. This includes our membership on the newly formed Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Social Care Leadership Group. It has also worked together on the VCS Covid-19 response.

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

The charity is also a member of the North West Youth alongside Young Cumbria, Cheshire Youth Federation, Greater Manchester Youth Network and UK Youth. It also has regional links with the Youth Focus North West.

The charity is also a member of UK Youth (including the UK Innovators Group).

The charity has developed strategic links across Liverpool City Region, including, LCR Employment and Skills team, ESF Providers Forum and the LEP. This year the Chief Executive was a panel member on the LEP Inclusive Growth Conference. The charity has also been involved in the development of the Combined Authority's youth participation approach and its Housing First initiative, through membership of its steering group.

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

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**Partner organisations (continued)**

The Charity has been working with Liverpool City Council in supporting the development of the NEET strategy and Adolescence Strategy.

We work in partnership with public, VCS and faith groups on the City Wide Fairness and Anti-poverty group, to provide practical coordination and campaigning on the impact of austerity locally.

We remain members of the Health Watch Community Engagement Group and the Third Sector Alliance Group, promoting the social innovation model to the Provider Alliance and Primary Care Networks.

MYA has been involved in a number of national conferences including UK Youth Innovators residential and Cheshire and Merseyside Population Health event, with Sir Michael Marmott as keynote speaker. MYA has presented at the University of Liverpool's SEND conference. We also hosted a conference on young people and suicide.

We have hosted a number of visits from national initiatives, in order to share best practice including senior leaders from the Youth Futures Foundation, The National Lottery Communities Fund England Committee and Catherine Blair, Head of ESF at the Department of Work and Pensions.

MYA has funding relationships with Liverpool City Council (Targeted Youth Support Service), Knowsley Council, Sefton Council, , National Lotteries Community Fund (Talent Match and Youth Investment Fund), the European Union (managed through Department of Work and Pensions), Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CAMHS), Liverpool Learning Partnership, Arts Council, Mersey Care, the Walton Centre NHS Trust, Youth Music, SKY Music Hub, LCVS and Sefton CVS, Brighter Sounds, Ground work -Tesco bags for life and Merseyside Police Violence Reduction Partnership.

Malmo Café continue to be a tenant of the building and running a Scandinavian themed café from the ground floor in our city centre base and Cohens Chemist are a tenant at Gordon Youth Centre. Leisure United are providing football and leisure services from Jeffrey Humble Playing Fields.

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

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

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

**Risk management**

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

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

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**Risk management (continued)**

HR provide regular Health and Safety update briefings to all Project managers and coordinators. Information is disseminated at the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team. 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.

Regular housekeeping checks are in place to improve the monitoring of health and safety issues.

The Charity has reviewed its insurance needs at May 2019 to ensure appropriate cover for all charitable activities.

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

**Covid-19 response**

MYA implemented its business continuity plan in mid-March. All of our organisational business processes; financial, HR (including recruitment), IT etc were migrated to home working on 19th March and have been maintained without a drop in standards.

MYA has responded swiftly and effectively to the Covid-19 pandemic and we have worked with our staff and suppliers to create innovative solutions to provide 1-1 mentoring, therapeutic support and Personal and Social development activity on a range of platforms (telephone, digital, social media etc). We have done this following appropriate safeguarding, IMG and BACP guidance. Our transition to digital, telephone and social media service delivery was immediate and ensured that young people remained safe but did not experience a significant gap in service.

**Reserves policy**

It is the long term intention of the Trustees to build up our reserves so that they represent the equivalent of twelve months worth of running expenses. It is also the intention of the trustees to hold an additional sum, equivalent to three months worth of restricted expenditure, in unrestricted reserves. The total of unrestricted reserves currently stands at £1,787,790 and it is the directors' intention to seek to increase these levels as soon as possible. Restricted reserves at the year end date total £1,325,562.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are:

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



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**Public Benefit Statement**

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

**Mission**

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

**Aims:**

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

**Objectives:**

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

**Vision:**

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

**Fundamental Principles:**

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

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

**Activities:**

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

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

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**Achievements and performance**

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

MYA has delivered a wide range of early intervention and prevention services across Merseyside, providing direct services to children, young people, and workforce development to professionals including:

- Employability programmes
- Child and adolescent Mental Health programmes
- Workforce development programmes
- Disability and Inclusion programmes
- Creative programmes

We have increased our offer to young people across several areas including prevention of youth violence and trauma informed approaches, expanding the support and services we provide, by successful programme development and fundraising.

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

- Intensive mentoring
- Therapeutic support
- Speech and Language support
- Child Care support
- Employability initiatives including work placements and volunteering
- Specific programme support for young people with disabilities
- Access to employment and training
- A young person's Food Bank

**MYA Talent Match** has achieved the following key priorities this year:

1. Gaining national recognition by hosting a DWP visit and England Committee visits to see Talent Match Liverpool Programme.

We were visited by Dr Catherine Blair, Director of ESF for DWP who attended, with our Account Manager, and guests. Following on from the successful visit from the England Committee in June, where we were able to showcase the different components of the programme including

- Our Therapeutic work
- A job-club, with an external employer, King Construction
- Our Personal Social Development partners, gaming, wellbeing, cooking on a budget, recording studio sessions.

There were activities on all floors, and we had over 50 young people who were participating in all the different offers. Our Ambassadors helped facilitate the visit, alongside some of our Intensive Mentors.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

2. LCR Talent Match Plus working with ARK Consultancy have developed a SROI Framework of the Social Return on Investment outcomes (SROI) and values generated from the interventions and activities delivered during 2019.

The combined social value and economic savings for year 2019 is **£13,280,278**, which equates to an average of **£32,077** per programme participant. **52.5%** of the economic value is attributable to health and wellbeing outcomes and savings to the public purse

The SROI framework consists of 24 different outcomes that can be achieved, and the evidence required to substantiate the social impact has been developed with colleagues and stakeholders from TMP, to reflect the wide-ranging support and activities available for individuals participating in the TMP programme. The methodology adopted is based on the Housing Association Charitable Trust (HACT), DWP Data, The New Economics Foundation and the Centre for Crime and Justice. This includes wellbeing valuations which reflect health and wellbeing factors.

3. Workforce Development

We are developing an Intensive Mentoring Qualification to meet the future workforce development needs across the Liverpool City Region and beyond. Our hope is to learn from our experience with Talent Match to co-create a whole new pathway of youth work qualifications (Level 2 to degree) that are relevant, practical, impactful, inspirational, and empowering.

We have already created our own successful accredited Apprenticeship Programme for Intensive Mentors and this further development of Level 3 – 5 Intensive Mentor Qualification, is being supported in its development by National Lottery.

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

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

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**MYA RAISE** team has achieved the following key priorities this year:

1. Extended our training offer in relation to the promotion of mental health and resilience including:

- a. ROAR offer across the City Region, delivering 15 one-day courses between Jan and Mar with 344 delegates, reaching 161 primary schools across Merseyside, for the Violence Reduction Partnership. This demonstrates extensive local reach and our commitment to equipping the workforce with skills, knowledge and confidence of children's and young people's mental health and resilience.

This work has strengthened the brand, paving the way to extend it to introduce new opportunities such as ROAR Essentials and a forthcoming ROAR Early Years.

- b. In partnership with the Whole School Approach, we delivered another phase of YC5 sessions to Liverpool schools' staff. In addition, we have delivered across Merseyside a total of eight courses to a total of 261 delegates. Responding to the LJMU evaluation we are now embarking on YC5 in transition, encompassing the needs of primary school children transitioning to high school.
2. Enhanced the Serious programme to include voices of parents and carers; we produced a film in which they shared their personal experiences. Hosted by Julie Hesmondhalgh, the film premiered at our suicide awareness conference attended by 400 delegates addressed by keynote speakers; Professor Louis Appleby CBE, and the Senior Coroner Liverpool & Wirral Area. A range of new serious resources are now hosted on the serious website:  
[www.serioussuicideaware.co.uk](http://www.serioussuicideaware.co.uk)
3. Delivered the 5<sup>th</sup> NOW Festival in 2020, which brought together 24 schools and youth and arts organisations to an audience of 1600 people. The theme this year was "Belonging".

**MYA Violence Reduction Partnership – Mental Health Collaborative** was a new project this year, working in partnership with YPAS and ADDvanced Solutions. We have cumulatively addressed serious and violent crime in young people, by targeting those "at risk" and who are victims or perpetrators of violent crime, and in 4 months, we achieved the following outcomes:

- 1. Engaged 311 young people in specific targeted interventions
- 2. Exceeded all of our outcomes in Mentoring, therapeutic support and mental health training
- 3. Trained 605 adults face-to-face and prepared an additional training offer to provide bite size online training in response to Covid-19 lockdown

**MYA Navigators Project** was another Violence Reduction Partnership funded piece of work, partnering with Alder Hey and Community partners to provide outreach support to identify young people who have been directly involved in serious violent crime, and signpost them onto services to address their needs. In three months the two part-time workers:

- 1. Recruited 25 "at risk" young people via outreach work including detached youth work, partnerships with DWP and Community providers
- 2. 23 young people attended a workshop called Living on the Edge, which gave them an insight into hypervigilance and how they respond
- 3. 7 were referred to specialist therapeutic or neurodevelopmental support.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

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

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

Our **MYA Choices Knowsley** programme has achieved the following key priorities this year:

1. Successful registration of 5 MYA Choices Knowsley settings with Ofsted, on both the Early Years and Compulsory Childcare Registers. This required participation in a number of registration interviews with inspectors from Ofsted which included policy, procedure and documentation, as well as being able to demonstrate an understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and safeguarding requirements. Our Ofsted registered status positions us as the only 'Short Breaks' project in Knowsley, able to offer sessions of more than 2 hours in length, to children between the ages of 4 and 8.

2. High quality provision of specialist care for disabled children and young people. Our multidisciplinary project team have continued to follow a comprehensive and structured training and qualification programme, which includes a range of specialist and focused courses, enabling our team to support a range of complex medical and behavioural needs. This ensures our project remains as accessible and inclusive as possible. We have developed a reputation for being the provider of choice when working with challenging and complex levels of need.

3. Exceeded our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the period 2019-2020. The data below clearly sets out the performance against the KPIs and additionally shows the upward trends in performance against previous quarters. This demonstrates not just the overall quality of the provision, but a commitment to improvement and growth which has been driven by the team's desire for excellence.

<b>KPI</b>	<b>2019/20</b>			
	<b>Target</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>
Children's views: feel safe in provision	80%	100%	92%	92%
Parent's views: feel safe in provision	80%	100%	NA	99%
Children's views: provision is meeting expected outcomes	70%	83%	85%	88%
Parents' views: provision is meeting parents' needs	70%	96%	NA	96%

\*Q4 data unable to be collated due to lockdown

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

Our **MYA YOU** project has achieved the following key priorities this year:

1. Significantly increasing attendance and retention rate within our SPLICE clubs. Improved consistency of staffing across the existing provision aided both the delivery of needs led and responsive activity and the development of trusting professional relationships. SPLICE settings help address a range of barriers including social anxieties and isolation.
2. Relocating a SPLICE provision to the Shrewsbury House Youth Centre in Everton has led to a valuable collaboration with the Shrewsbury House Project Team, who are actively involved in the shared delivery of our new provision. The collaborative structure has engendered a dynamic staff model, through which our service users benefit from access a variety of skills and experience.
3. MYA is the Citywide Lead for Disability and Inclusion in Youth and Play and as such plays a significant role in the development of inclusive 'Youth and Play' opportunities across the City of Liverpool during this period. Our key position includes a seat on the Lead Consortium Board for Youth and Play and throughout 2019/ 20 we have supported other organisations and families through a range of mechanisms. These have included providing support and guidance for key professionals and acting as a first point of contact for many families who are trying to navigate the complex landscape of disability support and provision. A number of families have contacted Merseyside Youth Association as their first step to accessing services, after being signposted directly via their GP following receipt of a diagnosis.

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

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

**MYA SPACE** performing art centre has achieved the following key priorities this year:

1. Completed capital work to building, including installation of the new lift and reception area.
2. Embedded alternative education provision into the project with 20 young people achieving accreditation for the first time.
3. Completion of 3-year Youth Investment Fund project working with over 5000 young people, alongside writing a business plan, marketing strategy and sustainability plan.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

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

1. Adding five new progression pathways from the project this year, creating new artistic and employment-based development opportunities for ten young musicians. These include referrals to the Everyman and Playhouse 'Bass Techs' programme, Liverpool International Music Festival (LIMF), Drake disability music project, Brighter Sound music educator training programme and the Youth Music Awards.
2. Providing work experience opportunities for four young people helping them to develop workplace skills and gain insights into youth work, music education and performing arts careers. This culminated in MYA's Reminiscence event at the British Music Experience, in which two young people played a starring role with our Noise house band, with a third taking photographs for her professional portfolio.
3. Forging a partnership with LIMF Academy, aiming to bridge the confidence gap between early-stage artists from disadvantaged backgrounds and the competitive music industry. Launched in March, the pilot programme was curtailed due to Covid-19 but promises to be back with a bang next year.

**Covid-19 lockdown:**

MYA's team response to the Covid-19 Crisis has been exemplary, highlighting their ability to innovate and adapt to meet the changing needs of some of Merseyside's most vulnerable and complex young people. Within a week, we had migrated to online platforms and telephone support, offering mentoring, counselling, groupwork, activities, cooking, gaming, arts and craft, blogs, podcasts and quizzes.

This has meant that we have been able to maintain our support for our client group in a seamless way. Next year we plan to create a film about this response to showcase good practice and learning from it.

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

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

**Outputs**

The charity has worked with 3,560 different young people, with 67, 850 contacts across 6 different local authority areas this year. We worked with 59 more young people this year, a 2% increase from last year's figures. The trend of working more intensively with our participants continues, with young people accessing our services, on average, 19 times a year, the same as last year. This shows continued alignment with our business plan objectives and our mission to create positive and **lasting** change in the lives of Merseyside's young people.

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**Outputs (continued)**

For the first time in a number of years, the number of young women we have worked with is higher than young men at 53% and 47% respectively.

We have seen a 4% increase in the number of young people who have declared they have a disability, which now stands at 20% of our total cohort.

This year we have also increased the number of BAME, LGBT and Questioning young people we have worked with to 5% and 4% respectively. We will continue to work proactively to ensure we increase these numbers including delivering targeted projects in the coming year.

52% are aged between 12-16 and 18% are aged 17-21. 20% are over 21 years, with only 10% under 11 years old.

26% of our cohort this year were not in training, education or employment (NEET).

In addition, our MYA RAISE team have worked with a further 6,227 young people at our citywide events in relation to mental health and emotional wellbeing promotion. This was a significant reduction due to the fact that the team capacity was reduced by two FTE for two quarters, and the cancellation of the NOW Festival Tour, due to lockdown.

We have provided training to 1,330 different organisations/professionals, reflecting our reputation and innovation in relation to mental health. This is a reduction from last year but reflects the impact of ceasing face-to-face training in early March.

We have worked with 161 partner and referral agencies. This demonstrates our breadth of partnership, again aligned with our business plan objectives.

**Outcomes**

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

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

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

- Skills
- Aspiration
- Belonging
- Resilience
- Motivation



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**Outcomes (continued)**

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

- 87% increased their motivation up 36% from last year
- 86% increased their aspirations up 35% from last year
- 81% increased their skills up 29% from last year
- 80% increased their resilience up 39% from last year
- 78% increased their sense of belonging up 33% from last year

These figures demonstrate that our work is delivering life changing outcomes for young people and making a significant difference to their ability to reach their potential.

A further 428 young people gained or remained in employment, education or training because of our projects. 360 achieved an accreditation or qualification as a result of our work.

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

This includes improvements in our heating systems, new double-glazed windows, LED lighting, an Induction loop, new reception and ASD friendly training space.

Work was suspended in March due to the Covid-19 lockdown and we will complete this work in the next financial year.

MYA SPACE centre has also had building improvements, including the installation of a platform lift and a new ground floor reception area.

We have **managed risk, costs and resources to deliver our financial priorities including financial stability and growth**. MYA's annual income has increased by £435,333 in this financial year and reserves by £352,207.

We have been able to do this by ensuring:

- Efficient internal financial systems
- Efficiency and best value review of all service contracts
- Effective project budget monitoring and quarter review
- Management of investment portfolio to maximise income
- Paying off Loan within agreed payment schedule
- Diversification of income streams including:
  - Successful application to Merseyside Police Violence Reduction partnership to provide mental health support, training, mentoring, navigation work and insight research
  - Increasing income from hire of our facilities by 2%
  - Successful income generation by MYA RAISE team in relation to mental health delivery
  - Securing capital funding from the Combined Authorities Skills Capital Fund

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**Outcomes (continued)**

Despite a difficult climate we have sought to **maintain a diverse range of income generation strands**. Our "spread" of funding is such that 81% has come from grants (75% for direct work and 6% for capital works).

Our income from Local Authorities has decreased in real terms by 20% from last year and now represents 10% of our total income.

Our income from sales and hire of facilities has increased its level of 8% of overall income.

Income from donations and legacies increased by £14,060 and donations, legacies and investment income now represents 1% of overall income.

We have provided a **healthy, safe and high-quality working environment** to maximise staff and service user satisfaction and to minimise risk. We continue to work closely with Health and Safety consultant, Ellis Whittam with regular premises audits and action planning.

We have reviewed MYA's Quality Objectives, and through consultation with SMT, a revised Quality Policy was produced this year. This is in preparation for ISO9001:2015 recertification in May 2020.

MYA has also maintained Gold Standard in the Investors in People Award and are working through our action plan and tasks to move us towards Platinum in 1 years' time.

We have invested in staff welfare by providing regular Pilates and mindfulness sessions at lunchtime.

We have provided a **flexible workforce which maintains high quality performance and can be responsive to change**. From the appraisal and supervision processes, we identified key workforce development areas and have put a training calendar in place to upskill the workforce in these areas.

**We have delivered the majority of our bespoke management training for our Senior Management Team and the final module was postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. This will be completed in the next financial year.**

**SMT has also attended Story Telling training facilitated by Bright Sport training, to support our communication strategy in our 130<sup>th</sup> Year.**

We have **developed our marketing and communication strategy**. We launched our new website in November, to improve its accessibility and navigability. The development and use of social media has significantly progressed due, in part, to the roll out of training to staff and managers. This has enabled MYA to adapt swiftly in response to lockdown in March, moving to virtual platforms and marketing our new offer.

We have also progressed to a Cloud based server which has enabled MYA to work remotely including home working.

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (cont.)**

**Outcomes (continued)**

2020 is MYA's 130<sup>th</sup> year and we have developed a yearlong plan of events to celebrate. We have been successful in a Heritage Lottery grant to support a commemorative book, tapestry, gold rebranding of our logo and website, an archive drop, reminiscence events and a musical. We are working with Dr Charlotte Clements on the research for this. This plan had to be amended in March of this year, due to Covid-19 but we have secured approval to postpone events and the main publicity drive, until later in 2020-21, when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Patron, Jimmy Mullville is supporting us alongside Mason Owen Financial services and Remstone Construction to hold a Gala dinner in celebration in 2021.

MYA has appeared on Radio City and Radio Merseyside to publicise the 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations and reminiscence events.

**Plans for future periods**

**Strategy**

Merseyside Youth Association has a Business Plan, with an annual Action plan. In addition to this and as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are completing risk assessments and action planning for all of our premises, staff and projects to plan for a safe phased return to office and face to face work, when government advice allows. This will include shift systems, social distancing, increased cleaning regimes and a blended approach utilising digital and face to face approaches.

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

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

MYA remains committed to continued service delivery and financial stability within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, the uncertain impact on the economy, increasing and competing demands on public funding between civil society organisations, the public and private sectors.

We will continue to develop our strategic and operational partnerships and networks to ensure that MYA is both influential in and responsive to developments in relation to the Liverpool City Region's Growth Strategy and the Metro Mayor's Manifesto. We will work to influence the Health agenda via working strategically with the Third Sector and the Provider Alliance, as well as the City Regions' "Wealth and Wellbeing" research and Liverpool's NEET and Adolescence strategies.

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

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**Strategy (continued)**

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



Our direct delivery will continue to be:

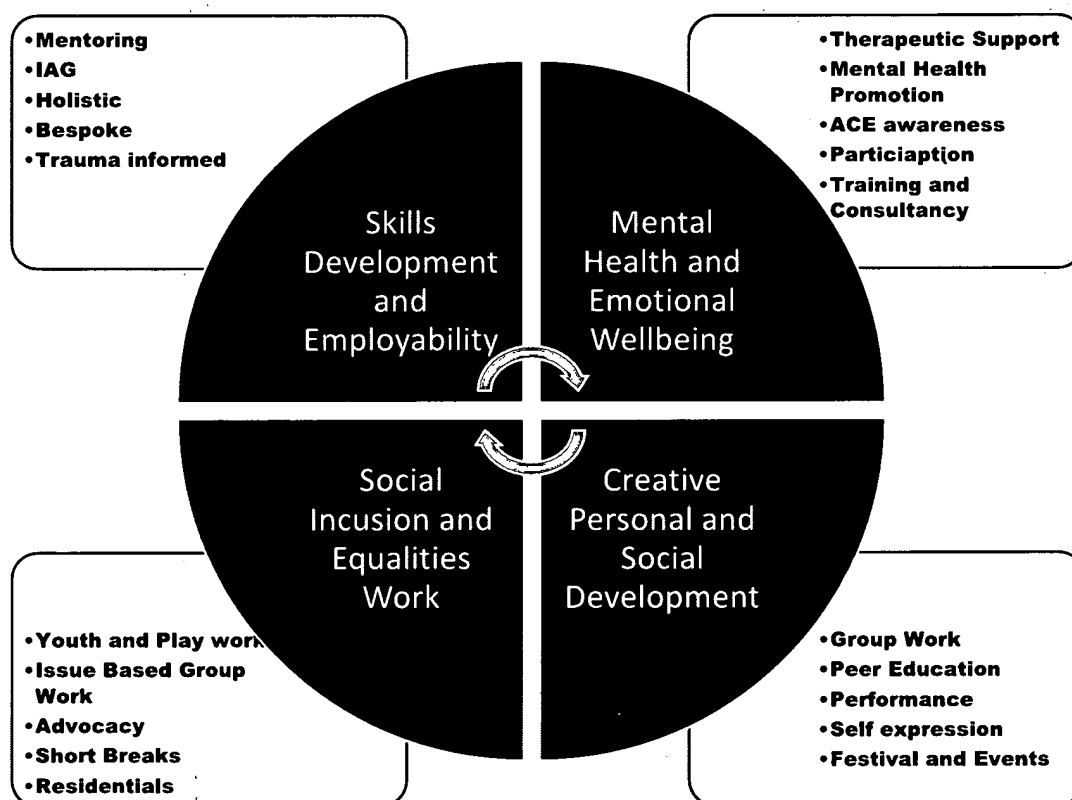
- Driven by young people for young people
- Demand led - real skills for real futures
- Motivational and inspiring
- Holistic and multi-disciplinary
- Asset led - built on young people's skills, knowledge and interest

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

We will focus our delivery in the following areas:



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

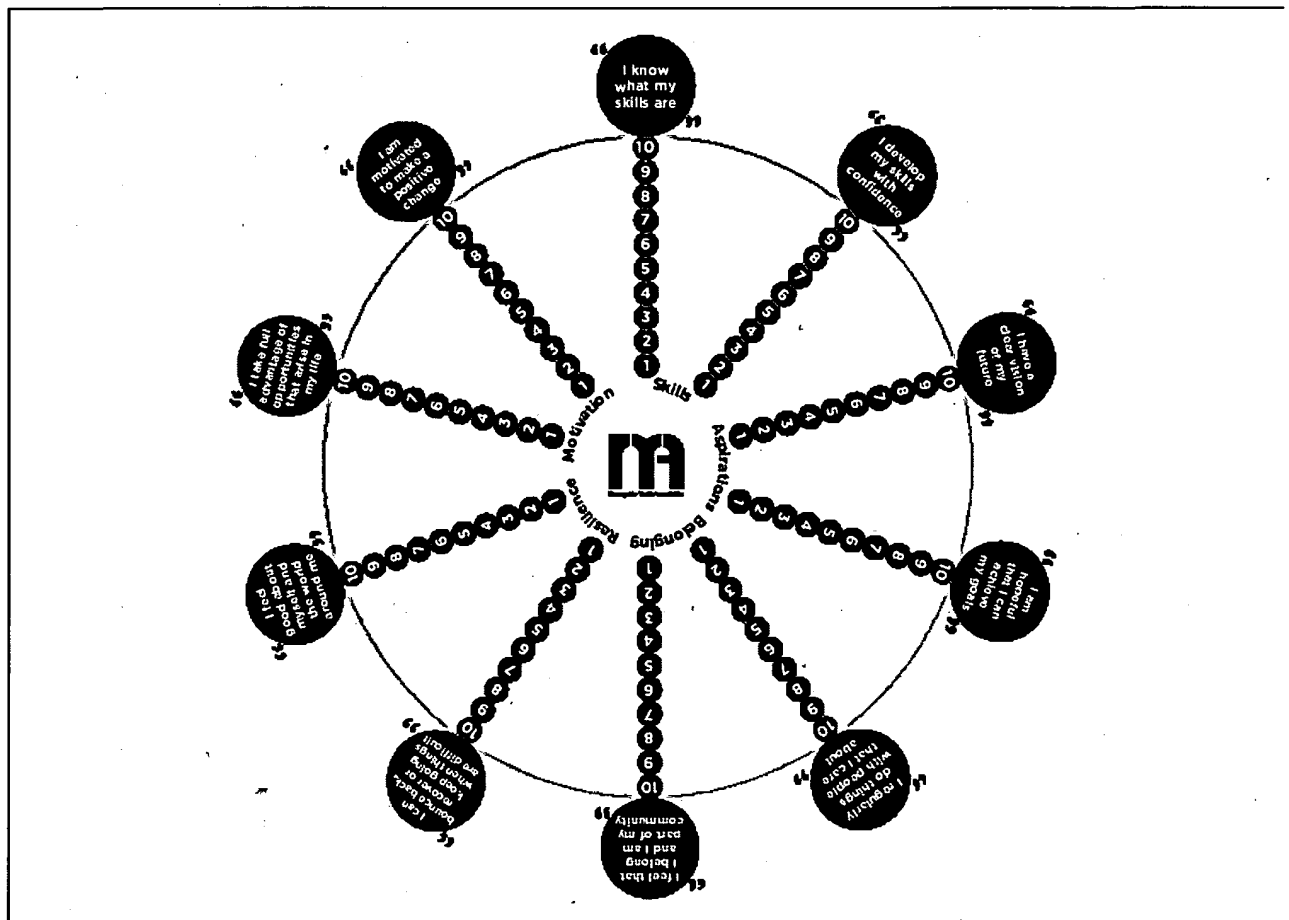
- Skills
- Aspiration
- Resilience
- Motivation
- Belonging

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

We will do this by using the following Outcome Star:



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

**Premises:**

We will complete capital work on our premises in order to:

- Improve our energy efficiency and reduce utilities cost in Hanover Street
- Increase accessibility of our learning spaces for learners impacted by ASD and hearing impairments
- Improve access to our buildings
- Invest in improvement in health and safety in line with our action plans

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

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

- Continuing to deliver innovative support to young people which meets their needs during lockdown and beyond
- Working with partners to both strategically and operationally deliver a children and young people recovery plan which includes:
  - Identifying and addressing the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on children and young people
  - Co-designing, planning, and delivering direct work to address their needs
  - Supporting MYA staff and the children and young people's workforce to safely return to direct work post lockdown
  - Review what has worked and what didn't in the first phase of crisis support and what we can learn from it
  - Build organisational resilience and flexibility to deal with future waves
  - Work with decision makers to support the 'Build Back Better' campaign and lobby for investment on children and young people's services
- Developing business plans and fundraising strategies for projects without secure funding post Dec 2021
- Using our reputation to secure other funding for our MYA SPACE Performing Arts Centre, Noise Music Project and Choices Knowsley Project in 2020- 2021
- Utilise MYA's holistic mentoring model in other areas such as youth crime and violence and school exclusion
- Working with partners in the Third Sector to promote a Social Innovation model of health care and prevention to the CCG
- Selling our Mental Health resources and training in other geographical locations and to other professions within the City Region
- Developing a Level 3 Intensive Mentoring qualification to sell to other geographical locations
- Applying to Youth Futures Fund to help secure our innovative delivery of holistic mentoring support for young people who are unemployed
- Devolution of skills agenda to Combined Authority –becoming integral to local offer working with hardest to reach so that we are commissioned to deliver across LCR
- Developing links with the Metro Mayor – building on existing positive relationships with local politicians
- Lobbying nationally for replacement funds for ESIF- either directly via DWP or devolved through LCR
- Working with National Lottery Community Fund on learning from their strategic programmes to influence future policy and programmes

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**Plans for future periods (continued)**

- Working with Inclusive Growth Commission and City Wide Fairness Commission– lobbying for investment in people and place (role of Northern Powerhouse)
- Responding to new funding initiatives specifically to develop work within LCR
- Increase income via hire of facilities and tenancy rental

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 25 November 2020 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, 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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISA's (UK) require us to report to you where:

- The trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- The trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 23), 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.

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

**Use of our report**

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

**Paul Collins FCA**

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of

Collins & Co.  
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants  
Suite 13, Hattersley House  
1 Hattersley Court  
Off Burscough Road  
Ormskirk L39 2AY

*Paul Collins - FCA*

Date:

*25/11/2020*

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities including Income and  
Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	23,791	2,058	25,849	11,789
Other trading activities	3	143,400	5,285	148,685	146,886
Investments	4	5,737	-	5,737	6,852
Charitable activities	5	32,476	3,996,039	4,028,515	3,604,523
Other income		-	2,015	2,015	5,418
<b>Total</b>		<b>205,404</b>	<b>4,005,397</b>	<b>4,210,801</b>	<b>3,775,468</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	7,843	-	7,843	7,307
Charitable activities	7	157,187	3,739,550	3,896,737	3,523,587
Other expenditure	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>165,030</b>	<b>3,739,550</b>	<b>3,904,580</b>	<b>3,530,894</b>
<b>Net income before (losses)/gains on investments</b>		<b>40,374</b>	<b>265,847</b>	<b>306,221</b>	<b>244,574</b>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	(27,820)	-	(27,820)	8,092
Net gains on investment property		73,806	-	73,806	35,056
<b>Net income before transfers</b>		<b>86,360</b>	<b>265,847</b>	<b>352,207</b>	<b>287,722</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	17	<b>68,637</b>	<b>(68,637)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>154,997</b>	<b>197,210</b>	<b>352,207</b>	<b>287,722</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,632,793	1,128,352	2,761,145	2,473,423
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,787,790</b>	<b>1,325,562</b>	<b>3,113,352</b>	<b>2,761,145</b>

There have been no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement of funds for the above two years. The notes on pages 30 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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

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**Company Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,347,088	1,326,893
Investment assets: Investments	12	267,020	293,686
Investment assets: Investment property	12	752,427	678,621
		<u>2,366,535</u>	<u>2,299,200</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	1,058,046	926,279
Cash at bank and in hand		414,937	210,622
		<u>1,472,983</u>	<u>1,136,901</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	(548,552)	(462,881)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>924,431</u>	<u>674,020</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,290,966</b>	2,973,220
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	(178,705)	(213,166)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,112,261</u>	<u>2,760,054</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	17		
Unrestricted		1,786,699	1,631,702
Restricted		1,325,562	1,128,352
		<u>3,112,261</u>	<u>2,760,054</u>

The notes on pages 30 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**Group Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1,347,088	1,326,893
Investment assets: Investments	12	267,015	293,681
Investment assets: Investment property	12	752,427	678,621
		<u>2,366,530</u>	<u>2,299,195</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	1,055,597	926,420
Cash at bank and in hand		419,495	212,540
		<u>1,475,092</u>	<u>1,138,960</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	14	(549,565)	(463,844)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>925,527</u>	<u>675,116</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		3,292,057	2,974,311
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	(178,705)	(213,166)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,113,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE GROUP</b>	17		
Unrestricted -			
Retained within the company		1,786,699	1,631,702
Retained within a non-charitable subsidiary		1,091	1,091
		<u>1,787,790</u>	<u>1,632,793</u>
Restricted		1,325,562	1,128,352
		<u>3,113,352</u>	<u>2,761,145</u>

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 November 2020 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 30 to 45 form part of these accounts.

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**Consolidated Statement of Cashflows as at 31 March 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	22	310,495	256,585
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest and dividends received		5,737	6,852
Proceeds from sale of investments		62,454	30,016
Purchase of investments		(71,686)	(27,717)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	15,001
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(67,402)	(5,422)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		(70,897)	18,730
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of bank loan		(33,668)	(33,340)
Repayments of finance lease		-	(340)
Interest paid		(7,053)	(7,786)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		(40,721)	(41,466)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		198,877	233,849
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		227,805	(6,044)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>426,682</u>	<u>227,805</u>
<b>Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		419,495	212,540
Cash equivalents		7,187	15,265
		<u>426,682</u>	<u>227,805</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**1     *Accounting policies***

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

**Funds**

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

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

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

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

The accounts 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.

*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.

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*Gains and losses on investments*

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

**Expenditure**

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

*Raising funds*

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

*Charitable activities*

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

*Irrecoverable VAT*

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

*Leasing*

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

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

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

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

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

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



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

**Investment Assets**

Investments are valued at closing prices, as advised by the investment manager.

**Current Assets**

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

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

**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	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	2,871	2,058	4,929	11,789
Legacies	20,920	-	20,920	-
	<u>23,791</u>	<u>2,058</u>	<u>25,849</u>	<u>11,789</u>
<b>3 Other trading activities</b>				
Hire of facilities	122,787	5,285	128,072	125,701
Insurance recharges	15,461	-	15,461	17,438
Trading subsidiary income	5,152	-	5,152	3,747
	<u>143,400</u>	<u>5,285</u>	<u>148,685</u>	<u>146,886</u>
<b>4 Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	19	-	19	1
Dividend income	5,718	-	5,718	6,851
	<u>5,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,737</u>	<u>6,852</u>
<b>5 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Grants:				
Arts Council England	-	14,050	14,050	14,258
Big Lottery Fund – Talent Match	-	981,192	981,192	1,324,885
Big Lottery Fund – SPACE Project	-	275,633	275,633	129,651
Big Lottery Fund - SPACE (capital)	-	38,153	38,153	-
Brighter Sounds	-	9,500	9,500	-
Champs Public Health Funding	-	-	-	9,500
European Social Fund	-	1,312,883	1,312,883	1,055,366
Groundwork UK – Tesco Bags	-	4,000	4,000	-
Knowsley MBC	-	336,590	336,590	320,751
Liverpool CC Sports & Recreation	-	-	-	143,162
Liverpool CC – Children's Services	-	67,018	67,018	49,500
Liverpool CCG	-	213,449	213,449	252,236
Liverpool CVS	-	-	-	3,000
Liverpool Learning Partnership	-	49,955	49,955	7,561
Mersey Care NHS	-	26,667	26,667	120,000
NHS Trust	-	28,000	28,000	28,000
Merseyside Police	-	209,580	209,580	-
Sefton CVS	-	12,420	12,420	3,518
Sefton MBC	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Skills Capital funding	-	230,242	230,242	-
Youth Music	-	39,930	39,930	43,995
Programme income	-	76,170	76,170	28,534
Project sales income	-	44,232	44,232	40,430
Other income	32,476	1,375	33,851	5,176
	<u>32,476</u>	<u>3,996,039</u>	<u>4,028,515</u>	<u>3,604,523</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
<b>6 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	216	-	216	216
Investment management costs	4,566	-	4,566	4,352
Trading subsidiary expenditure	3,061	-	3,061	2,739
	<u>7,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,843</u>	<u>7,307</u>
<b>7 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	176,978	1,553,677	1,730,655	1,707,975
Staff pension costs	8,007	27,967	35,974	38,130
Compensation for loss of office	-	-	-	1,940
Staff training/health & safety	(6,515)	17,223	10,708	23,248
Staff fitness/wellbeing	1,300	(600)	700	1,000
Charity building costs				
Rent & Rates	(30,350)	45,720	15,370	15,560
Insurance	25,593	41,571	67,164	68,895
Light and heat	28,355	21,299	49,654	47,891
Cleaning and laundry	23,441	19,622	43,063	39,344
Repairs and maintenance	71,286	10,461	81,747	93,938
Accountancy	27,552	15,969	43,521	43,663
Advertising	(2,450)	4,844	2,394	680
Auditors' remuneration	16,500	-	16,500	17,400
Bad debts	4,322	251	4,573	771
Bank charges	2,705	-	2,705	8,597
Childcare costs	-	-	-	7,993
Computer costs	17,557	17,281	34,838	17,834
Consultancy fees	-	18,465	18,465	3,335
ESF indirect overhead	(134,991)	134,991	-	-
ESF procured services	-	463,648	463,648	189,060
Equipment and resources	8,852	16,754	25,606	17,543
External supervision/support	720	3,600	4,320	4,205
Fees and subscriptions	2,087	664	2,751	3,021
Foodbank costs	-	2,212	2,212	1,087
Hire of equipment	7,356	2,460	9,816	16,688
HP interest	-	-	-	-
Interest paid	7,053	-	7,053	7,786
IT support charges	(22,922)	22,922	-	-
Legal and professional costs	21,943	4,633	26,576	25,980
Management support fee	(5,149)	5,149	-	-
NOW Festival	-	12,840	12,840	14,510
Printing, postage & stationery	10,539	9,675	20,214	13,208
Programme expenses	(24,877)	269,068	244,191	173,528
Project start up costs	(632)	632	-	-
Support services/other charges	(135,297)	135,297	-	-
c/fwd	<u>98,963</u>	<u>2,878,295</u>	<u>2,977,258</u>	<u>2,604,810</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020 £	2019 £
<b>7 Charitable activities (cont.)</b>				
b/fwd	98,963	2,878,295	2,977,258	2,604,810
Talent Match costs:				
- Management support fee	-	-	-	-
- Programme expenses	(8,523)	801,655	793,132	785,508
Telephone	7,518	42,027	49,545	48,400
Travel and motor expenses	1,478	14,633	16,111	22,590
Volunteers	-	-	-	6
Depreciation	47,207	-	47,207	48,613
Sundries	10,544	2,940	13,484	13,660
	<u>157,187</u>	<u>3,739,550</u>	<u>3,896,737</u>	<u>3,523,587</u>

<b>8 Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	47,207	48,613
Staff costs (see note 9)	1,766,628	1,746,105
Accountancy	43,521	43,663
Auditors' Remuneration	16,500	17,400

The auditor's remuneration of £16,500 (2019: £17,400) relates solely to the audit.

<b>9 Staff Costs</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	1,589,491	1,571,005
Social Security Costs	141,164	136,970
Pension Costs	35,973	38,130
	<u>1,766,628</u>	<u>1,746,105</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:

	2020 £	2019 £
Administration	7	8
Finance	2	2
Projects, activities and sessions	47	49
	<u>56</u>	<u>59</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>-</u>

The trustees received no remuneration (2019: £Nil) during the year. A total of £448 (2019: £448) was paid by the company for Trustee Indemnity Insurance during the year. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected with them.

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**10 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of employees, operated through the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST"), the Scheme established by the government to ensure that employers have access to a high-quality workplace pension scheme. The pension scheme charge represents contributions paid by, and due from, the company amounting to £35,973 (2019: £38,130).

**11 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold land & buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Works in progress £	Total £
<u>Parent Company and Group</u>					
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1st April 2019	12,000	2,131,206	48,846	-	2,192,052
Additions	-	51,626	5,256	10,520	67,402
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March, 2020	<u>12,000</u>	<u>2,182,832</u>	<u>54,102</u>	<u>10,520</u>	<u>2,259,454</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st April 2019	7,680	831,452	26,027	-	865,159
Charge for the year	240	43,657	3,310	-	47,207
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March, 2020	<u>7,920</u>	<u>875,109</u>	<u>29,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>912,366</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31st March, 2020	<u>4,080</u>	<u>1,307,723</u>	<u>24,765</u>	<u>10,520</u>	<u>1,347,088</u>
At 31st March, 2019	<u>4,320</u>	<u>1,299,754</u>	<u>22,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,326,893</u>

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

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

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

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**12 Investment assets**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	5	5
Listed investments	259,828	278,416
Cash held by investment managers	7,187	15,265
	<u>267,020</u>	<u>293,686</u>
Investment property	752,427	678,621
	<u>1,019,447</u>	<u>972,307</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:**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	<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>	2020	2019
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, 2020 was as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover	5,152	3,747
Cost of sales	(1,587)	(1,402)
Gross profit	3,565	2,345
Administrative expenses	(1,474)	(1,337)
Donation to parent company	(2,091)	(1,008)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	-	-
Retained profit brought forward	1,091	1,091
Retained profit carried forward	<u>1,091</u>	<u>1,091</u>

**Listed investments and cash:**

	Opening value	Purchases	Disposals	Change in market value	Closing value
	£	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	278,416	71,686	(62,454)	(27,820)	259,828
Cash	15,265				7,187
	<u>293,681</u>				<u>267,015</u>

**13 Debtors**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade Debtors	92,621	248,237
Prepayments and accrued income	955,662	664,079
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	2,620	24
Other debtors	7,143	13,939
	<u>1,058,046</u>	<u>926,279</u>

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<b>13 Debtors (continued)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Group</u>		
Trade debtors	92,792	248,402
Prepayments and accrued income	955,662	664,079
Other debtors	7,143	13,939
	<u>1,055,597</u>	<u>926,420</u>
<b>14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Parent Company</u>		
Trade creditors	237,552	110,290
Bank loan	34,370	33,577
Accruals and deferred income	228,179	251,026
Taxation and social security	37,475	32,336
Other creditors	10,976	35,652
	<u>548,552</u>	<u>462,881</u>
<u>Group</u>		
Trade creditors	237,552	110,290
Bank loan	34,370	33,577
Accruals and deferred income	229,192	251,989
Taxation and social security	37,475	32,336
Other creditors	10,976	35,652
	<u>549,565</u>	<u>463,844</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 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. It includes the following amounts, funded by Big Lottery Fund:

SPACE – deferred income brought forward	10,000	-
SPACE – funds received	303,786	139,651
SPACE – recognised this financial year	(313,786)	(129,651)
SPACE – deferred income carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Group and parent company</u>		
Bank loan	<u>178,705</u>	<u>213,166</u>

Of the amount payable on the bank loan after more than 1 year, £23,659 (2019: £64,216) is due after more than 5 years.

**16 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	1,594,685	771,845	2,366,530
Current Assets	775,518	699,574	1,475,092
Current Liabilities	(403,708)	(145,857)	(549,565)
Creditors: amounts due after more than 1 year	(178,705)	-	(178,705)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u><b>1,787,790</b></u>	<u><b>1,325,562</b></u>	<u><b>3,113,352</b></u>

**17 Movement on funds**

	At 1st April, 2019 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2020 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
<u>General unrestricted funds</u>					
General Fund	944,422	729,225	(593,171)	(139,519)	940,957
<u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u>					
Headquarters	33,957	-	(3,549)	18,893	49,301
SPACE Project	-	-	(1,289)	43,409	42,120
Gordon Youth Centre	5,634	-	(117)	-	5,517
Starting Point	520,555	-	(42,252)	-	478,303
	<u>560,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,207)</u>	<u>62,302</u>	<u>575,241</u>
<u>Designated unrestricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	10,743	-	-	(10,743)	-
Raise	-	-	-	199,613	199,613
NHS Mentors	11,736	-	-	(11,736)	-
SPACE Project	-	-	-	70,836	70,836
Staff Fitness project	203	-	-	(151)	52
Gordon Youth Centre	-	29,077	(31,564)	2,487	-
Youth 5 Connect	104,452	-	-	(104,452)	-
Trading subsidiary - MYA Youth Limited	1,091	3,173	(3,173)	-	1,091
	<u>128,225</u>	<u>32,250</u>	<u>(34,737)</u>	<u>145,854</u>	<u>271,592</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>1,632,793</b></u>	<u><b>761,475</b></u>	<u><b>(675,115)</b></u>	<u><b>68,637</b></u>	<u><b>1,787,790</b></u>



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**17 Movement on funds**  
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	At 1st April, 2019 £	Income (inc gains) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Choices Knowsley	-	347,528	(377,537)	30,009	-
MYA Birthday Celebration	-	2,015	(2,015)	-	-
MYA Noise	-	59,205	(81,656)	22,451	-
MYA YOU	-	50,000	(88,407)	38,407	-
NHS Mentors	-	54,666	(58,412)	3,746	-
Raise	114,737	393,146	(291,254)	(198,179)	18,450
Skills Capital Fund	-	230,242	-	-	230,242
SPACE Project	-	378,686	(264,441)	(114,245)	-
Staff Fitness project	-	1,670	(1,821)	151	-
Starting Point - Capital reserve	761,325	-	-	-	761,325
Step Up Fund	957	-	-	-	957
Talent Match	197,872	-	(68,827)	-	129,045
Talent Match 2019	53,461	986,437	(886,667)	-	153,231
Talent Match Plus	-	1,312,883	(1,388,888)	76,005	-
VRP Mental Health	-	209,580	(177,268)	-	32,312
Youth 5 Connect	-	15,716	(88,734)	73,018	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b><u>1,128,352</u></b>	<b><u>4,041,774</u></b>	<b><u>(3,775,927)</u></b>	<b><u>(68,637)</u></b>	<b><u>1,325,562</u></b>
 <b>Total funds</b>	 <b><u>2,761,145</u></b>	 <b><u>4,803,249</u></b>	 <b><u>(4,451,042)</u></b>	 <b><u>-</u></b>	 <b><u>3,113,352</u></b>

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<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>	
General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
<b><u>Designated unrestricted capital reserves</u></b>	
The following funds were designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in these projects at the year end:	
Headquarters	
Gordon Youth Centre	
SPACE Project	
Starting Point	This fund was designated to be equal to the amount of the net book value of the fixed assets held in this project at the year end, excluding the value of the assets held within the restricted fund.
<b><u>Designated unrestricted funds</u></b>	
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:	
Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project)	
SPACE Project	
Staff Fitness Project	
Trading subsidiary – MYA Youth Limited	This represents the accumulated profits of the subsidiary company still retained within the subsidiary company.
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>	
Choices Knowsley	This project aims to provide outreach youth work in the Penny Lane area of Liverpool.
MYA Birthday Celebration	Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Mason Owen Financial Services, this project has been set up to support the 130th birthday celebrations for the charity. This will include a number of events across the year including a book and a short film on our history showcasing young people's lives that have been changed by the charity, a musical, a tapestry and a new archive drop for further historical documents into Liverpool Records office.
MYA 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	Provides one to one support, group work, advice and information to young people who are disabled to enable their full inclusion into mainstream services.
NHS Mentors	The project offers support for those aged 16+ into training and work placements within four NHS Trusts in Merseyside. Funded by Health Education England working across four NHS Trusts; MerseyCare Foundation Trust, The Walton Centre, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and Liverpool Women's. We provide a pre-employment training programme, NHS work placements and volunteering opportunities, as well as mentoring support both during and post programme. Our aim is to develop employment skills and provide a unique NHS Experience bespoke to individuals and groups.

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Raise (formerly Mental Health Promotion Project)	This project delivers mental health awareness training to all professionals working with children and young people.
Skills Capital Fund	Funded by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, this project will support capital improvements which enhance our learners' environment, improve our energy efficiency and carbon footprint and enhance the accessibility of our Hanover street facilities.
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.
Staff Fitness Project	The overall aim of the project is to increase the fitness levels of MYA's team, to reduce stress and improve overall health and ability to combat illness.
Starting Point – Capital Reserve	This fund was set up to be equal to the amount of the contingent liabilities remaining in place in connection with the Starting Point Building Project.
Step Up Fund	The Step Up Fund is a small fund established through a legacy from Mrs Stella Warren. The fund is designed to help unemployed young people within MYA projects to access training or education by helping with course fees, travel costs, childcare etc. Awards of up to £350 are available (in exceptional circumstances awards of £500 may be made).
Big Lottery Fund: Talent Match	Intensive Mentoring Programme for young people aged 18-24 who have been out of the labour market for over 12 months.
ESF and YEI: Talent Match Plus	Funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, this project works with young people aged 15-29 from across LCR who are furthest away from the labour market. Innovative interventions through Intensive Mentoring and individualised career coaching develop a unique, person centred pathway of support to progress them into education, employment or training.
VRP - Mental Health collaborative	Funded by Merseyside Police Violence Reduction Partnership, this fund supports young people at risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violent crime. Working in partnership with YPAS and ADDvanced Solutions, the programme delivers intensive mentoring, therapeutic support and neuro developmental support. The project also includes outreach work (the navigators role) and insight work to support research and evaluation.
Youth 5 Connect	A parenting program created by a Psychologist and Public Health professional commissioned by CHAMPS. MYA collaborated with parents/carers and professionals to produce a clear and concise manual and website. Working across 9 authorities, MYA wrote and presented a Train the Trainer course, equipping professionals to deliver to parents through an intense 2 day program. The course focuses on Mental Health, Resilience and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy enabling parents to consider alternative strategies in understanding their young person's struggles and difficulties.

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**18 Transfers between funds**

Certain transfers between different funds relate to adjustments necessary due to insufficient funding being received for some restricted projects, in respect of which £156,139 (2019: £69,603) has been transferred from unrestricted funds to cover this shortfall), including any adjustments necessary following the ending of certain projects.

Ten (2019: fifteen) projects had incurred surpluses, including their brought forward reserves – the relevant funders have no intention of seeking repayment of these amounts. Following the success of such projects, the directors have made transfers to designated (unrestricted) funds to enable further related work to be performed in future periods. During the current year, the directors have made a transfer to designated funds totalling £239,015 (2019: £74,713) to enable further related work on these projects to be performed. In addition, the directors have made further transfers to unrestricted funds in respect of projects that have incurred surpluses totalling £37,990 (2019: £Nil) and a transfer of £3,798 from (2019: £9,582) unrestricted capital reserves. Further, one project was incorporated into another at the year end, bringing with it a surplus of £31,434, which has been carried forward as designated funds.

**19 Taxation**

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

**20 Contingent liabilities**

The company had the following contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020:

- As part of the fundraising process for the Starting Point Building Project, a grant of £311,325 was received from Rope Walks Partnership. One of the conditions of this grant is that if the building is used for purposes other than those specified in the application, or is sold, then some or all of the grant may be repayable at the donor's discretion. This condition applies until 2021.

**21 Financial commitments**

The company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 as follows:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total future payments, falling due:				
Within one year	-	-	15,930	7,288
Between one and five years	-	-	25,617	17,177
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,547</u>	<u>24,465</u>

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<b>22 Cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the year	352,207	287,722
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividends receivable	(5,737)	(6,852)
Depreciation	47,207	48,613
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	(5,418)
Net gains on investments	(45,986)	(43,148)
Interest payable	7,053	7,786
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>	<b>354,744</b>	<b>288,703</b>
(Decrease)/increase in debtors	(129,177)	226,469
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	84,928	(258,587)
	<b>310,495</b>	<b>256,585</b>

**23 Capital commitments**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, capital commitments authorised by the directors but not contracted for amounted to £661,453 (2019: £19,547) and capital commitments authorised and contracted for amounted to £19,664 (2019: £18,751).

**24 Members' liability**

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

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity was charged £6,158 (2019: £2,850) by R & R Joinery Limited, a company in respect of which R. T. Dears is a director and shareholder. £Nil (2019: £1,410) was owed to the company at the balance sheet date.

During the year, the Charity received a donation of £2,091 (2019: £1,008), and purchased services costing £3,189 (2019: £2,417), from the subsidiary company, MYA Youth Limited. Balances due from group companies are shown in Notes 14 and 15 of the financial statements.

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**26 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	6,670	5,119	11,789
Other trading activities	3	142,931	3,955	146,886
Investments	4	6,852	-	6,852
Charitable activities	5	2,876	3,601,647	3,604,523
Other income		-	5,418	5,418
<b>Total</b>		<b>159,329</b>	<b>3,616,139</b>	<b>3,775,468</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	6	7,307	-	7,307
Charitable activities	7	31,841	3,491,746	3,523,587
Other expenditure	8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,148</b>	<b>3,491,746</b>	<b>3,530,894</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before losses on investments</b>		<b>120,181</b>	<b>124,393</b>	<b>244,574</b>
Net gains on investments		8,092	-	8,092
Net gains on investment property		35,056		35,056
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>163,329</b>	<b>124,393</b>	<b>287,722</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>(107,972)</b>	<b>107,972</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>55,357</b>	<b>232,365</b>	<b>287,722</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,577,436	895,987	2,473,423
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,632,793</b>	<b>1,128,352</b>	<b>2,761,145</b>