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Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2010

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Report of the Board of Trustees

Introduction

This year, Yorkshire Universities consolidated its role as a 'strategic enabler' for higher education and importantly in demonstrating the significant public benefit realised by Yorkshire's higher education institutions (HEIs). Inevitably, political change and continued economic uncertainty has shaped much of our advocacy and influencing activities and we have focused on positioning the sector for the future, deepening key partnerships particularly with local government and business and developing collaborative programmes where it is of mutual interest and benefit

Objects

Mission

To be the regional voice for higher education in Yorkshire

Vision

To be generating significant impact for higher education in Yorkshire by working proactively and in partnership

Key aims for our strategic role are to

- promote the contribution of the sector to the region's sustainable development, positioning the sector as a valued strategic partner, responsive to stakeholder needs and influential in regional decision-making
- demonstrate the impact of the sector through targeted evidence-based messages aimed at key audiences including government and funding bodies
- generate greater impact by building on individual and collaborative strengths and successes to broker new opportunities through effective networking, influencing and partnership
- foster a collaborative working ethos to further the interests of the membership and provide a focal point for intelligence on the sector
- provide a forum for the membership to come together to tackle issues of concern for the sector

Public benefit

In setting our programme each year we have regard to both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on advancing education for public benefit

Activities

Our activities reflect issues which are important for the membership and require collective action, emphasising common themes of advocacy, influencing and brokerage working on behalf of, and with the membership in engaging our partners. During the year we delivered a range of activities which bring public benefit including supporting businesses and individuals during the recession, fostering business innovation and enterprise culture, and initiatives focused on graduate employability and recruitment. Our activities are delivered as part of three broad strategic themes and our social enterprise Graduates Yorkshire, providing a regional recruitment and internship service for graduates.

Activities continued

Our strategic themes are

Promoting higher education

Elevating the profile of higher education in Yorkshire by demonstrating our contribution to the economy and society. Generating greater traction with stakeholders and decision makers through focused influencing and advocacy. Promoting Yorkshire as an attractive destination for higher education.

Extracting value for, and from, the region's higher education sector

Extracting maximum value for and from higher education by appropriate joint working, expanding information about the HE offer, driving growth by facilitating access to research, promoting innovation and sharing of knowledge

Employability and workforce development

Developing, attracting, and retaining a highly-skilled workforce which drives regional productivity. Working with partners to identify future skills needs and enable our graduates to develop specialisms and valuable soft skills to meet that need. Developing collaborative progression pathways to higher education to address changing demographics and the needs of the learner and widen engagement with higher education.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Board led the development and implementation of a new strategic direction for Yorkshire Universities, which seeks to place higher education at the heart of future socio-economic growth against a backdrop of continued political and economic uncertainty. Our activities have focused on high-level advocacy and influencing with politicians and key partners to realise the collective ambitions of the membership and creating the right conditions for collaboration.

We have also achieved some significant successes during the year, for example

- high level advocacy demonstrating the vital contribution of higher education in Yorkshire in driving socio-economic growth evidenced by key messages and facts,
- promoting the contribution of universities and colleges to deliver rapid recession response services and publishing a regional directory in January 2010,
- sustaining and enhancing a regional graduate internship scheme aimed at creating job opportunities and driving business productivity,
- publishing a report on the impact of the recession in Yorkshire on the class of 2009 graduates, which was well received,
- co-ordinating regional intelligence on HEI activities and working with business representative and business support organisations to promote the broad contribution of higher education to business, including a highly successful event in March 2010 attracting over 150 Yorkshire businesses and academics,
- leading the development, co-ordination and management of a range of collaborative projects, including Yorkshire Concept, Proof of Commercial Concept Fund, Graduate Entrepreneurship and Yorkshire and Humber Teaching Public Health Network

Promoting higher education

During the year Yorkshire Universities actively promoted the socio-economic impact and contribution of higher education in Yorkshire, underpinned by a comprehensive communication action plan stressing the importance of shaping a 'new language' to resonate with influential stakeholders and to position the sector well to influence future policy and investment plans

- In January, published a regional directory of Economic Challenge Investment Fund initiatives, supported by Hefce and Yorkshire Forward, targeting public sector support agencies and business intermediaries
- Produced regular press releases and case studies to promote higher education and the universities of Yorkshire
- Launched a report in March 2010, 'The role of Yorkshire's universities in driving the region's economy', which was submitted to Government
- Launched a 'z-card' at a YU-YF Business Ambassadors event, entitled 'The Business of Research Yorkshire's universities solving business problems', hosted by the former Regional Minister, Rt Hon Rosie Winterton MP and attended by over 150 Yorkshire businesses and academics on 25 March 2010
- Produced key messages and key facts cards on the collective impact of Yorkshire's universities. There was good media coverage of the news that Yorkshire's universities contribute £3 7bn annually to the region.
- Engaged with regional stakeholders in April 2010, we wrote to all 55 regional MPs, shortly to be followed-up by further engagement to raise awareness of higher education in the region, targeting business representative bodies and policy makers
- Redeveloped the Yorkshire Universities website to show the impact of higher education and the region's universities

Since the election we have engaged with the Coalition's emerging localism policy and governance arrangements and enhanced important strategic partnerships with local authorities, Local Government Yorkshire and the Humber, Yorkshire Forward, Government Office and business representative bodies – CBI and Chamber of Commerce

Maximising the value of higher education

During the year, we renewed our strategic alliance with Yorkshire Forward with the need for a sharper focus to the alliance given the prevailing complex political and economic situation Four themes have been identified, these are advanced manufacturing, low carbon economy and new energy, healthcare technologies, and digital and new media

In each case, there is evidence of leading-edge capacity in the region, with the need and / or opportunity to promote a stronger business sector and higher employment with the relevant skill base. The early phase of implementation has sought to bring together senior-level champions for each theme to galvanise support and engage decision makers.

The Coalition Government's localism agenda and subsequent review and creation of new sub-national arrangements involving the abolition of the regional development agencies has inevitability led to a hiatus in activity. However, we remain committed to shaping and leading a longer term perspective on those collaborative priorities which will accelerate and drive economic development.

Maximising the value of higher education continued

This year we also led the development of new approaches to streamline the decision-making process for European Regional Development Fund investment and to stimulate collaborative and multidisciplinary projects from HEI partnerships, fostering areas of strength to build capacity and leverage expertise. The Fund will be aligned with future growth sectors where the region has world-leading expertise.

Graduate employability and workforce development

Over the last year, the majority of Yorkshire's universities have implemented a number of graduate internship schemes, supported by Yorkshire Forward and Hefce – working with Yorkshire-based businesses to create new employment opportunities, promote key employability skills and effectively utilise graduate talent. This has been an important agenda for Yorkshire Universities and Graduates Yorkshire and will be retained as a strategic issue as business confidence grows post recession.

Our report, published in May 2010, on *Yorkshire graduates impact of the recession on the class of 2009* presents survey findings from over 1100 Yorkshire graduates, three months after graduating to inform and meet a gap in regional intelligence on the impact of the recession on graduate opportunity in Yorkshire, share good practice and identify key recommendations to create and sustain graduate employment

Graduates Yorkshire offer business across Yorkshire a funded internship programme that introduces fresh, talented graduates to companies on a placement basis from 3-12 months. Their service offers a full recruitment and selection process including CV, sifting, telephone interviewing and assessment centres. Graduates also receive employability skills development as part of this process. All internships are paid by the host company and over 100 interns have been placed so far with the majority of completed interns receiving a permanent job as a result.

The YU Board have considered the future of GY There will be a major change of funding from 1 April 2011 and GY has sufficient reserves to meet the costs of the changes involved GY is cooperating with the YU Board to preserve a service based upon the sustainability of existing funding and new sources of funding

Graduate Entrepreneurship supporting start-ups in Yorkshire

The Graduate Entrepreneurship Project (GE), funded by Yorkshire Forward, provides financial and practical assistance to eleven partner HEIs in the region, to support activities aimed at students and graduates interested in starting their own businesses. The project's goal is to secure Yorkshire's place as a leader of business start-up support for students and graduates, to aid the development of businesses that will have a long-term positive impact on the regional economy

The key aims of GE are to raise awareness of entrepreneurship, inspire innovation and provide practical, high quality support to students, graduates and colleagues working with these groups. Through GE, now managed by the University of Huddersfield, partner institutions are able to work together collaboratively, share ideas and best practice and share knowledge to provide a strong base upon which new and innovative initiatives can be supported to ensure that start-up businesses have the very best foundations upon which to build

More recently, the GE project partners have submitted an application to the ERDF fund and are currently awaiting feedback from the outline business plan to develop the GE offer beyond its current funding cycle

Other collaborative programmes

Yorkshire Concept

The Fund has now approved 50 projects and awarded a total grant sum of £2 6m. During the last year the Food and Environment Research Agency and Medipex (NHS regional innovation hub) have joined the Fund to widen the regional science exploitation base outside that of higher education. Three spin outs have been formed including mr shox from the University of Sheffield which won the venturefest Yorkshire investment competition in February 2010, an event which Yorkshire Concept helped sponsor and used to showcase 30 university propositions. Since then five propositions have pitched for investment at the July 2010 Connect Yorkshire Investment Forum.

It is expected that further spin outs will be created this year and more licence deals signed Over the past year the Fund has helped leverage over £9m of industrially related sponsorship. Proposals have collaborations with nearly 70 companies, and in reflecting a global view of innovation these partnerships extend from California to China to mainland Europe as well as the region and the remainder of the UK.

Looking forward the Fund will close in March 2011 but exit plans are underway to prepare an application for ERDF funding to continue the partnership

The Yorkshire and Humber Teaching Public Health Network (YHTPHN)

YHTPHN is one of nine regional Networks established in 2006 by the Department of Health (DH). The YHTPHN has worked towards four key objectives.

- Support and encourage effective partnerships across the provider and commissioner interface
- Increase the capacity for public health programmes based on identified needs and capacity gaps
- Facilitate the further development of healthy learning environments within the HE and FE setting
- Use information and intelligence to effectively support the development of learning opportunities

In addition to DH funding, the Network also secured regional funding from the Strategic Health Authority for the development and regional coordination of an advanced Public Health CPD Programme. This was supplemented by funding from each Primary Care Trust within the region. The regional advanced Public Health CPD Programme is one component of YHTPHN's regional strategic framework for CPD. The programme's structure has three key strands competency based programmes, professional updates and academic public health lectures. Providing opportunities to network and share professional experiences is at the heart of the programme. The YHTPHN website has also been developed to support this work and offers an opportunity for public health staff to record their CPD and development needs based on the Public Health Skills and Career Framework.

With HEFCE funding, YHTPHN has taken the national lead, on behalf of all the regional TPHNs, in supporting the development of healthy learning environments. As part of this work YHTPHN have set up a regional healthy universities network to facilitate a collaborate approach, offer good practice sharing opportunities and to contribute to national developments. To date, they have achieved real momentum with all universities from across the region fully committed to this agenda. Currently, YHTPHN are committed to facilitating some work to achieve the Healthy Universities Network's sustainability and to help the group make a business case to sector leaders for continued support.

Graduates Yorkshire

Graduates Yorkshire (GY) is a wholly owned subsidiary, a company limited by guarantee and is the premier graduate job vacancy advertising site for Yorkshire UK Working in partnership with the region's university careers services our matching service connects candidates to job vacancies in the region

The last year has been a positive one for GY Diversification has brought greater stability, and profitability, in only the second full year of trading. Whilst job board revenue through graduatesyorkshire colub, has remained static due to challenging market conditions, the business has won a number of significant pieces of work in other areas. Firstly, after a successful pilot phase, GY was awarded a three year contract to run an Internships programme across Yorkshire by the RDA. Secondly, the successful tender to win the contract to deliver the GradsEast service has brought in revenue, and demonstrated the attractiveness of the GY model to other parts of the country. The year has also seen growth of the team, retention of key staff, implementation of sound HR policies and an improvement in financial stability having removed the structural debt from the business.

More recently, GY has become involved in arranging internships for graduates (placing 97 internships in just one year), there is already evidence that this is enhancing graduate employment (as internships turn into 'proper jobs')

Plans for the future

The next period will be characterised by the new political and policy context, emphasising challenging public sector expenditure and the highly anticipated independent review of higher education funding and student finance. Against this background, Yorkshire. Universities will place greater emphasis on promoting the sector as a valued strategic partner, the wider benefits of higher education and demonstrating additionality. As outlined in our report for 2009-10, effective partnership working will remain an important feature of our work. The emerging localism agenda of the Coalition Government and in particular, establishing Local Enterprise Partnerships in Yorkshire will shape our activities for much of 2010-11 to position higher education in this new landscape, given the importance of the sector to driving growth. Precise structural and funding arrangements are yet to be confirmed and it will be important to further new and existing collaborations to foster innovation and knowledge-intensive activities which generate wider public benefit.

Graduates Yorkshire (GY) is approaching a critical stage in its development. Much of its activity has been publicly funded. GY needs to find new sources of income to replace declining public funding. GY is developing a plan for the development and sustainability of its business. It is anticipated that the business growth plan will be presented to the YU Board for endorsement in early 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The Board presents the report and financial statements of Yorkshire Universities (YU) for the year ended 31 July 2010. The report and statements also comply with the Companies Act 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. YU registered as a charity on 25 April 2005 so the statements appear in the format required by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities, effective April 2005 (revised May 2008).

Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the charity are also directors for the purposes of company law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, each member of the Board is the Vice Chancellor or Principal or Chief Executive of an eligible institution in the Yorkshire and Humber Region The Chair (and Deputy) are appointed for two years and are drawn from the membership Induction and training for new Trustees is led by the Chief Executive Officer This includes

- the obligations of Trustees,
- key documents which set out the operational framework for Yorkshire Universities including the Memorandum and Articles,
- resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts, and
- future plans and objectives

Upon appointment, all members complete a register of interests, which is reviewed and updated annually. All Trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration or expenses were paid in the year. Details of related party transactions are disclosed in note 12 to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chief Executive Officer and in accordance with our policy to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Risk management

We continually evaluate and mitigate risk through adopting appropriate policies, procedures and systems. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to comply with statutory requirements. No significant new risks have been identified this year. Organisational risks relate to strategic direction and partnerships and business continuity in the context of wider economic and political change. To manage these risks, we

- continue to work closely with the wider Yorkshire universities' membership to focus on issues of collective strategic importance and supporting opportunities for collaboration,
- actively engaged with key partners to further partnerships and to demonstrate the contribution of higher education in Yorkshire through advocacy and influencing and to position the sector in the region,
- utilise HEI networks and collaborative activities to maximise the value of and from higher education to the region and beyond,
- ensure the organisation utilises resources effectively to deliver the membership strategy

Organisational structure

The Chief Executive Officer of YU has responsibility for the day-to-day management of YU within the context of the strategic direction set by the YU Board. He is supported by a team of two staff members responsible for strategic development, engagement with partners and stakeholders and providing support to the membership. The YU Board approves the delegation of financial authority through the Chief Executive Officer, with a specific scheme of delegation.

The Chief Executive Officer of GY has responsibility for the day-to-day management of GY within the context of the strategic direction set by the GY Board. The GY Board reports to the YU Board. The GY Board is responsible for reporting all financial affairs to the YU Board.

Financial position and policies

Current and future years

Membership subscriptions form the majority of YU's funds for 2009-10, with subscription income forming a significant proportion of the charity's funding, providing greater stability. Other funds have been received from the Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE) and Yorkshire Forward. In addition, we have further sought to reduce costs of operating the charity to direct funds to progress strategic priorities of the membership.

Annual turnover (group) is reduced at £996,000 (2009 £1,913,440) Group Reserves are increased at £201,000 (2009 £61,375)

We have retained a small balance of restricted funds (£14,290) in relation to activities to promote uptake of higher level skills, which will be used to further this initiative during the year

Reserves policy

Our operating position on reserves is informed by the view of the Board, that a proportion of the unrestricted income should be held as free reserve funds to meet the working capital requirements of the organisation, to allow for the development of new initiatives (where the organisation would incur expenditure in advance of anticipated income) and to mitigate against any significant drop in funding. As at the 31 July 2010, the unrestricted reserve was £102,000 and in June, the Board endorsed a gradual reduction in the level of reserve funds for the charity to maintain to approximately three months' operating costs.

Investment policy

We receive income on an annual basis through membership subscriptions, grants and other sources. The current position is that all income should be available immediately or on short-term deposit rather than invested for the longer term. Consequently funds are invested on deposit to secure the best rate available with recognised financial institutions and banks.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for the charity for each financial year. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare group financial statements for the charity and its subsidiary undertakings. The financial statements must be prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) and are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for the year. In preparing the 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made thereunder. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the Board

Members of the Board, who are directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 12

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 of which the company's 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

In preparing this report the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by s415A of the Companies Act 2006

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Professor Philip Jones (Trustee)

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Trustees and advisers

Board of Trustees Professor M Arthur

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Professor F Bridge

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Professor B Cantor

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(Appointed 01 07 10) Professor P Jones

Professor C Pistorius Mr P Meaden

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Professor D Willcocks Resigned 30 04 10)

Secretary

Resigned 18 06 10) Ws A Morgan

Professor Roger Lewis (Appointed 21 06 10)

Yorkshire Universities team

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Yorkshire Universities

We have audited the group and parent charity financial statements of Yorkshire Universities for the year ended 31 July 2010 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and parent charity balance sheets, and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the charity's members as a body, in accordance with chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of the group financial statements, to the charity's Trustees as a body, in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of the Charities Act 1993. 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 an auditors' report 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 as a body and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

The responsibilities of the Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards ('United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice') are set out in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees were not required by section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 Act to prepare group financial statements accounts for the financial year and accordingly have prepared the group financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made under that Act

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of our audit of the group financial statements, under the Charities Act 1993 We report to you in accordance with those Acts and in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of the Charities Act 1993

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of the group financial statements, the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made thereunder. We also report whether the information given in the Trustees' report is consistent with those financial statements.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, the parent charity has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charity's individual financial statements are not in agreement with those records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charity and other members of the group is not disclosed

We read the Trustees' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the
 parent charity's affairs as at 31 July 2010 and of the group's incoming resources and
 application of resources for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of the group financial statements, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made thereunder, and
- the information given in the Trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements

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Linda Cooper

Senior statutory auditor
For and on behalf of PKF (UK) LLP, statutory auditors
Leeds, UK
[Date] 16 March 2011

Yorkshire Universities (Group) Statement of Financial Activities incorporating a consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2010

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	Reconciliation of funds					
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	Total funds carried forward		102,086	99,088	201,174	61,375

The net movement in funds referred to above is the net outgoing / (incoming) resources and net (expenditure)/income as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in note 13. All activities derive from continuing operations.

This Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. The notes on pages 18 to 28 form an integral part of these accounts

Yorkshire Universities (Charity) Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2010

COMPANY NUMBER 3467035

N	otes		At 31st July 2010 £		At 31st July 2009 £
The assets and liabilities of the charity			•		~
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		2,666		9,771
Current assets					
Debtors	9	45,390		32,269	
Cash at bank and in hand		106,434		105,962	
Total current assets		151,824		138,231	
Creditors -					
amounts falling due within one year Net current assets	10	(38,111)	113,713	(65,486)	72,745
Total assets less current liabilities			116,379	-	82,516
Net assets			440.070	-	20.510
Net assets			116,379	-	82,516
The funds of the charity :					
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		102,089		68,226	
Restricted revenue accumulated funds		14,290		14,290	
Total charity funds	13		116,379	-	82,516

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

9 December 2010

Professor Philip Jones (Trustee)

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form an integral part of these accounts

Yorkshire Universities (Group) Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2010

No	otes		At 31st July 2010		At 31st July 2009 £
The assets and liabilities of the charity .			-		_
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		6,605		9,771
Current assets					
Debtors	9	89,599		93,103	
Cash at bank and in hand		172,415		106,060	
Total current assets		262,014		199,163	
Creditors:-					
amounts falling due within one year	10	(67,445)	101 500	(147,559)	54.004
Net current assets Total assets less current liabilities			194,569 201,174		51,604 61,375
Total assets less current nabinities			201,174		01,373
Net assets		•	201,174	-	61,375
The funds of the group .		•		•	
The failus of the group .					
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds		102,086		68,224	
Restricted revenue accumulated funds		99,088		(6,849)	
Total group funds	13		201,174	•	61,375

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

9 December 2010

Professor Philip Jones (Trustee)

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1 Accounting policies Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable accounting standards, as modified by the 2005 Revision of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective April 2005 (revised May 2008)

The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act and the Companies Act. Insofar as the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective April 2005. (revised May 2008) requires compliance with specific Financial Reporting Standards other than the FRSSE then the specific Financial Reporting Standards have been followed where their requirements differ from those of the FRSSE.

Advantage has been taken of paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 4 of the Companies Act 2006 and The Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations 2008 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the group operation. The group has taken advantage of the exemption in FRSSE from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement. The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention. The group is mainly funded by subscriptions, grant aid and internet sales. As a consequence, the going concern basis is also dependent on the sustainability of these funding streams. The board is satisfied that its plans are financially sustainable in this difficult funding climate.

Method of consolidation of subsidiaries

The group financial statements consolidate the accounts of Yorkshire Universities and its subsidiary on a line by line basis. Transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. No Statements of Financial Activities is presented for Yorkshire Universities as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Graduates Yorkshire Ltd is the only subsidiary and has a financial year end of 31 March As this is non-coterminous with the charity, the period of accounts that has been consolidated, is from 01 Aug 2009 to 31 July 2010 These are based on a combination of the statutory and management accounts of the subsidiary

Incoming resources and deferred income

Incoming resources are recognised in the year in which entitlement and the amount can be measured with certainty. Income is deferred only when the group has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be used in a future period. Bank interest is included in the accounts on a receivable basis.

In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting, effective April 2005 (revised May 2008) issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, grants received in advance and specified by the donor as relating to specific accounting periods or alternatively which are subject to conditions which are still to be met, and which are outside the control of the group or where it is uncertain whether the conditions can or will be met, are deferred on an accruals basis to the period to which they relate. Such deferrals are shown in the notes to the accounts and the sums involved are shown as creditors in the accounts.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis Resources expended are allocated directly to a particular activity where costs relate directly to that activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

The policy for including items within costs of generating funds, charitable activities and governance costs is to consider their management. Costs are allocated in relation to the manager responsible for managing the activity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the group and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Grant costs are allocated directly as costs are incurred by each activity. These are tracked with individual project controllers who are accountable to project boards and funders for the correct allocation of expenditure and the resulting financial reports. Indirect expenses are apportioned in line with the staff time for the activities to which the expense relates.

Fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Items of less than £100 are not capitalised. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their expected residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives, commencing on the year following that of acquisition.

Fixtures and Fittings

25% straight line

Office Equipment

25% straight line

Taxation

As a registered charity, Yorkshire Universities is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities. Graduates Yorkshire Ltd has a liability to VAT and to UK Corporation Tax on ordinary activities for the period and its activities are stated net of VAT.

Finance and operating leases

Rentals payable in respect of operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred Finance leases are accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008

Pensions fund

The institution participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), a defined benefit scheme which is contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P). The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund. YU is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 "Retirement benefits", accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period

The subsidiary company, Graduates Yorkshire Ltd, operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from the company. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the subsidiary to the fund in respect of the year.

Funds policy

Unrestricted funds are funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the group and which have not been designated for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the group for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them

2	Net movements in funds	Year to 31st July 2010	Year to 31st July 2009
		£	£
	This is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	8,169	9,240
	Indemnity Insurance for trustees and employees	792	842
	Auditor remuneration	14,000	22,700
	Other professional fees paid to auditors	4,708	5,974
	Exceptional item refunds of unspent grants	-	1.599.814

3 Payments to trustees or persons connected with trustees

There were no fees, expenses or other remuneration paid to the trustees

		Year to 31st	Year to 31st
4	Investment income	July 2010	July 2009
		£	£
	Bank deposit interest receivable	143	43,718

5 Analysis of support costs and charitable expenditure

Support costs are charged to activities by direct allocation and by apportionment of overheads

6	Governance costs *	[′] 2010	2009
		£	£
	Auditors' remuneration		
	Audit fees group & charity	10,000	15,767
	Audit fees subsidiary	4,708	5,974
	Other fees paid to auditors	4,000	6,933
	Other accountancy fees	8,884	2,884
	Directors insurance policy	792	842
	Total governance costs	28,384	32,400

Audit fees includes costs of separate audits at our subsidiary Graduates Yorkshire Ltd, as well as at YU These figures are given as the group and charity Audit fees actually charged for the year (incl price increases)

Other accountancy fees includes costs of external accountancy at YU including the replacement of internal staff with external bookkeeping and management accounting support. Group funds have been used for the purchase of insurance to protect the group from loss arising from the neglect or defaults of its trustees, employees or agents, and to indemnify its trustees, employees or agents, against the consequences of any default or neglect

The governance costs analysed in this note differ to the Statement of Financial Activities on page 15 by £2,787 (2009 £2,899) being additional group audit fees not accrued in the Statement of Financial Activities at the year end

7	Staff costs and emoluments	2010	2009
		£	£
	Gross salaries	342,422	614,507
	Employer's National Insurance	31,576	53,025
	Pension contributions	24,811	64,492
		398,809	732,024
	Average number of full time employees/full time equivalents	2010	2009
	Engaged on charitable activities	3	7
	Engaged on charity trading activities	8	3
	Engaged on management and administration	2	8
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	13	18

The group had an average of 8 staff working in its subsidiary, Graduates Yorkshire Limited in 2009/10 (2008/09 3)

Yorkshire Universities participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), a defined benefit scheme which is contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P). The assets of the scheme are held in a separate fund administered by the trustee, Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited. USS has over 130,000 active members and the institution has 26 active members participating in the scheme.

The appointment of Directors to the Board of the Trustees is determined by the trustee company's Articles of Association. Four of the Directors are appointed by Universities UK, three are appointed by the University and College Union, of whom at least one must be a USS pensioner member, one is appointed by the Higher Education Funding Councils, and a minimum of two and a maximum of four are co-opted directors appointed by the management committee. Under the scheme trust deed and rules, the employer contribution rate is determined by the trustee, acting on actuarial advice.

Because of the mutual nature of the scheme, the institution is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 "Retirement benefits", accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 31 March 2008. This was the first valuation for USS under the new scheme-specific funding regime introduced by the Pensions Act 2004, which requires schemes to adopt a statutory funding objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover their technical provisions.

The valuation was carried out using the projected unit method. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the result of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments (ie the valuation rate of interest), the rates of increase in salary and pensions and the assumed rates of mortality. The financial assumptions were derived from market yields prevailing at the valuation date. An "inflation risk premium" adjustment was also included by deducting 0.3% from the market-implied inflation on account of the historically high level of inflation implied by government bonds (particularly when compared to the Bank of England's target of 2% for CPI which corresponds broadly to 2.75% for RPI per annum).

7 Staff costs and emoluments (continued)

To calculate the technical provisions, it was assumed that the valuation rate of interest would be 6 4% per annum (which includes an additional assumed investment return over gilts of 2% per annum), salary increases would be 4 3% per annum (plus an additional allowance for increases in salaries due to age and promotion reflecting historic Scheme experience, with a further cautionary reserve on top for past service liabilities) and pensions would increase by 3 3% per annum

Standard mortality tables were used as follows

Male members' mortality PA92 MC YoB tables - rated down 1 year

Female members' mortality PA92 MC YoB tables - No age rating

Use of these mortality tables reasonably reflects the actual USS experience but also provides an element of conservatism to allow for further improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement at age 65 are

Males (females) currently aged 65 22 8 (24 8) years

Males (females) currently aged 45 24 0 (25 9) years

At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £28,842 6 million and the value of the scheme's technical provisions was £28,135 3 million indicating a surplus of £707 3 million. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 103% of the benefits which had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

The actuary also valued the scheme on a number of other bases as at the valuation date. On the scheme's historic gilts basis, using a valuation rate of interest in respect of past service liabilities of 4.4% per annum (the expected return on gilts) the funding level was approximately 71%

Under the Pension Protection Fund regulations introduced by the Pensions Act 2004 the Scheme was 107% funded, on a buy-out basis (ie assuming the Scheme had discontinued on the valuation date) the assets would have been approximately 79% of the amount necessary to secure all the USS benefits with an insurance company, and using the FRS17 formula as if USS was a single employer scheme, using a AA bond discount rate of 6 5% per annum based on spot yields, the actuary estimated that the funding level at 31 March 2008 was 104%

The technical provisions relate essentially to the past service liabilities and funding levels, but it is also necessary to assess the ongoing cost of newly accruing benefits. The cost of future accrual was calculated using the same assumptions as those used to calculate the technical provisions except that the valuation rate of interest assumed asset outperformance over gilts of 1.7% per annum (compared to 2% per annum for the technical provisions) giving a discount rate of 6.1% per annum, also the allowance for promotional salary increases was not as high. There is currently uncertainty in the sector regarding pay growth. Analysis has shown very variable levels of growth over and above general pay increases in recent years, and the salary growth assumption built into the cost of future accrual is based on more stable, historic, salary experience. However, when calculating the past service liabilities of the scheme, a cautionary reserve has been included, in addition, on account of the variability mentioned above.

The institution contribution rate required for future service benefits alone at the date of the valuation was 16% of pensionable salaries and the trustee company, on the advice of the actuary, agreed to increase the institution contribution rate to 16% of pensionable salaries from 1 October 2009

Since 31 March 2008 global investment markets have continued to fall and at 31 March 2009 the actuary has estimated that the funding level under the new scheme specific funding regime had fallen from 103% to 74%. This estimate is based on the funding level at 31 March 2008, adjusted to reflect the fund's actual investment performance over the year and changes in market conditions (market conditions affect both the valuation rate of interest and also the inflation assumption which in turn impacts on the salary and pension increase assumptions)

7 Staff costs and emoluments (continued)

On the FRS17 basis, using a AA bond discount rate of 7.1% per annum based on spot yields, the actuary estimated that the funding level at 31 March 2009 was 86%. An estimate of the funding level measured on a buy-out basis at that date was approximately 46%.

Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations may impact on the institution's future contribution commitment. A deficit may require additional funding in the form of higher contribution requirements, where a surplus could, perhaps, be used to similarly reduce contribution requirements. The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme liabilities are set out below.

Assumption	Changes in assumption	
	increase or decrease	Impact on scheme liabilities
Valuation rate of interest	0 5%/ - 0 5%	Decrease/increase by £2 2 billion
Rate of pension increases	0 5%/ - 0 5%	Increase/decrease by £1 5billion
Rate of Salary growth	0 5%/ - 0 5%	Increase/decrease by £0 7 billion
Rate of mortality	More prudent assumption	Increase by £1 6 billion

USS is a "last man standing" scheme so that in the event of the insolvency of any of the participating employers in USS, the amount of any pension funding shortfall (which cannot otherwise be recovered) in respect of that employer will be spread across the remaining participant employers and reflected in the next actuarial valuation of the scheme. The trustee believes that over the long-term equity investment and investment in selected alternative asset classes will provide superior returns to other investment classes.

The management structure and targets set are designed to give the fund a bias towards equities through portfolios that are diversified both geographically and by sector. The trustee recognises that it would be possible to select investments producing income flows broadly similar to the estimated liability cash flows.

However, in order to meet the long-term funding objective within a level of contributions that it considers the employers would be willing to make, the trustee has agreed to take on a degree of investment risk relative to the liabilities. This taking of investment risk seeks to target a greater return than the matching assets would provide whilst maintaining a prudent approach to meeting the fund's liabilities. Before deciding to take investment risk relative to the liabilities, the trustee receives advice from its investment consultant and the scheme actuary, and considers the views of the employers. The strong positive cash flow of the scheme means that it is not necessary to realise investments to meet liabilities. The trustee believes that this, together with the ongoing flow of new entrants into the scheme and the strength of covenant of the employers enables it to take a long-term view of its investments. Short-term volatility of returns can be tolerated and need not feed through directly to the contribution rate. The actuary has confirmed that the scheme's cash flow is likely to remain positive for the next ten years or more.

The next formal triennial actuarial valuation is due as at 31 March 2011 The contribution rate will be reviewed as part of each valuation and may be reviewed more frequently The total pension cost for the Yorkshire Universities charity was £20,725 (2009 £61,420)

The subsidiary company, Graduates Yorkshire Ltd, makes contributions into a defined contribution (stakeholder) pension scheme Contributions made by that company to the scheme during the year amounted to £4,086 (2009 £3,072)

There were no pension payments outstanding at the year end

7 Staff costs and emoluments (continued)

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £70,000 per annum. The number of employees whose emoluments including taxable benefits but excluding employer's pension contributions fall into the following bands were

	2010		2009	
£60,001 to £70,000		1		1
Numbers of such staff to whom benefits are accruing -	2010		2009	
Under defined benefit pension schemes		1		1

8 Tangible fixed assets

9	Debtors Group		Group	Chai	rity
		2010	2009	2010	2009
		£	£	£	£
	Trade debtors	62,996	46,171	44,146	30,477
	Prepaid expenses	2,224	2,585	1,244	1,792
	Accrued income	24,379	44,347	-	
	- -	89,599	93,103	45,390	32,269
10	Creditors: amounts falling due	within one yea	ar		
	•	Grou		Cha	rity
		2010	2009	2010	2009
		£	£	£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts		6,145	-	-
	Trade creditors	29,174	73,873	26,283	41,238
	Accrued expenses	19,202	29,930	11,828	24,248
	PAYE and NI	7,914	37,611	-	-
	Corporation Tax	11,155	-		
	- -	67,445	147,559	38,111	65,486
11	Group and charity operating le	ases			
	At the year end the group and charit		nmitments	2010	2009
	under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below			£	£
	Operating leases which expire				
	within one year			2,482	-
	within two to five years		-	<u> </u>	2,482
			_	2,482	2,482

12 Related party transactions

Yorkshire Universities has paid grants, refunds of costs incurred and payments for other services to institutions employing its directors during the year. These were all on the basis of simple recharge of direct costs incurred or arms length relationships between those institutions and Yorkshire Universities Grant income received by Yorkshire Universities from the The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has been subject to grant agreement specifying University of Leeds as sponsor University of Leeds has kindly provided this supervision free of charge

Graduates Yorkshire Ltd (GY Ltd) has received grants from Yorkshire Forward, which has a senior member of its staff on the GYLtd Board However this is considered a personal appointment and there is no control created by this membership

The members themselves are all members of the Board of YU. Their combined subscriptions are £155,559 of the £205,560 voluntary income stated in the Statement of Financial Affairs

GY Ltd is entered here for completeness

12 Related party transactions (continued)

	2010	2010	2009	2009
	Charged to YU £	Charged by YU £	Charged to YU £	Charged by YU £
Graduates Yorkshire Ltd	1,800	11,154	6,038	1,748
University of Bradford	45,000	-	108,372	-
University of Leeds	211,607	-	669,709	(399)
	Receivable from YU £	Owed to YU £	Receivable from YU £	Owed to YU £
Graduates Yorkshire Ltd	-	2,448	-	105
University of Leeds	15,640	-	-	-

13 Assets and liabilities represented by funds and individual fund particulars

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	Total	68 2	14 4	82 6

13 Assets and liabilities represented by funds (continued)

The individual funds included above are .-

	Funds at 31st July 2009	Movements in funds as below	Transfers between funds	Funds at 31st July 2010
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Graduates Yorkshire Ltd	(21 1)	105 9	9 4	94 2
Business and Enterprise Hefce	14 3	-	-	14 3
SDF	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	68 2	33 9	(9 4)	92 7
	61 4	139 8		201 2

The position of Graduates Yorkshire Limited is explained in note 14 below. The individual funds included in the company figures are as stated above for the Group.

Analysis of movements in funds as shown in the table above

	Incoming resources £000s	Outgoing resources £000s	Movement in funds £000s
Graduates Yorkshire Ltd	654 1	548 2	105 9
Business and Enterprise Hefce	45 0	45 0	•
SDF	74 0	74 0	-
Unrestricted funds	222 6	188 7	33 9
	995 7	855 9	139 8

14 Consolidation of the Yorkshire Universities Group

Graduates Yorkshire Ltd (registered company number 06325906), is a subsidiary created on 26 July 2007. This is a private trading company, limited by guarantee which is controlled by YU which is the sole member. Grant funding Graduates Yorkshire project is now paid direct from Yorkshire Forward to Graduates Yorkshire Limited.

During the twelve month period to 31st July 2010, Graduates Yorkshire Limited had turnover of £611,878 (2009 £219,805) and expenditure of £537,050 (2009 £233,941) The company's balance sheet showed assets of £118,625 (2009 £60,934) and liabilities of £76,091 (2009 £82,073) at the year ended 31st July 2010 The funds are therefore in surplus of £42,534 (2009 deficit of £21,139) representing the profit of £63,673 for the period plus the brought forward loss £43,299 of GY Ltd deferred income at 31st July 2010 has been reclassified in the YU accounts as restricted fund income in line with the Charity SORP. All these results are reflected in the restricted funds of YU and are accounted for as an activity within Appendix 1

Funds retained within charitable subsidiaries	31st July 2010	31st July 2009
	£	£
The funds retained by the charitable subsidiary		
and offset within the restricted funds in the notes		
to the accounts are	42,534	(21,139)

15 Result of the Yorkshire Universities Charity

The result for the charity of the year was a surplus of £33,863 (2009 deficit of £1,695,099)