

**Blank Canvas**  
**Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2023**


**General Receipts and Payments Account**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations		4,595	3,709
Gift Aid		257	250
Grants	2	8,865	16,020
Sales		-	90
Youth Club Subs		112	-
Other	3	6,314	394
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>20,143</b>	<b>20,463</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Wages		14,027	11,042
Administration/Insurance/Training		2,643	1,345
Projects		1,855	1,108
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>18,525</b>	<b>13,495</b>
Surplus of receipts over payments		1,618	6,968
Bank accounts and cash at 1 April		21,849	14,881
Bank accounts and cash at 31 March		23,467	21,849

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2023**

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash Funds as at 31 March	61	-
Nat West Account	23,406	21,849
	<b>23,467</b>	<b>21,849</b>
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Nat West Account	21,849	
	<b>21,849</b>	<b>14,881</b>
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	<b>23,467</b>	<b>21,849</b>

Approved at a meeting of Blank Canvas Trustees on 21 June 2023 which authorised the following Trustees to sign on their behalf:

  
Elizabeth Gibson (Treasurer)

  
Daniela Reiter (Trustee)

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of the financial statements**

The financial statements of Blank Canvas have been prepared in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payment basis.

**Fixtures, fittings and equipment**

The furniture, fittings and other items of equipment are held on the premises of Redcar Baptist Church. It is unlikely that anything has significant market value. No asset register is maintained.

**2 Grant Income**

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The Message Trust Tithe Grant	-	2,000
All Churches Grant	-	8,050
Arnold Clarkes Community Fund	1,000	1,000
Sirius Minerals Foundation	-	4,470
Golden Giveaway	-	500
County Durham Community Foundation	7,865	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,865</b>	<b>16,020</b>

**3 Other Income**

	<b>£</b>
Amazon Smile	17
Youth for Christ, Denmark	340
St Hilda's Church, Redcar	600
Redcar Baptist Church	2,917
Blessed Nicholas Postgate Parish	1,000
Mustard Seed	440
Sabic UK Petrochem	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,314</b>

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**Report on Financial Management for Year 2022/23**

**Introduction**

The General Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities summarise the finances for the year and disclose the financial position at the end of the year.

A deficit budget was set and approved at a Trustee Meeting in March 2022.

Reports were produced for the Trustees on a regular basis which enabled them to monitor receipts and payments.

**Review of the Finances**

The principal points to be made are as follows:

- Donations of £4,595 have been received during the year from a number of individuals.
- A further £6,314 has also been received from various organisations.
- A gift aid claim was made and received for donations received in the previous tax year.
- We were also successful with an award from County Durham Community Foundation of £7,865. This was received in February 2023 and will be carried forward into the next Financial Year 2023/24 for expenditure relating to the iwill Youth Social Action Programme.

Blank Canvas is very thankful for those that support the charity.

The Trustees of Blank Canvas  
June 2023

## **Annual Report from Abi (Project's Lead)**

### **Workspace**

It has been great to see Workspace continue to grow over this past year. We have seen between ten and twelve young people regularly attending over the course of the year. At Workspace, young people access: holistic support, regular check ins, support from tutors to help them to set achievable goals and see these achieved, resources such as laptops, paper and pens and are getting their all-important homework done each week. Our aim is to create a safe space where young people can be themselves, have fun and access the support they need to be able to thrive.

We have an amazing team of volunteers who make Workspace happen. This year we have had two new team members join the team too: Carol and Rebecca. Rebecca has stepped into a 'young team' role after attending workspace herself and naturally supporting the other young people each week and Carol is loving being involved and hoping to start cooking a hot meal each week for the young people who attend.

### **Youth Club – St Hilda's**

Youth Club launched in September 2022 with a brilliant team of dedicated volunteer youth workers excited to get alongside young people and make a positive difference. Youth Club has had a committed group of ten or so young people who have been attending weekly since the first few weeks of launching and has continued to grow in this new year too, with about seventeen young people now regularly attending each week. The vision of Youth Club is to be a safe space for all young people to have fun, build relationships and grow in confidence.

We have found that young people love building relationships with the team and when given the opportunity, want to open-up about the highs, lows, challenges, and joys in their lives. We have moved the space around in response to this opportunity, and now have a small 'quiet' room where young people can always find two leaders to chat to, or just come and to calm and regulate themselves.

We eat together half-termly, have special event's evenings such as movie nights, games nights and each week catch up on the high's and low's of each others weeks. The young people describe youth club like this:

'Youth Club is the highlight of my week'

'Honestly I have soo much fun with you all. I look forward to seeing everyone every week. I am so grateful I have met so many amazing people... we need more people like them Blank Canvas team'

'Thank you for the best term ever at Youth Club!'

We're excited to be launching our second Youth Club at the United Reformed Church in this next financial year.



## **Giving**

We've been so grateful for all the regular and one-off donations we've received this year from our supporters. A big thank you to the County Durham Community Foundation, for the grant money they awarded us towards our work.

## **Looking forward**

We look forward to this next year with hope and look forward to new growth, overcoming challenges and more young people reached, supported, and impacted.

Abi Hedges (Projects Lead)