



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CATALYST (TAVISTOCK)

On accounts for the year
ended

Dec 31st 2017

Charity no
(if any)

1118950

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

G.D. Stote

Date:

09/02/18

Name:

GRAHAM DAVID STOTE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2017

This year's team: Trudi Massey, director of youth work, started studying for her degree in September. In August, SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) trainees Ed and Tim moved on to full-time study courses and were replaced by Matt and Jack, first year SWYM trainees on the "Be Transformed" course. Laura stayed with the team as a second-year trainee and is now following the degree course. This is a strong, well-motivated team who work well together.

Trustees: Christopher Pancheri, Catherine Stoate, Tim Shobbrook, Trevor Atkinson, Duncan Bird, Kathy Palmer, Geoff Orton (treasurer).

Thanks to Rev Nick Law for chairing trustees for the year to Sept 2017.

Thanks to Phenella Harvey for her service as trustee and secretary since the early days of Catalyst.

Funding: Full accounts for 2017 have been independently examined and uploaded to the Charity Commission website. Catalyst is funded entirely by local giving. In brief, the work in 2017 was sustained by gifts from TACT churches of £11400, regular supporter donations of £13700 and one-off special gifts of £10000 which generated a further sum of over £5000 in gift aided tax.

Regular activities this year:

- Free Tea Friday outreach in Tavistock College sixth form
- Confirmation classes at St Peter's junior school
- Youth clubs at Tavistock College and Mount Kelly
- Christian Union lunch clubs at Tavistock College and Mount Kelly Seniors
- Saturday Night Out at TMC
- House groups for teens in two age groups
- Mentoring in Tavi College and at Horrabridge, Bere Alston primary schools
- Fun club at Horrabridge primary school
- Support groups in Years 7,8,9 at Tavi College
- Thirsty Thursday outreach at Mount Kelly seniors
- Donuts at Dusk outreach event in Bere Alston
- Special one-off events such as Soul Survivor

School mentoring:

"Journeying with a young person as a consistent and reliable role model who is quick to listen, offer the young person a safe space to unpack life, and present a platform to empower the young person to bring about a positive change in their own life and build towards a bright future." Catalyst work with Tavistock College to provide mentors so the young people have someone who will spend time listening and supporting them throughout the year. Each mentor is matched with a young person referred by the Head of Year. They meet for one hour around once a fortnight in school for up to a year. We now have 14 trained mentors in addition to the Catalyst team. Several mentors have taken on a second mentee to meet demand. We will still be seeking mentors as the year goes on to support all the young people who would benefit and to provide mentors in local primary schools where there is an invitation.

The future: A decision is made each year in late Spring as to the size of the team for the following September, based on levels of giving, anticipated church funding and available grants. We seek to maintain the current team size.

Feb 2018