



Annual Report 2016/17



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“To Champion and Strengthen Children and Young
People Organisations in Devon”

Registered Charity Number: 1054442

Voluntary Organisations for Young People and Children (VOYC) - Devon

What is it that we do:

1. **Provide Practical Help** - to ensure the support necessary to develop and maintain the children and young people's sector.
2. **Provide a Voice** - to enable the children and young people's sector to have a voice and influence.
3. **Facilitate Networking** - to support, develop and promote collaboration and networking.
4. **Manage the Charity** - to have efficient and effective systems for the management of VOYC Devon.

President

Robin Wakinshaw

Vice President

The Right Reverend Nicholas McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth (wef: 1.8.16)

Officers

**Karen Acott
Peter Brewer
Nick Creasy**

**Independent Chair
Vice Chair (Bank Youth Project)
Treasurer (Devon Federation of YFC's)**

Executive (Management Committee and Trustees)

Paul Allan	Co-option
Karen Jones	Co-option
Steve Keable	Community Action South West (elected 29.6.16)
Paul Reisbach	Diocese of Exeter (elected 29.6.16)
Andie Scilly	North Devon Homes (elected 19.6.14)
Tina Tozer	Lifeworks Charity Ltd (elected 25.6.15)
Sue Wallis	North Devon Against Domestic Abuse (resigned: 8.2.17)

Staff

Mark Goodman	Chief Executive
Juliet White	Administrator
Kerrie Clifford	Comms and Marketing Co-Ordinator

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT 2016 - 2017

We are delighted to introduce the Annual Accounts and Trustees' Report 2016-17. The next few pages provide what we hope is a useful insight into our work. We continue to place our members at the heart of everything we do, not simply because they are our members but because we see first-hand how much they do to help children and young people to enrich their lives. Whilst we celebrate the great things that VOYC has achieved we are not complacent and recognise that we must, and will, challenge ourselves and our members to do better.

VOYC Devon provides high-quality support and advice so that voluntary and community sector (VCS) children and young people's organisations are more sustainable, well led and governed and adapting and changing with the environment. We want VCS organisations to be supported more effectively to make the biggest difference. We think VCS organisations and those that work with them, be it paid or volunteers, are better when they are connected to the resources they need to make a difference – knowledge and data, people and skills, community assets, finance and funding. VOYC therefore provides them with quicker, easier access to the right resources and we have tried to develop our social media footprint to lobby for the VCS and connect people in the VCS with the knowledge they need.

The AGM in 2016 saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between VOYC and the then Devon Youth Service (to become DYS Space). The MoU set out the terms and understanding between VOYC and the Devon Youth Service (DYS) and provided the basis for a closer working relationship and a collaborative approach in bidding for the Devon County Council Youth Service Tender. Following this there was agreement for the co-location of the two organisations with the aim of building trust between them, whilst also encouraging intelligence and soft information sharing. It also helped with the developing of the relationship and subsequent successful partnership bid for the DCC Youth Service tender that has DYS Space and VOYC jointly delivering advice, guidance and support to voluntary and community groups.



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Highlights from the year included:

- Growth in membership with 28 new organisations joining within the year, giving a net increase of 9%;

- The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between VOYC and the then Devon Youth Service;
- Moving the VOYC Office across Exeter from the YFC Centre to the 100 Club at Countess Wear;
- Providing direct support to 67 organisations during the year with advice on subjects such as safeguarding and working with young volunteers;
- Supported the roll out of both Safer Recruitment and Trustee Safeguarding Training programmes that has been approved by the DSCB for the Voluntary and Community Sector;
- Administering and delivering a range of DSCB approved safeguarding training to 331 participants from 82 different organisations during the year.
- Representing the VCS on the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board, the Children Young People and Families Alliance Executive and the Early Help Operations Group;
- Ensuring that the children and young people's sector have access to relevant information, guidance and/or advice, and resources.

Photo to be included here.





Karen Acott
Chair of Executive



Mark Goodman
Chief Officer

Independent examiners report for the accounts (y/e 31.3.17):-

Independent examiner's report on the accounts		 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	
Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	VOYC Devon		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2017	Charity no (if any)	1054442
Set out on pages	1 - 4 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 		
Signed:		Date:	04 May 2017
Name:	Kevin Pope		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (FCIB)		

Mark Goodman (Chief Officer)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31.03.17

31.03.16	Financial Statement	31.03.17	31.03.16	31.03.17
	INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
85873.38	B/Forward	92550.75		
32000.00	Grant – Youth Service Grant	28250.00	53633.17	Employment/Travel 52138.22
5000.00	Grant – DCC infrastructure supp	0.00	390.27	Governance 138.64
20000.00	DCC Commissioning	20000.00	250.91	Networking 59.78
1570.00	Vol Voice/Representation/TFS	980.00	5004.02	Office 2881.83
867.40	Membership Services	412.50	426.70	ICT 1674.19
1336.69	Sir Francis Chichester Trust	0.00	903.50	Member Training 948.72
9957.73	Training Programme	12559.48	1944.00	Website 0.00
1108.55	Interest	963.52	0.00	Bank Charges 25.00
71840.37	TOTAL	63165.50	62552.57	TOTALS 57866.38
7370.05	Restricted Income from YS Rev		2610.43	Res Exp again YS Rev 1801.58
79210.42	TOTAL INCOME		65163.00	TOTAL EXP 59667.96
				Carried Forward 96048.29
	BANK BALANCES AS AT		31.03.17	
	CAF Current account		7681.09	
	CAF Gold Account		42555.28	
	Secure Trust Bank a/c		52400.51	