

Faith in Schools Newham

**Statement of financial activities
For the year ending 31st July 2022**

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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2021-2022

Registered Address for the charity:

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*Faith in Schools is a registered charity No. 1147664
and a partner trust with Scripture Union*

Trustees

Mark Waterfield (Chair)
Brian Smith (Vice Chair)
Jill McWilliam (Safeguarding)
Susanne Daswani (Church Liaison)

The trustees met five times during the year financial year. At these meetings they ensured the finances of the charity were in order, as well as made plans with the director to ensure the charities aims continue to be met. The trustees are in agreement that this is the case, and the accounts have been independently examined successfully.

The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from Sept 21 – July 22.

Achievements and Activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches.

Our vision is for every child and young person in schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.



Greenleas Primary @greenleasps · Mar 30, 2022
Year 3/4 have enjoyed their RE workshop, lots of drama and thinking about the Easter story. What a great morning! #faithinschools #Easterstory



This year we attempted to expand our session beyond Newham supporting schools in the North West in Merseyside. We also completed our first year of delivering a Knife Crime project 'What's The Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham.

As we return to our regular expected service figures since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to experience a growth in overall demand for our services which outstrips our staffing capacity to fulfil. We have also seen new volunteers coming through.

We taught **949 lessons** in **46 different schools** teaching **29,400 pupils**. We saw **over 4500** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. **154 volunteers** from local churches have given over **1982 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.5** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last seven years.

What's The Point? - Schools Knife Crime Prevention

This year, FiS and Newham Youth For Christ were successful in bidding for funding to run a Knife Crime project in 6 schools in Canning Town and Custom House. Local residents voted for the project, which aims to support young people to change the culture around youth violence.



Following the recent stabbing of Junior Jah last year, what we offer schools is relevant to the experience of their learners and take a multi-agency approach to educating pupils about the risks and the consequences of carrying a knife. WTP is an opportunity to work intensively with key influencers in Yr10, to take them on a learning journey, and give them a platform, skills and the confidence to present what they think to their peers using their own voice.



“Pupils gained awareness of knife crime; developing an urgency to help prevent others getting hurt; and are eager to work together and share their ideas” Mr Cox, Eastlea School

We are excited to be delivering this project with volunteers from the local community who have direct experience of being involved in a culture of youth violence and knife crime. 'What's The Point' has saved 1 young person's life who learned what to do to keep themselves alive following a knife attack.

“This really impacted me - I get what it felt like for a parent to lose someone, and what it's like being in a prison cell.” Royal Docks Pupil Yr10

In addition to the 3 secondary schools, we also ran the pilot project in 3 primary schools working with Yr6. These children are well aware of youth violence, gang activity and knife crime in their area. Overall, we worked with 120 children and young people who in turn reached further 500 students. Several church leaders (Isaac, Kamal and Dave) came to share their story of loss of a loved one to Knife Crime, and about forgiveness or non-retaliation to prevent knife crime from escalating.

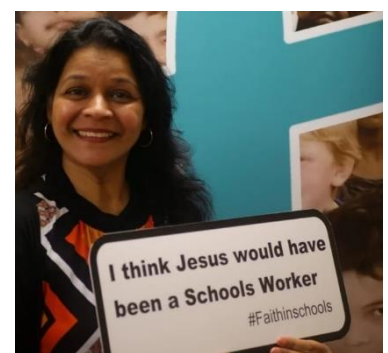


“(WTP) will change your view of carrying knives. If we spread the information to others it can really make a difference in the community and reduce Knife Crime.” Yr10 Pupil Royal Docks

A Belated Commissioning

On 16th November, Faith in Schools' supporters, church leaders and volunteers joined our Schools Workers to pray together for the first time since lockdown to commission our team, the RE:Discovery resources, and 'What's the Point?'

It was a blessing for people to connect or reconnect face to face, something everyone seems to appreciate more in 2021. We were joined by the Bishop Peter of Barking and Myles MacBean National Director of Scripture Union who shared their views on why Christian Schools Work is so vital. We learned about the inspiration behind these mission initiatives and that after Covid, donuts are apparently not as popular as you might think.

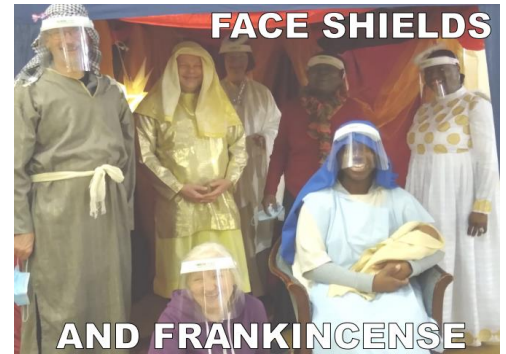


Easter Experience & Christmas Journey – live and in person!

As we recovered from the disruption and social distancing of the pandemic, our 'Christmas Journey' December 2021 saw us host **2,525 pupils**, deliver 84 sessions, to 29 schools, with 67 volunteers from 36 churches, over 10 days, including 1 baby!

Sharing their faith with pupils from across the borough, our annual 'Nativity with a difference' saw 44% more children and 3 times more churches than last year.

Church and school communities were able to share love, (not viruses) thanks to loads of sanitiser as well as careful planning of Faith in Schools staff, teachers and churches.



“Fabulous and engaging. The children really enjoyed it. Very informative and consolidated their learning from school.” Plaistow teachers.

Due to the Omicron wave, about a third of schools joined on Zoom but still had a wonderful time:



“It was really engaging and children thoroughly enjoyed watching and remained engaged at all times through the singing and acting! Well done to all involved - we hope to see you in person next year!” (Odessa RE Lead)

A special mention to the Forest Gate churches: Emmanuel, St Marks, St Saviour, Ridley, Woodgrange Baptist and All Saints who thankfully kept calm and carried on hosting without Alice who was self-isolating due to Covid.

In the New Year, Faith in Schools supported Newham churches to deliver the biggest Easter Experience since the pandemic. Volunteers from 35 churches gave 747 unforgettable hours to local children aged 8-9 so they could explore the impact of Jesus' Resurrection first-hand in their lives today. Working together, they encouraged **2,190 pupils** from 32 schools to paint, sing, act, craft, move and garden their way through Holy Week. The school staff, parents and children are from all faiths and none, so **for many it was their first time in a church and to meet a Christian.**

It was so so good. I really enjoyed the workshop I was in. I can't believe you guys are all volunteers. It's really good what you've done for these kids. Ever so grateful that my children are learning through such dedicated and inspiring people. Keep it up guys. Here's to many more workshops like these. Hugs. Xx



“Thank you and well done for an excellent day last week, our children really enjoyed it. A great mix of activities and it engaged all our children. Please pass on our appreciation to all your volunteers. We look forward to working with you in future.”

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

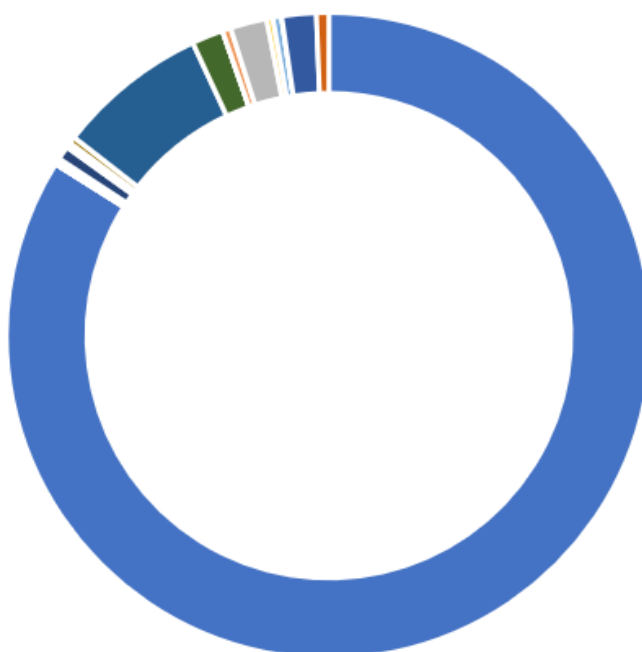
Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2021 to July 2022. In this time our **income** was **£152,786** our **expenditure** was **£145,776**. Our charity continues to be in a positive financial position which required trustees and charity management to make some difficult decisions around staffing and capacity. Since Covid a number of grants that were open to funding our work have changed their priorities (towards for example food banks), along with some of our existing funders finding it difficult to give what they used to. We have also seen our local giving diminish somewhat as the cost-of-living rises, Of the **£87,863** balance left in our account, **£32,567** is in restricted funds. The remaining **£55,296** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2022.



FiS Income 2021 – 2022

Receipts	
Donations and other similar receipts	
Donations and tax reclaimed	43,840
Grants	108,633
HMRC Covid Support	0
Sale of resources	0
Investment Income	12
Other Income	301
Total	152,786



FiS Expenditure 2021 – 2022

Expenditure	
Charitable Payments and Expenditure	
Salaries and Pension	122,336
Donations	0
Travel	55
Resources	322
Conferences	0
Training	80
IT & Equipment	996
Website	108
Christmas Journey	274
Easter Experience	490
WTP Expenses	11008
Synergy	2305
Sharing Faith in Schools	0
Sundries	620
Repayment	2666
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	458
Accounts	630
Finance Fees	16
Admin & Fees	2513
Insurance	899
Total	145,776

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Receipts and payments account for the period to 31st July 2022

	1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022			2021 (1)
	Restricted Funds £	General Fund £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		43,840	43,840	23,390
Grants	99,028	9,605	108,633	97,182
HMRC Covid Support				56,060
Other Income				
Sale of resources				300
Investment Income		12	12	68
Other Income		301	301	621
	<u>99,028</u>	<u>53,758</u>	<u>152,786</u>	<u>177,621</u>
 Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	77,575	44,761	122,336	159,146
Donations				600
Travel	55		55	
Resources	322		322	198
Conferences				115
Training	80		80	248
IT & Equipment	497	499	996	1,688
Website	108		108	132
Christmas Journey	274		274	
Easter Experience	490		490	
WTP Expenses	11,008		11,008	
Synergy	2,305		2,305	1,394
Sharing Faith in Schools				200
Sundries	620		620	862
Repayment	2,666		2,666	833
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	458		458	455
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts	630		630	650
Finance Fees		16	16	46
Admin & Fees	1,313	1,200	2,513	1,705
Insurance	899		899	881
	<u>99,300</u>	<u>46,476</u>	<u>145,776</u>	<u>169,153</u>
Net receipts/Payments	(272)	7,282	7,010	8,468
Transfer between funds	20,167	(20,167)		
Balance Brought forward from previous year	12,672	68,181	80,853	72,385
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>32,567</u>	<u>55,296</u>	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Previous year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst current figures are for 12 months to end July 22.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2022

Assets	2022	2021 (1)
	£	£
Cooperative Bank Current Account	32,014	51,108
Cooperative Bank Current Account (WTP)	19,733	
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	35,971	29,745
Paypal Account	145	
	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	55,296	68,181
Restricted Funds	32,567	12,672
	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value	<u>£3,600</u>
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Liabilities


There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:

Position:

Date:



Chair of Trustees

24/05/2023

Notes to accounts for year ended 31st July 2022

1) Accounting period

The accounting date changed during the previous year to enable reporting of activities against the academic year. The new year end is now 31st July which means the previous year in these accounts is for 16 months whilst the current figures are for a 12 month period.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer between funds	From General Fund	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	7,372		3,588			3,784
Laing Grant	234		31			203
Synergy	5,066		3,642		164	1,588
Slavanka Grant		2,500	14,635	1,393	10,742	-
Bill Hill Grant		28,268	18,114	10,155	1	-
CHFD/DAF Grant		25,060	23,667	1,393		-
Office Grant		1,200	200			1,000
Jerusalem Grant		5,000	24,415	10,155	9,260	-
WTF Grants		37000	11008			25,992
	<u>£12,672</u>	<u>£99,028</u>	<u>£99,300</u>		<u>£20,167</u>	<u>£32,567</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	2,678
St Christopher's Educational Trust	1,106
	<u>£ 3,784</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the year ended 31st July 2022

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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

25/4/23

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