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THE BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

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1. Introduction

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015, and requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Legal Status

The British Youth Council is a registered charity, no 1123224, and company limited by guarantee, no 6226595. Its governing document is a constitution of Memorandum and Articles updated in 2009 to comply with Company Law.

The British Youth Council, established in 1948, was formerly operating as registered charity 305973 (unincorporated) from 30th January 1963 until 31 March 2009. On 1 April 2009, the trustees of the unincorporated separate charity British Youth Council transferred the assets, subject to their liabilities, and activities of that charity to this Charity, which, whilst already registered, had remained dormant until 31 March 2009.

The British Youth Council

The British Youth Council is the National Youth Council of the UK. A youth-led charity, we empower young people to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. We support young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

We are young people - and our charity aims to help other young people, whatever their background or barriers they face, to make the world a better place for us all, and to enable young people to achieve their potential.

Serving our membership - The British Youth Council is made up of more than 200 member organisations who support our common vision for young people. Members elect our board, determine our policies and prioritise our campaigns. They also act as the link between the British Youth Council and millions of individuals within the membership of our members.

Youth-led networks - The British Youth Council runs a number of youth-led networks and programmes - including the UK Youth Parliament, Young Mayor Network, Local Youth Council Network, NHS Youth Forum, and Youth Select Committee - which encourage young people to get involved in democracy and campaign to bring about change.

Campaigning and consulting - The British Youth Council seeks to represent the views of young people and our members to stakeholders and decision makers at a local, national and international level. This work is based on our manifesto, which outlines our beliefs and aspirations.

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Training and recognition - Our training programmes empower young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to bring about change. We also recognise young people who have made a significant contribution to their community through our high-profile award schemes.

International - Through our international youth participation, young people learn about global issues and connect and share with other young people around the world. They are able to take part in discussions and influence decisions made at an international level.

1.1. Our Vision

A world where all young people are respected and able to influence and inform decisions that affect their lives or on which they have strong beliefs.

1.2. Our Mission

To be, as the national youth council of the United Kingdom, committed to ensuring that those aged 25 and under, are represented and participate fully and actively as citizens.

To **inspire** people about the positive contribution that young people can make to their communities, our nation and the world.

To **empower** young people with skills, knowledge and confidence to advance their rights and views to take part in decision-making.

To **campaign** with our members and those who share our values, for a better world that gives young people the recognition they deserve.

1.3. Our Values

Participation – We value meaningful participation of young people, enabling and empowering them to bring about a better world for all.

Inclusion – We value the inclusion of all, by working with young people from all backgrounds, cultures and ages to ensure a rich mix.

Equality – We value all young people equally, promoting their rights equally, in the UK, and around the world.

Youth Leadership – We value and nurture youth leadership, creating tomorrow's leaders today for a better future.

Recognition – We value the recognition of young people's achievements, publicly valuing them as part of our society.

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2. Delivery against Strategic Objectives 2014-17

BYC set the following strategic objectives in 2014:

Core Objectives

- **Citizenship** - *We will provide opportunities for young people to develop the capabilities of full and active citizens, preparing and connecting them, through representation and social action, to the political process.*
- **Campaigning** - *We will support young people to mobilise for change at local, national and international levels, providing them with information, skills, resources and platforms to promote their rights and represent their interests.*
- **Research** - *We will actively seek the informed views of young people on the issues of the day; we will position ourselves as the 'go to' organisation for youth views, working with our members to provide authentic spokespeople under 25.*
- **Recognition** - *We will celebrate and raise awareness of the positive contribution that young people can and do make to society, and champion those who treat young people as valued stakeholders, through awards, accreditation and publicity.*

Enabling Objectives

- **Members** - *We will engage our members more fully in our work, developing a compelling offer and partnership opportunity for both individuals and local, national and international organisations to join us in advancing our mission.*
- **Resources** - *We will strive to secure resources that allow us to grow our core work sustainably without being dependent on any single source of income. We will be smart and strategic in developing relationships with funders, donors and partners.*
- **Profile:** *We will raise awareness of the British Youth Council, and its brands, growing our reputation for quality, and evidence-based outcomes from the participation of young people and providing a focal point and 'go to' platform for their views.*
- **Partners:** *We recognise that we cannot realise our vision alone. We will actively seek out people and organisations who share our values and goals to broaden the scope and reach of our work, so that together we are more than the sum of our parts.*

2.1. Citizenship

- **Make Your Mark** – The UK's largest youth consultation, 978,216 votes were cast, reaching 1 in 6 11-18 year olds across the UK.
- **UK Youth Parliament** – 289 members of UK Youth Parliament (MYPs) were elected by their peers to represent them in this flagship citizenship programme. MYPs were trained and supported to represent young people's views to decision makers, and during the year met with their MPs to lobby for change on key issues affecting young people. They also held debates in the House of Commons and voted for Votes at 16 and Curriculum for life as the priority.
- During the year we supported two meetings of the APPG on Youth Affairs to engage young people with decision makers on issues that are important to them – youth mental health and body image. A third event was planned on sexual harassment in schools in March 2017 but had to be postponed due to events in Westminster.

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Youth Select Committee – this year's inquiry focused on racial and religious discrimination and saw young people examine written and oral evidence, and make recommendations to the government. We received a formal response to the recommendations from three Government departments.

- Voter Registration – in advance of the EU referendum, BYC ran a voter registration campaign. Overall we engaged 3.2 million people through the course of the campaign, mostly through social media.
- NHS England Youth Forum - We recruited, trained and supported 25 young people brokering advice and priorities to the NHS, as well as engaging a wider group of young people through social media. This year they have informed and influenced strategic healthcare policies through the development of a suite of resources, including top tips guidance and posters, specifically designed to improve youth engagement in local health services. Members of the NHS Youth Forum also consulted with young people across the country to ascertain whether they feel in control of their health, what barriers there are, and from this created three short films to amplify key messages to young people to empower and inform.

Susie, 16, NHS Youth Forum member 2016-17

"My experiences as a member of the NHS Youth Forum have shown me that young people can make a real difference to healthcare and also things that we feel passionate about, and this has inspired me to set up a youth forum in my home town – something I would never have considered – and never think of mine or any other young persons ideas as unachievable. I now think big, and encourage others to think bigger about their own passions, experiences and voice and this is something I've been empowered to do because of my involvement in the NHSYF."

2.2. Campaigning

- Tackling Racism and Religious Discrimination – We ran the 'Don't Hate; Educate' campaign, which saw young people meeting with their MPs to engage them in the issue as well as running events in their local communities to challenge discrimination. Alongside this the Youth Select Committee focused on this topic (see above), challenging the government to take action on this issue.
- Youth Mental Health – the 2015 Youth Select Committee focused on youth mental health and called on the government to increase its commitment to tackling this. We were delighted that the Prime Minister announced in January 2017 a commitment to increase support for teachers in recognising and supporting mental health issues in schools, one of the recommendations from the YSC report.
- Votes at 16 – we continue to lead the Votes at 16 coalition, and this topic was voted as a priority campaign by the UK Youth Parliament in November 2016. In January 2017 MYPs held a 'Day of Action', contacting their MPs to seek support for lowering the voting age to 16. We are disappointed that the government has confirmed that they will not lower the voting age.
- Curriculum for Life – A priority campaign in 2012 & 2013, this was again voted as a priority campaign by MYPs and the Annual Council Meeting in 2016. Planning is underway for a campaign to take place in 2017/18. We were delighted that relationships and sex education was voted by Parliament to be made compulsory, a position for which we have campaigned for many years.

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2.3. Research

- Make Your Mark – Our annual consultation with young people reached 1 in 6 11-18 year olds across the UK in 2016. The five most important issues that came out were 'A curriculum to prepare us for life', 'Tackling racism and religious discrimination', 'Transport', 'Votes at 16', and 'Stop cuts that affect the NHS'.
- Youth Select Committee – Through the call for written evidence, the Youth Select Committee engaged with 68 individuals and organisations on the topic of racial and religious discrimination. This qualitative research shaped the recommendations that were then put to the government.

2.4. Recognition

- The Youth On Board awards are an exclusively youth-led rolling award scheme that recognises innovative youth participation, both from young people and the projects and organisations that support them. During the year we awarded 30 organisations and individuals for their youth leadership in projects and organisations.
- We deliver a range of learning awards accredited by ASDAN to recognise and reward young people's involvement and dedication in youth voice and community involvement activities. During the year we awarded 45 Youth Voice Awards, 5 Local Councillor Shadowing Awards, and 18 School Nurse Champions Awards.
- We also celebrated 324 young people's progress through our new National Youth Voice Awards, recognising their development through our Youth Voice programme.
- In January 2017 we celebrated the achievements of young people in the UK Youth Parliament debates and Make your Mark Champions at a reception in Parliament, hosted by our Vice President Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP and the Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson MP, and attend by many cross-party MPs. The Paul Boskett memorial awards are voted for by the workers who support young people's participation in the programme. The Award for best debate lead was given to Darragh O'Reilly from Northern Ireland, and the award for best backbench speech went to Matthew Tinker from the East of England. Awards were also given to young people and Local Authorities for increasing engagement with young people through Make Your Mark in their area.

Matthew MYP 2016/17

"The Youth Voice Leadership Development Programme has boosted my confidence and I really did feel empowered to start my social action journey; since the event, I have become a #iWill ambassador ... This I feel is a real achievement and following the BYC events, I have really taken time to 'big-up' other people and their successes as I think that this is the best way to celebrate each other."

2.5. Members

At the end of the membership year there were **215 new and retained** members.

Local	National	Regional	Uniform	Faith	Union	Minority	School	Other
179	12	6	4	4	1	5	2	2

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- Conventions - Throughout 2016/17, over 890 young people from BYC member organisations attended 17 regional Conventions/events for training/support. These are one-day events that support the skills and knowledge development of young people in representational roles within their local communities, including but not limited to Members of Youth Parliament, Young Mayors, Youth Councillors and Children In Care Council members. They also enable young people to influence Government Policy through consultations, exploring issues and where possible question decision-makers.
- Annual Council Meeting September 2016 - As well as scrutinising our activities, finances, and plans, the members elected the new board, and proposed, debated and voted on new policy motions for our Manifesto. Subsequent online voting by members prioritised four campaigns for the following year: Sexual harassment in schools, Votes at 16, a curriculum for life, and transport.

2.6. Resources

- During the year we delivered training and consultancy services to partners such as East Sussex County Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- We were delighted to renew our working relationship with the Office for Civil Society and NHS England to continue to deliver youth voice activities. NCS also supported us to deliver the Make Your Mark ballot.
- Our relationship with Parliament continued to flourish, and we received grants to support young people's participation in the UKYP House of Commons debate and the Youth Select Committee. Parliament also provided pro bono support through provision of staff to support the Youth Select Committee and House of Commons Sitting.
- The Paul Hamlyn Foundation continued their support of BYC in 2016/17 and at the end of the financial year we were awarded a grant for three years from the Blagrave Trust to support our activity.
- We have continued to receive funding for our structured dialogue programme from Europe, and in addition secured grants from the Erasmus+ programme to support our youth voice activity.
- We previously highlighted our intention to explore the development of a discount card, and had been offered the franchise of a partnership in England with the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). Last year (15/16) we reported that issues arose over competition and reciprocity between countries revealing a conflict of interest with the prospective delivery partner. This resulted in us not renewing the EYCA licence in 2016, but with an intention to return to it at a later date. The Board have since agreed that we do not have the capacity to take this further and we are no longer pursuing this option.

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2.7. Profile

- In 2016 we were delighted to win the Youth Leader award at the Leadership Awards for our work championing youth voice and empowering young people to take the lead.
- We were also nominated for the Youth Volunteering and Social Action Award as well as the Children and Young People's Charity Award at the Children and Young People Now Awards.
- We have increased our profile within the media with key highlights being the launch of the Youth Select Committee report and the UK Youth Parliament House of Commons Sitting. We also had more young people act of spokespeople, ensuring that young people were at the forefront of our messaging.
- We have also maximised the use of social media to engage stakeholders and young people, with our EU referendum voter registration and engagement providing our biggest reach to date.

2.8. Partners

- Step Up to Serve – BYC continues to support the #iwill campaign to increase the number of 10-20 year olds engaged in social action. The Chair of BYC sits on the Advisory Council, and in March 2017 spoke on behalf of young people at an event in Buckingham Palace.
- To deliver the Youth Voice programme we have continued to work with YouthFocus North West and the Yorkshire & Humberside regional youth work unit. This partnership approach adds value to our organisations and our members.
- We have also continued to work with partners in the nations, Northern Ireland Youth Forum, Scottish Youth Parliament and Children in Wales, to ensure that the youth voice work is well supported and appropriate to young people in the nations. During the year we raised with the Northern Ireland Assembly that the programme in Northern Ireland was at risk due to a lack of funding. BYC has been funding the programme from its reserves for the past two years which is not sustainable.

3. International Representation

Members elected two representatives – one to the European Youth Forum and one to the Commonwealth Youth Council. These join a team of 10 UK Young Ambassadors, volunteers managed and supported across the UK (with partners) to represent our interests the views of young people overseas.

3.1. International Forums and Events

- 2 x European Youth Forum – Brussels and Bulgaria. This year Pegah Moulana from the UK was elected onto the European Advisory Council on Europe, and we continued to champion the voice of UK young people on key policy issues.
- 2 x European Structured Dialogue Conferences – Slovakia and Malta.
- Young Ambassadors Conference in Cyprus.
- UN Association Canada summit on youth entrepreneurship.
- 2 x Commonwealth youth policy network meetings.
- Commonwealth Human Rights Network; we were also helped to set up a new programme to provide intergenerational mentoring across the Commonwealth.

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3.2. Structured Dialogue

BYC coordinated the UK National Working Group for Structured Dialogue, which supports policy dialogue between young people and decision-makers in the UK, leads youth research and consultation on European youth policy, and prepares and shares youth policy reports to European youth policy conferences every 6 months.

Following the EU referendum the UK Young Ambassadors conducted research with young people across the UK, and we heard from young people that they are concerned for their future and that they strongly believe that young people should be at the heart of the negotiations process. This research reached over 1,000 young people through an online survey and over 400 through focus groups. This led to BYC hosting a Roundtable discussion between young people and Ministers from the Office for Civil Society and the Department for Exiting the EU to discuss young people's views on Brexit.

4. Supporters

4.1. Honorary Presidents:

We have also enjoyed the support of three Honorary Presidents Angela Crawley MP (SNP); Wes Streeting MP (Lab) and Dr Sarah Woolaston MP (Con). After the Annual Council Meeting in September Angela Crawley was replaced by Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP.

4.2. Volunteers

Most of those taking part in our activities do so voluntarily in their spare time ranges from those voting, standing, and campaigning, to those volunteering in our office.

The number of volunteers throughout the year is estimated at over 1,200

- 12 UKYP PG representatives (aged 17-19).
- c600 MYPs and those deputising.
- c15 Young Mayors.
- 22 x UK Young Ambassadors including two elected representatives to Europe and the Commonwealth.
- 13 Trustees also volunteers as Ambassadors and spokespeople.
- 6 part time office volunteers.
- Over 550 Make Your Mark volunteers.

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5. Our reach and impact

5.1. Evaluation Outcomes as a result of BYC workshops and training

We evaluate all our training events and workshops to understand the impact that they have on young people. This includes:

- 95% of participants felt they had been trained in skills relevant to their role.
- 89% had learnt something new.
- 86% felt they now had the skills to make a difference.

Connor – MYP 2016/17

"The UK Youth Parliament has changed my life. I started the Youth Parliament 5 years ago ... as a timid, unconfident and socially reclusive 12-year-old who didn't really do much with my life. It came to the point where I wouldn't do anything but school and play Xbox. UKYP allowed me to become who I am today ... They looked at me as an individual and helped me to grow my skills to develop into this 17-year-old people see today."

5.2. Diversity

Through our programmes we support a diverse range of young people to build their skills and confidence to advocate on behalf of other young people. Through our Youth Voice programme we reached:

- Young people from areas of social deprivation:
 - 16% of participants were from the most deprived quintile.
 - 22% of participants were from the 2nd most deprived quintile.
 - 20% of participants were from the 3rd most deprived quintile.
 - 23% of participants were from the 4th most deprived quintile.
 - 19% of participants were from the least deprived quintile.
- Young people from different religious groups - 46% have no religion, 32% are Christian and 10% Muslim.
- 52% of participants are female.
- 33% are from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups.
- 15% identify as LGBT+.
- 12% of participants have a disability.
- 9% receive free school meals.
- 5% speak English as a second language.
- 2% live in rural and isolated communities.

Young people who participated in our programmes also told us about other factors in their lives that impact on their participation:

- 1% are or have been in the youth justice system.
- 20% have been a victim of bullying.
- 8% are in or leaving care.
- 1% are at risk of exclusion.
- 13% are a young carer.
- 8% are from a lone parent family.
- 2% are living in temporary accommodation.
- 43% have mental health difficulties.

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Rai, former MYP

"When I first arrived in this country, becoming an MYP was something beyond my wildest dreams. Due to my age, I was put in Year 6 and was thus immediately faced with a challenge ... For a student who knew little to no English, the fact that within a few months I'd have to sit my SATs exams, which were a deciding factor in life, was somewhat daunting. ... I believe it is quite extraordinary what you can achieve when you put your mind to it. Within 2 years, I was able to transform myself from someone who sat at the back of a classroom pretending to understand what was going on to a person who stood at the front of the classroom and encouraged those at the back to come forward. As an MYP, I have learnt that background and language aren't a deciding factor but rather a filter that you may choose to present yourself through."

6. Future Plans

After nine years leading the charity, James Cathcart stepped down as the CEO in October 2016. The trustees worked with a recruitment agency to seek a new CEO, and Jo Hobbs took up the role at the end of November 2016. To help manage the transition the trustees brought in Emily Beardsmore, a former BYC trustee, who took a lead on transition, strategy and fundraising.

This has been a period of significant transition for the British Youth Council and so whilst we take the time to develop a new strategy the Board has agreed a set of one-year priorities for the charity to focus on:

6.1. Deliver core activities and have an effective organisational transition

We will:

- Deliver our core programmes including the UK Youth Parliament, NHS Youth Forum, and Youth Council activities.
- Engage and retain our current members and increase membership by 10 new members.
- Develop a robust strategic plan that creates a sustainable vision for BYC's future.
- Refine our policy process and prioritisation to provide clarity to our members and young people.
- Successfully induct the new CEO.

6.2. Work to achieve financial stability

We will:

- Improve financial systems and processes to give the Board better information on which to make informed decisions.
- Diversify our income, with a particular focus on corporate income.
- Develop processes to track progress and impact across all our programmes.

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6.3. Ensure our governance, processes and structures are fit for purpose

We will:

- Deliver the governance review through effective engagement with membership.
- Improve HR processes to provide clarity and structure for the staff team.
- Improve information management and data protection across the organisation.
- Review staff capacity and delivery programmes to ensure that BYC is not delivering beyond its capabilities.
- Maintain our place in the sector.

7. Governance

7.1. Charitable Objects

The “objects” of the charity are “to advance the spiritual, educational and physical welfare of young people in any manner which is now, or may be hereinafter deemed by law to be charitable, including maintaining contact with similar bodies working in the same field overseas.” We do this through:

- Providing a voice for young people.
- Promoting equality for young people.
- Helping young people be more involved in decisions that affect their lives.
- Advancing young people’s participation in society and civil life.

This produces a public benefit through the empowering, educating and supporting of young people to play an active role in society, both directly or through the improvement to public services, locally and nationally, as a result of their increased scrutiny of, or participation in, local and national democracy and services.

7.2. The Governance and Management Structure

There are 13 trustee/directors, aged between 16 and 25 at the date of election, including four officer roles. The offices of Chair, and two Vice-Chairs and VC Finance, are elected annually, and other trustees are elected every two years, for one or two year terms. This takes place at the Annual Council Meeting by delegates from BYC member organisations. Prospective candidates are required to submit applications and take part in interview/selection with a Search Committee to ensure a pool of suitable candidates for elections.

All trustees attend an annual two-day training and induction programme. The training covers roles and responsibilities of trustees and financial stewardship as well as an induction to BYC’s strategic plan and operational procedures.

The organisation is managed by a Chief Executive. Operational decisions are made by a senior management team within agreed strategic objectives set annually by the Board. The Management Team consists of the Chief Executive Officer, two Youth Voice Managers (National and Regional Delivery) and two senior officers (campaigns and international). During the year the team saw a significant transition with the CEO leaving and a new CEO starting. This transition period was managed by an Interim CEO.

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Governance sub groups: Throughout the year the Board delegates tasks through subgroups or ad hoc committees. These have included:

- The Financial Strategy Group - the aim of the group is to develop financial strategy, monitor financial performance, fundraising strategy, and to consider any other finance issues on behalf of the Board.
- The Policy Response Group – responsible for determining issues of policy between general meetings.
- The Search Group – responsible for managing the recruitment process for Trustees/Directors.
- Governance sub-group – tasked with reviewing our approach to governance in line with the Code of Good Governance.

7.3. How our activities deliver public benefit

The British Youth Council's work benefits the following public groups:

- all young people aged 25 and under, who take part in our activities, or are impacted by them.
- our member organisations including national and local youth organisations which are predominately youth-led or influenced.
- charitable sector, third sector and public sector organisations who work with young people.
- a network of local youth councils/vehicles based in local authorities.
- local and national Government where the views of young people are shared in developing and improving public policy and services.

We also benefit young people directly in the provision of education and skills training through our programme of activities, representation opportunities and volunteering. We also work to benefit young people in general through the promotion of intercultural dialogue, representation and volunteering opportunities overseas.

The Trustees have considered this matter and concluded:

- That the aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
- That the aims and the work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
- That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay.
- That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

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7.4. Risk Management

Risks are identified on an ongoing basis and trustees take advice from senior staff in this process. A risk register is kept and updated and controls are established to minimise the identified risks.

Key elements in place which assist in minimising risk are:

- Policies and procedures for health and safety and child protection.
- Delegated authority.
- Financial control procedures.
- Financial strategy, fundraising and monitoring group.
- Compliance with sector kite marking schemes.

Having examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed, the Trustees are satisfied that the charity's procedures and controls adequately minimise the risks identified. These are grouped into three categories – High, Medium and Low. There were two in the High category:

1. Risk of adverse drop in income for both short (2016/17), and long-term (2017 onwards)
2. Trustee body lacking in appropriate skills and/or commitment

The follow measures were approved to address them:

1. Continue proactive Financial Strategy, monitored by FSG. Increased financial responsibility across the team to ensure controlled expenditure in line with approved budget; exploration of new income streams and investment in a fundraising post.
2. Improved induction and support throughout term of office; governance review to introduce revised role description and selection process, including Board appraisal; use of 'board advisers' to ensure that experience can be drawn upon to make better informed decisions.

7.5. Setting pay at BYC

All salaries at BYC are linked to the NJC scales, which are a local government pay scale extensively used in the voluntary sector. They are a result of negotiations between trade unions and the Local Government Association. The Chief Executive's pay was set by the Board of Trustees. All jobs including that of the CEO are placed in a salary band. Salary progression is linked to length of service and each year staff move on to a higher salary step within their band provided that their performance is satisfactory.

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8. Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015, and requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The income for the year was £847,749 (£885,601 in 2015/16) of which £ 587,694 (£629,979 in 2015/16) was restricted income. The total expenditure for the year was £879,517 (£1,021,497 in 2015/16). This is an improved performance on the budget as the organisation focused on reducing costs to reflect our income level, whilst identifying new streams of funding.

9. Reserves Policy

BYC continues to recognise the need to diversify the funding base and raise unrestricted income. This is a long term strategy to ensure the financial security and stability of the organisation by being able to make a significant allocation towards its reserves from unrestricted income each year.

At 31st March 2017 BYC had reserves (excluding fixed assets) of £230,096 (£261,043) 2015/16) and free reserves of £122,083 (£170,877 2015/16).

Our reserves policy is to hold enough money to cover closure - a minimum reserves target based on maintaining a minimum complement of staff and infrastructure for a period in the event of unpredicted cessation of committed income. This target is calculated to cover three months of running costs to cover overheads, staffing costs including redundancy, and project close down. On this basis BYC requires a minimum of £237k for 2017/18 based on the previous 2 years' expenditure.

Our current reserves position is below our target. During 2017/18 we will be investing in fundraising with a particular focus on increasing the proportion of our income which is unrestricted. We will review our reserves policy to ensure that it accurately reflects our current operating model and the financial climate in which we are operating.

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STATEMENT OF BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of British Youth Council for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The Board confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Board in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The trustees re-appointed HW Fisher & Company auditors of the charitable company in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 8 July 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Anna Barker (Chair)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL

We have audited the accounts of The British Youth Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages 21 to 36. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounts

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the accounts. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2017, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the accounts, and the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Julian Challis (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of HW Fisher & Company**

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Acre House
11-15 William Road
London
NW1 3ER
United Kingdom

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating Income and Expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
INCOME					
Donations	3	6,655	-	6,655	1,877
Income from charitable activities	3				
Programmes & training		154,165	374,906	529,071	409,710
Policy & communications		-	108,000	108,000	291,363
International activities		1,358	104,788	106,146	102,977
Other trading activities	3				
Membership		71,465	-	71,465	64,577
Other		25,982	-	25,982	14,200
Income from investments		430	-	430	897
Total income		260,055	587,694	847,749	885,601
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4				
Programmes & training		154,156	428,866	583,022	547,958
Policy & communications		97,031	105,451	202,482	268,450
International activities		16,645	49,651	66,296	180,973
Costs of raising funds		27,717	-	27,717	24,116
Total expenditure		295,549	583,968	879,517	1,021,497
Net expenditure		(35,494)	3,726	(31,768)	(135,896)
Transfer between funds		(14,121)	14,121	-	-
Net movement in funds		(49,615)	17,847	(31,768)	(135,896)
Fund balances brought forward		172,560	90,166	262,726	398,622
Fund balances carried forward		122,945	108,013	230,958	262,726

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

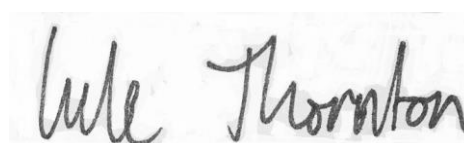
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2017 £	2016 £	2016 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7		862		1,683
Current assets					
Debtors	8	240,359		224,061	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>226,113</u>		<u>217,229</u>	
			466,472		441,290
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9		(236,376)		(180,247)
Net assets			<u>230,958</u>		<u>262,726</u>
Represented by:					
Restricted funds	12		108,013		90,166
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
Operational Development Fund	12	-		40,000	
Fixed Asset Fund		<u>862</u>		<u>1,683</u>	
					41,683
General fund	12	<u>122,083</u>		<u>130,877</u>	
			122,945		172,560
			<u>230,958</u>		<u>262,726</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on:



Anna Barker (Chair)



Luke Thornton (Treasurer)

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017**

	2017 £	2017 £	2016 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net expenditure for the year	(31,768)		(135,896)	
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation	821		3,601	
Interest	(430)		(897)	
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(16,298)		45,191	
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	56,129		(44,836)	
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities		8,454		(132,837)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest	430		897	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-		50,379	
Net cash provided by investing activities		430		51,276
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		8,884		(81,561)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		217,229		298,790
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		226,113		217,229

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

1 Charity information

The British Youth Council is a private limited company (registered number 6226595) which is incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The address of the registered office is 49-51 East Road, London, N1 6AH.

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted and critical areas of judgements are as follows:

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The British Youth Council meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the accounting policies notes.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charities forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation and investment income. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

2.3 Functional currency

The functional currency of the British Youth Council is considered to be in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the charity operates. The financial statements are also presented in pounds sterling.

2.4 Income

Donations and gifts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Membership contributions, training and consultancy income is included as they are receivable, except where they relate to future periods, in which case they are deferred.

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Grants, including those for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year when they are receivable.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

Fundraising and publicity costs comprise the costs actually incurred in producing materials for promotional and fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises the costs actually incurred in delivering charitable activities.

Costs are allocated to each activity where the cost relates directly to the activity. Central Functions costs are apportioned to activities on a basis explained in Note 4 below. In common with many small organisations, most of the Central Functions costs are covered by grant agreements which also provide for charitable activity; however for the purpose of reporting these costs have been separated and apportioned.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	5 years
Office equipment	5 years

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised.

2.7 Financial Instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102. See notes 8 and 9 for the debtor and creditor notes.

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2.8 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less. For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

2.10 Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Deferred income represents membership contributions, training and consultancy where it relate to future periods.

2.11 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental payable under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they fall due.

2.12 Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are due.

2.13 Accumulated Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of Central Function costs, often specified in the fund criteria.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purposes and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Board for particular purposes and include capacity building for alternative income generation and sustainability; as well as one off expenditure for recruitment and transition arrangements for a new Chief Executive; and a fund representing the value of Fixed Assets.

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2.14 Taxation

Income received by the charity is exempt from Corporation Tax under s505 of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The charity is not registered for VAT. VAT incurred on transactions is charged to the relevant cost.

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3 Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Membership	71,465	-	71,465	64,577
Donations	6,655	-	6,655	1,877
Other	25,982	-	25,982	14,200
Interest receivable	430	-	430	897
Income from charitable activities				
Big Lottery – Awards For All Wales	-	5,000	5,000	-
Youth in Action	-	(6,386)	(6,386)	23,104
Youth Voice	-	250,000	250,000	285,000
Cabinet Office VRP	-	50,000	50,000	-
Parliamentary Outreach	-	53,000	53,000	40,000
NHS Youth Forum	-	59,800	59,800	70,000
EACEA National Working Group	-	114	114	34,428
National Working Group	-	101,160	101,160	-
Erasmus+ Youth Voice 2 Parliament	-	17,117	17,117	-
Erasmus+ Youth Voice Meetings	-	-	-	10,271
Erasmus+ Dialogue with Decision Makers	-	(9,894)	(9,894)	-
Erasmus+ Party for Participation	-	-	-	32,253
Erasmus+ Dialogue to Action	-	(3,217)	(3,217)	34,997
Erasmus+ 16 Elected & Elective	-	11,000	11,000	27,058
Erasmus+ 16/17 UK Young Ambassadors	-	-	-	25,868
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	2,000
You're Welcome (Public Health England)	-	30,000	30,000	45,000
Events	102,540	-	102,540	91,364
Training & consultancy	51,523	-	51,523	82,707
Reimbursement income	1,460	-	1,460	-
Total income	260,055	587,694	847,749	885,601

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

4 Analysis of expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other Direct costs £	Apportioned Support costs £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Cost of raising funds					
Fundraising and publicity	20,739	430	6,548	27,717	24,116
Charitable activities					
Programmes & training	136,873	293,563	152,586	583,022	547,958
Policy & communications	34,502	54,295	113,685	202,482	268,450
International activities	28,699	15,368	22,229	66,296	180,973
Total 2017	220,813	363,656	295,048	879,517	1,021,497
Total 2016	350,646	466,983	203,868	1,021,497	

Basis of apportionment

Central Functions costs are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on each area.

	2017	2016
Programmes & training	2%	3%
Policy & communications	52%	49%
International activities	38%	32%
Fundraising & publicity	8%	16%

Analysis of central function costs for apportionment

	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Staff costs	158,941	76,783
Travel & expenses	2,944	4,725
Premises	24,672	33,656
Office costs	90,488	72,702
Governance	18,003	16,002
	295,048	203,868

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4 Analysis of expenditure (continued).

The following costs are included in direct costs:

	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Audit Fees	4,572	4,438
Depreciation	821	3,601

5 Trustees' expenses

None of the trustees (or any other person connected with them) received any remuneration in connection with their role as trustee. One trustee received £330 (2016: £1,580) in connection with their role as ambassador. During the year 8 trustees (2016:10) were reimbursed a total of £637 travel and expenses (2016: £806). This sum includes reimbursement in connection with participation in BYC activities as well as in their governance role.

6 Employees

The average number of employees based on headcount during the year was 14 (2016:12)

Employment costs

	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Wages and salaries	326,473	383,087
Social security costs	27,416	35,266
Pension costs	3,115	5,119
Consultants and other staff costs	22,750	3,957
Total	<u>379,754</u>	<u>427,429</u>

Due to a change in Chief Executive mid way through the year no individual employee received remuneration of over £60,000 - £70,000 in the year (2016: One employee received remuneration in the range £60,000 - £70,000, with employer contributions of £2,904).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive, and Youth Voice Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £170,998 (2016: £139,271). In 2016/17 this covered the transition between the outgoing and incoming Chief Executive, including the costs of interim cover.

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2016 and Disposals	43,129 -	11,228 (5,184)	54,357 (5,184)
At 31 March 2017	<u>43,129</u>	<u>6,044</u>	<u>49,173</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2016 Charge for the year Disposals	41,637 630 -	11,037 191 (5,184)	52,674 821 (5,184)
At 31 March 2017	<u>42,267</u>	<u>6,044</u>	<u>48,311</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2017	<u>862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>862</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>1,492</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>1,683</u>

All the assets of the charity are used for charitable purposes.

8 Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Grants receivable	82,014	10,000
Other debtors	93,813	103,151
Prepayments	63,032	63,101
Accrued income	1,500	47,809
	<u>240,359</u>	<u>224,061</u>

9 Creditors

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Taxes and social security costs	8,958	8,911
Other creditors	10,468	30,922
Accruals	11,728	11,423
Deferred income	205,222	128,991
	<u>236,376</u>	<u>180,247</u>

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10 Related Party Transactions

During the year ended 31 March 2017 BYC paid £7,000 to Youth Focus North West, a charity with which they have a trustee in common. A similar payment was made in previous years however no there were no common trustees at that point. There were no amounts outstanding at year end. There were no other related party transactions.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2017 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	862	-	862
Current assets	263,447	203,025	466,472
Creditors: amounts due within one year	<u>(141,364)</u>	<u>(95,012)</u>	<u>(236,376)</u>
	<u>122,945</u>	<u>108,013</u>	<u>230,958</u>

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2016 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	1,683	-	1,683
Current assets	326,958	114,332	441,290
Creditors: amounts due within one year	<u>(156,081)</u>	<u>(24,166)</u>	<u>(180,247)</u>
	<u>172,560</u>	<u>90,166</u>	<u>262,726</u>

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12 Movements in Funds

	1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2017 £
Big Lottery – Awards For All Wales	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Youth in Action	-	(6,386)	-	6,386	-
Youth Voice (Office for Civil Society)	-	250,000	(250,000)	-	-
Cabinet Office VRP	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Parliamentary Outreach	-	53,000	(39,715)	-	13,285
Participation Works	6,124	-	(792)	-	5,332
NHS Youth Forum	4,732	59,800	(58,309)	-	6,223
EACEA National Working Group	-	114	(114)	-	-
National Working Group	-	101,160	(40,353)	-	60,807
Erasmus+ Youth Voice 2 Parliament	-	17,117	(17,117)	-	-
Erasmus+ Dialogue with Decision Makers	5,566	(9,894)	-	4,328	-
Erasmus+ Dialogue to Action	-	(3,217)	(190)	3,407	-
Erasmus+ 16 Elected & Elective	21,480	11,000	(32,480)	-	-
Erasmus+ 16/17 UK Young Ambassadors	17,264	-	(7,365)	-	9,899
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
You're Welcome (Public Health England)	35,000	30,000	(52,533)	-	12,467
TOTAL RESTRICTED	90,166	587,694	(583,968)	14,121	108,013
General	130,877	260,055	(254,728)	(14,121)	122,083
Operational Development Fund	40,000	-	(40,000)	-	-
Fixed Asset Fund	1,683	-	(821)	-	862
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	172,560	260,055	(295,549)	(14,121)	122,945
TOTAL	262,726	847,749	(879,517)	-	230,958

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12 Movements in Funds (continued)

Prior Year

	1 April 2015 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2016 £
Youth in Action	10,896	23,104	(34,000)	-	
Cabinet Office Youth Voice	-	285,000	(285,000)	-	
Big Lottery Awards for All	18,643	-	(18,643)	-	
Parliamentary Education	1,920	40,000	(41,920)	-	
Participation Works	10,916	-	(4,792)	-	6,124
NHS Youth Forum	10,000	70,000	(75,268)	-	4,732
EACEA National Working Group	-	34,428	(34,428)	-	
Erasmus+16/17 UK Young Ambassadors	-	25,868	(8,604)	-	17,264
Erasmus+16/17 Elected & Elective	-	27,058	(5,578)	-	21,480
Erasmus+ Dialogue 2 Action	-	34,997	(34,997)	-	
Erasmus+ Party 4 Participation	-	32,253	(32,253)	-	
Erasmus+ Youth Voice Meetings	22,372	10,271	(32,643)	-	
Erasmus+ Dialogue with Decision Makers	16,066	-	(10,500)	-	5,566
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	
Democratic Engagement	60,000	-	(60,000)	-	
You're Welcome (Public Health England)	-	45,000	(10,000)	-	35,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED	150,813	629,979	(690,626)	-	90,166
General	182,525	255,622	(330,871)	23,601	130,877
Operational Development Fund	60,000	-	-	(20,000)	40,000
Fixed Asset Fund	5,284	-	-	(3,601)	1,683
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	247,809	255,622	(330,871)	-	172,560
TOTAL	398,622	885,601	(1,021,497)	-	262,726

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12 Movements in Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

European funding - Is a mixed programme of works funded by European programmes, such as Youth In Action, Erasmus+ and National Working Group, (via the British Council), helping preparing young people playing an active role in European decision making, citizenship, and connecting young people and representatives within the UK to European programmes and policy development. For example the UK Young Ambassadors programme recruited representatives from Scotland, N Ireland, Wales and England to represent the nations to European forums through structured dialogue and consultation.

Some Erasmus+ funding covers activity within the UK such Dialogue with Decision Makers which included the planning and delivery of an induction and leadership residential for young representatives.

Youth Voice – This programme, funded via the Office for Civil Society (previously within the Cabinet Office and now within the Department for Culture, Media and Sport), included the UK Youth Parliament programme, plus support to other democratic structures, campaigning and support for youth representation. The work included a sitting of the UK Youth Parliament at Westminster (with support from the Parliamentary Outreach Service), the Youth Select Committee, and priority campaigns. The funding complements matched funding from other sources which make up the whole Youth Voice initiative.

Big Awards – Lottery grants supported convention/events in the devolved nations including skills training– to complement the Office for Civil Society funded work in England.

Parliamentary Outreach Service – The is for support, publications and reimbursement of travel and expenses for young people taking part in the UK Youth Parliament Annual Debate and the Youth Select Committee, and is part of the Youth Voice initiative.

Participation Works – a Coalition whose budget was transferred to BYC for management during 13/14, is dedicated to promoting youth participation through awareness and training. This residual balance of funding is used to maintain the website resources.

National Health Service (NHS) Youth Forum – a programme of works centred around the recruitment training and engagement of a youth forum with health professionals in England.

Cabinet Office VRP – a grant from the Cabinet Office Democratic Engagement team to support voter registration for the European Union Referendum.

You're Welcome – a grant from Public Health England to enable the review of minimum standards for consulting young people on health issues for the National Health Service

THE BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

13 Prior year comparatives

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2016

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £
INCOME			
Donations	1,877	-	1,877
Income from charitable activities			
Programmes & training	32,457	377,253	409,710
Policy & communications	116,864	174,499	291,363
International activities	24,750	78,277	102,977
Other trading activities			
Membership	64,577	-	64,577
Other	14,200	-	14,200
Income from investments	897	-	897
Total income	255,622	629,979	885,601
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Programmes & training	122,265	425,693	547,958
Policy & communications	78,828	189,622	268,450
International activities	105,662	75,311	180,973
Costs of raising funds	24,116	-	24,116
Total expenditure	330,871	690,626	1,021,497
Net expenditure	(75,249)	(60,647)	(135,896)
Fund balances brought forward	247,809	150,813	398,622
Fund balances carried forward	172,560	90,166	262,726