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the strategic organisation for the voluntary  
and community sector working across  
Yorkshire and the Humber

## Annual Review

2002-2003



Yorkshire & Humber Regional Development Agency



# Yorkshire & the Humber Regional Forum:

## Vision

Inclusive and thriving communities and voluntary organisations at the heart of an inclusive and thriving region.

## Mission

To promote and enable an influential, powerful and effective voluntary and community sector within Yorkshire & the Humber, to achieve improved quality of life.

To achieve this by working with others to:

- Challenge disadvantage
- Make and influence policy
- Promote effective communication
- Improve knowledge and understanding about the sector and its role within the region
- Build capacity in the region

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# Chair's report

Voluntary and community organisations want Yorkshire and the Humber to be a region where the economic, environmental and social well being of all our region and all of its people advances in a sustainable way.

During the past year the Regional Forum has worked hard to ensure that voluntary and community organisations have an increasingly influential and powerful voice in Yorkshire and the Humber. The work of the thousands of voluntary and community organisations in the region already contributes enormously to increasing the economic, environmental and social well being – but their experiences must also be listened to and learnt by policy makers in the region.

The past year has seen considerable change and growth within the Regional Forum, with an enlarged staff team and new areas of work. Thank you to all who have contributed in many different ways over the year – members, staff, trustees and our many partners.

Neil Irving  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

# Director's report

**"Only connect". So, the quotation says and connecting in all sorts of ways is a strong theme in this year's work.**

During the year Forum staff have visited all but two or three of the districts in the whole of Yorkshire and Humber! And that's not because we are travel addicts but because we wanted to develop relationships, to make effective links and to find out what is happening all over the region.

Linking and networking are central to the Forum because they create opportunities for joint action like sharing good ideas, finding common causes, learning from each other and having a powerful and effective voluntary & community sector regional voice.

The new Active Partners Network brings regeneration communities and practitioners together; the revived Third Sector Forum provides a platform for discussion of European matters; the regional Community Empowerment Networks group and the learning and skills network show how activities can be strengthened by linking across administrative boundaries. In the Forum's work on the social economy, building a new regional network has been important to ensure that statutory agencies and social enterprise have a

place to act together for the region's benefit. The Forum's information and policy role is all about helping connections to happen: connecting one organisation to another, connecting local experience to national initiatives and connecting solutions to problems.

The Forum puts much effort into sustaining its productive working relationships with the regional agencies, with its own members and to supporting the voluntary & community sector's representation on key committees. It tries to act as a bridge-going both ways-between the sector and policy makers so that doors are open and voices heard. It is connecting with a purpose.

None of this would mean anything without the hard work of my colleagues and the support of the Trustee Board to whom I would like to record my thanks for their commitment to all that goes into the running of the Regional Forum.

Judy Robinson  
Director



# Influencing

The Regional Forum is all about making sure the voluntary and community sector has an influential and powerful voice in Yorkshire and the Humber.

## Getting Voices Heard

The Forum has a key role of getting voluntary & community sector representation around the table so that the sector's voice, on behalf of the mass of organisations, volunteers & communities, is heard. Three important bodies (amongst others) have Forum representatives; The Yorkshire & Humber Assembly; the Assembly's Quality of Life Commission & the Committee which monitors the Objective 2 European Programme.

## Regional Economic Strategy

How will Yorkshire & Humber develop in the future? That's the question the review of the region's economic strategy (which is coordinated by Yorkshire Forward) asked in the Summer of 2002. The Forum brought together views about the way the voluntary & community sector wants to see the economy develop. It reiterated the point that: "the development of human & social capital is an intrinsic part of economic development". The Forum made the powerful observation that "an increase in wealth need not necessarily reduce social inclusion".

The re-draft of the Strategy incorporates aspects of these points and the debate about future direction will continue!

## Elected Government for Yorkshire & Humber?

With four sub-regional voluntary & community sector partners and the Regional Assembly the Forum consulted the sector about its views on a referendum on Regional Government. Key concerns were voiced about the role of stakeholders in an elected assembly & that all local people need much more information about issues involved. Overall the consensus was "yes, let's have a referendum".

## Social Economy Framework

The Social Economy Framework was launched at FOOTSEY 2002 by Martin Havenhand, Yorkshire Forward CEO.

*"The Regional Forum has been instrumental in ensuring that the Social Economy Framework remains on the agenda of regional agencies and policy makers. The Forum's review of the Framework one year on, will be a valuable resource for both the social economy and the bodies that support it."*

*(Don Stewart, Director of People, Yorkshire Forward.)*

This acknowledgement of the role of social enterprise in connecting people to economic opportunity, from the highest level in Yorkshire Forward sent out an encouraging message across the sector and placed social enterprise on the agenda of the region's key agencies: Yorkshire Forward, Government Office and the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly. The Regional Forum has been monitoring and, in some cases, driving forward initiatives in areas of support identified in the Framework. A progress report by the Regional Forum will provide information on the support available to social enterprise in the region and will be available on the Forum's website in Oct 2003.

The Social Economy Framework is available at: <http://www.regionalforum.org.uk/socialeconomy/SocialEconomyFramework.pdf>

## Combating Discrimination in the Workplace

The Regional Forum took an active role in deciding how to spend significant research sums towards combating discrimination in the workplace. In a steering group led by Learning & Skills Council West Yorkshire the Regional Forum's approach was to consult with members on ideas for this spending - ideas which would lead to practical action on the ground.

*"Thank you for this feedback. It is very useful and assists planning. I think the proposal for research on the needs of lesbian, gay and bisexual people is timely."*

*(Al Garthwaite, Vera Media.)*

Ultimately, it was decided that the research money would be spent on refugees, travellers, homeless and lone parents, age discrimination, young people, the rural dimension, disability and equal opportunities in the workplace. The Regional Forum will both follow and report on the process.

## Policy Makers not Policy Takers

The Forum has worked with members and associates on policy issues such as the way funding regimes operate; the proper involvement of the sector & communities in partnerships, the continuing debate about how to link disadvantaged communities to new opportunities and keeping inclusion high on the regional agenda.

*"We have found the support from the Regional Forum valuable in strategic issues. It has helped us to raise questions about region wide funding processes & how they work in our area and has provided us with a model for a sub-regional collaboration of development agencies."*

*(Mary Cornwell, Director, Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council)*



Aisha Special K (on right) from Burngreave Problem Busters shares experiences in Sheffield.



Mike Twiggs, Federation of Yorkshire Sport and Caroline Schwaller, Vice Chair, Regional Forum with messages to regional agencies.



Launch of the Social Economy Framework by Martin Havenhand, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Forward (far right).



# Benefiting

The Forum works hard to inform and involve the voluntary & community sector in the regional agenda.

## Newsletters

The Regional Forum produces three major newsletters - a news and information edition, a European funding edition and an Active Partners good practice, training and network edition. With a combined circulation of over 700 key organisations the Forum is connecting key policy information with tens of thousands of grassroots organisations.

*"The Forum's information service is invaluable."*

*(George Baker, Community Development Worker with Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council.)*

## Email

The Forum email networks range from specialist advice dealing with good practice in community participation to the general members network with a membership of over 300 users.

*"access to hundreds of organisations at the click of a button."*

*(Charlotte Stannard, Regional Development Worker for British Association of Settlements & Social Action Centres.)*

## Website

The Forum Website had over 22,000 hits in the period from January to March 2003. Policy and research documents have been available for download and in February and March over 3500 documents were downloaded.

[www.regionalforum.org.uk](http://www.regionalforum.org.uk)

## Finding a way through the Structures

The Forum published a guide to Regional Structures in the Autumn. It sets out, with a thumbnail sketch, what all the different regional & sub-regional agencies do & has a full list of voluntary & community sector resource organisations.

[www.regionalforum.org.uk/pubs/RegStructures.pdf](http://www.regionalforum.org.uk/pubs/RegStructures.pdf)

## Information Communication Technology Fund

The first round of this one off fund for developing the capacity of member organisations to grapple with Information Communication Technology (ICT) was completed by the end of the calendar year. Successful organisations accessed money for direct training and also for more strategic ICT development.

## European Funding Service

The Regional Forum has worked in partnership with the Charities Information Bureau (West Yorkshire), North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (North Yorkshire) and Humber Community Partnership (The Humber) to provide a comprehensive service of advice, representation and strategic support on European funding for the sector.

The Regional Forum provided a central co-ordination, strategy and policy role. The sub regional partners provided training, information and support to third sector organisations so they can access vital funding for their work.

*"Unlocking the potential of communities to share in and contribute to economic and social renewal is a key priority of the 2000 - 2006 Programme."*

*"The Regional Forum's European Funding Service has been pivotal in strengthening communications, networks and sources of advice. These very practical actions help voluntary and community organisations access the funding they need to boost community confidence, improve skills and create opportunities."*

*(Alison Biddulph, Director, European Secretariat.)*

## Active Partners Launch

The new Active Partners Unit was launched in March 2003. The event was attended by over 50 regeneration organisations from across the region, keen to find out how the new Active Partners Unit might support them. The Active Partners Unit is based within the Regional Forum and supports regeneration initiatives in building community participation into their work.

*"Top down approaches should be turned sideways."*

*(John Battle, MP for Leeds West.)*

The Unit also works with Government Office, the Regional Assembly, Yorkshire Forward and others to take the lessons learned on the ground into the policy, strategy and decision making processes.

## Partnership Investment Fund (PIF)

The proposed £37million PIF is due to launch in December 2003. This will offer loans to social & other businesses who can not access commercial finance. The Regional Forum, along with associates from the Objective Two eligible sub regions, represents the Social Economy on the PIF partnership group.



Cath Joyce, European & Regeneration Officer and Tina Ingley, Charities Information Bureau at Third Sector Forum.



Michael Hirst, Alyson Nicholds, Judy Robinson, John Battle MP, Martin Houghton-Brown, and Peter Richardson at the Active Partners Unit Launch.



John Battle MP for Leeds West launches the Active Partners Unit.



# Developing

The Regional Forum is active in a wide range of initiatives to ensure that the experiences of voluntary and community organisations contribute to consultation, policy development and the progress of the region.

## Whose Agenda Is It Anyway?

### Winter Conference

The Forum's conferences have been consistently over subscribed and the Winter conference was no exception. The showcase social enterprise facilities of The Courtyard in Goole were the perfect backdrop to delegates from across the region who discussed, debated and joined together to communicate clear messages to the Regional Agencies. The "Postcards from Goole" were strong challenges to policy makers to strengthen social inclusion and participation at all levels of their work.

## FOOTSEY Tradefair

### A first for Yorkshire & Humber

The distinctively named FOOTSEY 2002 (Federation of organisations trading in the Social Economy of Yorkshire and Humber) offered social economy trading organisations, support agencies and funding bodies an opportunity to trade with each other and to showcase themselves.

FOOTSEY 2002 was hailed as a great success with over 400 delegates and 85 exhibitors and 2003 promises to be even bigger and better. The Regional Forum together with Regen School, The Development Trusts Association and Yorkshire Forward lead the FOOTSEY steering group.

## Third Sector Forum

The Third Sector Forum for European Funding (TSF) was re-launched in December 2002. This resulted in over 100 organisations from across the region becoming members. At the TSF meeting in January 2003, attended by over 80 delegates, elections were held for the three third sector places on the Objective 2 Programme Monitoring Committee. This is important so that the voluntary & community sector is part of decision making about this multi-million pound programme.

## Community Empowerment Fund review event

In October 2002 the Regional Forum, in partnership with Government Office, brought together the 9 areas across the region in receipt of Neighbourhood Renewal Community Empowerment Fund (CEF).

*"Being able to chat to other workers from other networks enabled me to gain an insight into what other networks are doing."*

*(Sally Teasdale, CNet Bradford Community Network.)*

The event reviewed the CEF programme, celebrated progress and focused attention on relationships with Local Strategic Partnerships. Over 60 participants joined in a fast paced event that allowed debate, participation and focussed on tasks and positive outcomes.

## Developing the Contracting Environment for Social Enterprise

In March 2002 the Regional Forum ran a conference 'Proving Your Worth', which explored issues around Local Authorities contracting with social enterprise. Delegates heard from procurement professionals and from social enterprises which have been successful in securing contracts with local authorities. Further work by the Forum is currently under development with Government Office Yorkshire and Humber. In response to the event a group within the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) operations team has been established to look at how NYCC may be able to support the development of Social Enterprise in North Yorkshire

## Promoting Social Audit

'Proving Your Worth' also explored Social Audit as a means of helping the sector to demonstrate value to potential contracting bodies. The Forum secured Department of Trade & Industry funding to support six Yorkshire & Humber social enterprises to undertake social audit training between September 2003 and March 2004.

## Organisational Change

This has been a year of growth for Forum staff. From the beginning of the period with 4 staff to the end of the period with a complement of 12 and new office premises, the changes to the Forum have been extensive. Increased staff and accommodation meant new systems, from telephones to conference planning. The staff team consists of 9 development staff working in areas from neighbourhood renewal to heading up the Active Partners Unit. Alongside are the invaluable administrative team who undertake conference management, IT systems and the breadth of administrative functions required for the Forum to work well.

## Communities in Partnership

The Forum was part of a regional agencies advisory group about the Communities in Partnership programme - an attempt by Yorkshire Forward to support community engagement with Local Strategic Partnerships in the non neighbourhood renewal areas. This had the potential for being an innovative initiative but the Agency did not, in the end, fund the programme much to the disappointment of the sector in these areas.

## Regional Engagement

Connecting with the regional agencies - Government Office, the Regional Assembly, and Yorkshire Forward - is a high priority for the Forum. With Government Office the Forum has worked closely on support for the Community

Empowerment Networks; with the Assembly we have a place in the Assembly itself where the role of the social & economic partners is of recognised importance as the possibility of elected regional government moves up the agenda. With Yorkshire Forward there has been joint work on developing the social economy, issues around learning & skills in the sector as well as the setting up of the regeneration centre of excellence.

*"The contribution of the Forum means that the Assembly can't avoid the daily issues which affect the people of Yorkshire and Humber most in need of the opportunities that regionalism offers. This is invaluable."*

*(Jane Hustwit, Director, External Affairs Yorkshire and Humber Assembly.)*



All Pakistan Women's Association exhibit at FOOTSEY 2002.



John Duffy, Conference poet, Winter 2002.



# Linking

The Regional Forum links the sector with policy making and makes sure information is shared.

## Working with the Black & Minority Ethnic Regional Network

The Forum & its sister organisation the Black & Minority Ethnic Regional Network have been discussing how they work together. An important step has been to link the two committees & the staff. Joint activity will be a crucial next step to ensure that all voluntary & community sector groups get the support they deserve.

## Active Partners Network

The Active Partners Network was established in September 2002 to enable regeneration partnerships to network in person and virtually via the net. Network members have access to the full range of Active Partners services, including training and skills workshops, information and resources, advice and consultancy. The Network members e-mail group is also a place to ask questions, receive advice and share practice with others across the region.

The Active Partners Network now has more than 100 members for example:-  
Voluntary Action Barnsley, Pakistan & Kashmir Welfare, Association, North East Leeds Primary Care Trust, Whitby and District Regeneration Partnership, University of Leeds Widening Participation Office

## Third Sector Forum

The Third Sector Forum for European funding (TSF) is a voice and information resource for third sector organisations with an interest in European funding. It is one of the formal mechanisms for the involvement and consultation of the third sector in European funding programmes. TSF meetings provide an opportunity to influence policy and practice through discussion with guest speakers from key agencies, celebrating and spreading good

practice and networking with similar organisations. Over 80 delegates attended the January 2003 TSF meeting where there was a lively discussion following a presentation from Job Centre Plus on their first bidding round as co-financers.

## Links in the chain

During the last year the role of the "sub regions" (North, South & West Yorkshire & the Humber), has become more important with new agencies like Learning & Skills Councils & Yorkshire Forward's sub regional action plans operating at this level.

*"Thanks to the Forum a new sub-regional structure of infrastructure organisations for West Yorkshire (WYLDA) meets regularly and is discovering how much potential there is for working together to benefit our organisations and the communities we serve - and the Forum itself."*

(Caroline Schwaller, Keighley Voluntary Services.)

The Forum has worked hard with colleagues in sub regional organisations like the South Yorkshire Open Forum and the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations and is giving support to emerging networks in the Humber and West Yorkshire. In particular, work has been done on improving the involvement of voluntary & community organisations in the allocation of funds and deciding on priorities at this level via Yorkshire Forward's single pot. It is crucial that the sector is influential at all levels of the region and that its voice is heard in strategic decision making and this must include the new sub regional structures.

## Community Empowerment Fund Regional Network

The Regional Forum, in partnership with the Neighbourhood Renewal Team at Government Office, convenes a regional network for the Community Empowerment Fund programmes across

the region. There are six meetings a year providing opportunities to share working practice, consider policy development and discuss management of the programmes. The gatherings are lively, productive and informative, with opportunities for joint learning, networking, debate and dialogue, group workshops and input into the strategic direction of the Neighbourhood Renewal programmes.

*"We value and appreciate our relationship with the Regional Forum. We work closely together on the Community Empowerment Fund programmes to ensure anyone who wants to can have an impact on Neighbourhood Renewal in Yorkshire and Humber."*

(Carol Cooper Smith, Director Neighbourhood Renewal and Communities.)

## Learning and Skills Consortia

There are 4 learning & skills consortia which bring together voluntary & community sector organisations involved in training & skills. The Forum supports joint meetings.

This network met three times between July 2002 and March 2003. Although different the consortia all grapple with similar issues: new national standards, longer term funding for the consortia themselves, how to engage effectively with each local Learning & Skills Council, the emerging Learning & Skills Council Strategic Area Reviews and more...

At one of the meetings David Hughes, the Executive Director for Derbyshire Learning & Skills Council and the only head of a Learning & Skills Council with a voluntary sector background, came to share his thoughts with the network - this was valuable. At another, the network agreed that it would be strongly involved in the regional learning and skills conferences.

## Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber

Over the last year the group which oversaw the writing of the Social Economy Framework has evolved to become Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber (SEYH). SEYH membership currently comprises statutory agencies, sub regional and regional social enterprise support networks and Business Link.

Going forward SEYH plan to increase representation by social enterprise practitioners and in response to the move by Yorkshire Forward to investment planning, SEYH will develop an investment plan for the social enterprise sector which can be presented to a range of funders and policy makers.

*"The Regional Forum has played a crucial role in building the SEYH network and in ensuring its continuing development as a leading regional network and as part of the social enterprise coalition."*

(Fergus Beesly, Chief Executive, Sheffield Community Enterprise Development.)

Through the Regional Forum's efforts, SEYH has forged links with the Social Enterprise Coalition at a national level and has kept social enterprise on the agenda of regional agencies. SEYH's Forward

Strategy can be viewed at:  
[www.regionalforum.org.uk/socialeconomy/SEYHForwardThinking.rtf](http://www.regionalforum.org.uk/socialeconomy/SEYHForwardThinking.rtf)



# Treasurer's Report

November 2003

Audited Accounts; April 2002 to March 2003

## National links

From speaking at conferences, sharing ideas about community learning programmes and jointly responding to consultations like the Cross Cutting Review, the Forum has worked with colleagues in NACVS, NCVO and with sister regional networks across England.

*"Work with the Regional Forum has enabled NACVS to offer focused consultation events to CVSs and other infrastructure organisations in the region. Forum staff are great to work with and make collaboration both effective and purposeful."*

*(Kevin Curley, Chief Executive, National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service.)*

## Active Partners Advisory Group

Following the recruitment of a staff team to the Active Partners Unit by July 2002, the previous 'Steering Group' recognised a need to move away from the existing management role to one with more of a strategic overview. The newly constituted 'Advisory Group' reflected the need to embed the Active Partners Unit within the legal structures of the Regional Forum and operate in a manner which reflected the Unit's ethos and mission. As a result, new terms of reference have been adopted, participatory processes are in place during meetings, additional membership has sought to be included and training events have been held to build capacity within the group.



South Yorkshire Open Forum.



Linda Mitchell, NCVO, Judy Robinson, Director, Regional Forum and Kevin Curley, NACVS.



Networking

The Forum has seen a year of substantial growth and change. Our reputation and position as a key Regional player has grown through building on our successes in delivering quality information, policy and consultation services. The Forum has been an active lobbyist and advocate for the sector with Government Office, the Assembly and Yorkshire Forward.

Over this period our funding was from the following main sources;

- Yorkshire Forward Grant of £347,853 general staffing and running costs
- Home Office grant of £58,000 for our generalist work
- The final installment of the Community Fund grant of £34,785 for general staffing and running costs
- Government Office grants of £4,000 for Social Economy research and a further £10,906 from Objective 3 Technical Assistance donations
- European Community Technical Assistance Grants of £153,401 for the European Funding Services Partnership
- Membership fees, Conference fees & other income £60,931

At the end of the financial year in question our balance sheet is healthy, with a bank balance of £167,700 and fixed assets of £8,949. The organisation also had other assets of £83,810; predominantly made up of money due from European Funds. Total current assets amounted to £251,510.

The accounts also show liabilities of £83,945 at the end of the year: consisting of £18,185 outstanding bills - since paid up, £63,112 European grants due to the partnership awaiting the income to cover them; £2,648 in respect of membership fees in advance. In line with changes in SORP regulations we no longer defer grants to cover future depreciation of assets.

The Trustee board have adopted a prudent policy to build unrestricted reserves to cover contingent

liabilities and to ensure that the Charity has sufficient reserves to cover core funding requirements for a period of four months. The target for free reserves are £200,000. To date funds of £70,553 have been designated for this purpose.

During the year the trustees have reviewed the strategic options for the future of the Regional Forum. As part of this review they have reviewed the risks to which the Forum is exposed, both internally and externally and have reviewed the controls in place to mitigate these risks.



# Summary of Annual Accounts

Summary Statement of activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2002
Total Income	60,931	608,945	669,876	485,526
• Costs of generating Funds	0	28,305	28,305	24,825
Charitable expenditure				
• Grants to partner organisations	0	129,216	129,216	129,369
• Direct Service Provision	22,752	398,080	420,832	232,787
• Management & Administration	104	66,175	66,279	38,929
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>22,856</b>	<b>621,776</b>	<b>644,632</b>	<b>425,910</b>
<b>Balance of Funds at 31/3/03</b>	<b>79,664</b>	<b>96,850</b>	<b>176,514</b>	<b>151,270</b>

Summary Balance Sheet	2003	2002
Tangible fixed Assets	8,949	2,342
Debtors	83,810	15,438
Bank	167,700	178,015
Creditors	(83,945)	(44,525)
Assets-Liabilities	176,514	151,270

## Capital and reserves

Unrestricted funds	3,664	589
Designated Fund; General Reserves	70,553	41,000
Designated Fund; FOOTSEY Conference	5,447	0
Restricted Fund; Yorkshire Forward	46,217	0
Restricted Fund; Community Fund	0	59,254
Restricted Fund; Home Office ACU	127	11,996
Restricted Fund; European Funds	10,870	8,635
Restricted Fund; ICT training fund	18,227	20,000
Restricted Fund; GO Technical Assistance	19,168	9,796
Restricted Fund; GO Social Economy Research	2,241	0

<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>176,514</b>	<b>151,270</b>
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## Trustees' Statement

The financial summaries in this Report are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003. The full annual accounts were prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice, approved on 14 October 2003 and received an unqualified audit opinion.

The summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. For further information, the Annual Accounts, the Auditor's report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies may be obtained from the charity's Head Office, Goodbard House, Infirmary Street, Leeds, LS1 2JS.

The trustees will submit the accounts to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 7 November 2003.

Signed on behalf of the trustees  
Hugh Rolo, Honorary Treasurer

## Auditor's Statement on the Summarised Financial Statements to the Trustees of Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Forum

We have examined the summarised financial statements as set out in this report.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summarised financial statements. We have agreed to report to you whether in our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual accounts on which we reported to you on 15 October 2003.

## Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures that we consider necessary to ascertain whether the financial statements are consistent with the full annual accounts from which they have been prepared.

## Opinion

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003

**John Gordon Walton & Co**, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Yorkshire House, Greek Street, Leeds, LS1 5ST  
15 October 2003.



# Staff Team

Judy Robinson . . . . . Director  
Martin Houghton-Brown . . . . . Deputy Director  
Alison Crouch . . . . . Neighbourhood Renewal & LSP Development Coordinator  
Cath Joyce . . . . . European and Regeneration Officer  
Janette Cawcutt . . . . . Social Economy Development Coordinator  
John Harris . . . . . Workforce and Skills Development Co-ordinator  
Phil Newby . . . . . Office Manager  
Jenny McGuire . . . . . Administrative Support

## Active Partners Team

Peter Richardson . . . . . Head of Active Partners Unit  
Alyson Nicholds . . . . . Information and Training Officer  
Michael Hirst . . . . . Administrative Support

## During the year we've said goodbye to

Steve Webster . . . . . Information and Policy Officer

## Voluntary – an Acrostic

*Various experts will import expertise  
Outside agencies will teach you how to sneeze  
Local conditions will bring you to your knees  
Underfunded, count the weeks till next year's news  
Never know until too late if you are going to win or lose  
Trying to deliver while the staff all sing the blues  
Active partners have got their own agendas  
Regional strategies are really tough on spenders  
You plan your own solution, one involving moneylenders*

John Duffy

# Trustees

## Officers

Neil Irving . . . . . North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations . . . . . CHAIR  
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Hugh Rolo . . . . . Development Trusts Association (Y&H) . . . . . TREASURER

## Elected Members

Lee Barker . . . . . Prince's Trust; Yorkshire & Humber  
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Caroline Schwaller . . . . . Keighley Voluntary Services  
Caroline Stockwell-Brown . . . . . Yorkshire Rural Community Council  
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Zahid Hamid . . . . . BME Regional Network  
Alice Wallace . . . . . Consortium of LGB Organisations

## With thanks to the following members who stepped down during the year

Alan Bell . . . . . CISWO  
Sue Coleman . . . . . Humber Community Partnership  
John Haslam . . . . . MEDIAhouse Interactive Developments  
Rosemary Suttill . . . . . York CVS



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# Member Organisation

Action for Business (Bradford) Ltd  
Active Faith Communities Programme  
Africa Link  
Age Concern England  
Age Concern Kirklees  
Age Concern Yorkshire  
Archway  
Artlink West Yorkshire  
Arts Council England, Yorkshire  
Asian Welfare Association  
Association of Charity Independent Examiners  
Association of People with Physical Disabilities  
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Cloverleaf Advocacy  
College of Chinese Physical Culture  
Communities United Project  
Community Development Foundation  
Community Economic Regeneration Team CERT LTD  
Community Foundation for Calderdale  
Community Fund  
Community Matters - National Fed Com Orgs  
Community Policy Unit, Bradford MDC  
Community Regeneration York  
Community Service Volunteers  
Community Work Training Company  
Connected 2 Ltd  
Consortium Hull  
Consortium of LGB Organisations

Co-operative Group  
Council for Mosques  
Craven Voluntary Action  
Cruse Bereavement Care Y&H  
Development Trusts Association (Y&H)  
Diocese of Wakefield  
Diocese of York  
Disability Action Yorkshire  
Doncaster CVS  
East End Quality of Life Initiative  
East Yorkshire CVS  
Encephalitis Society  
Environmental Campaigns  
ESCAPE Training and Development  
Family Housing Association (York)  
Federation Disability Sports Organisations (FDSO)  
Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens  
Federation of Yorkshire Sport  
FIAC Yorkshire and the Humber  
Friends of Queens Park  
Friends of the Earth (Y&H/NE)  
Frontline Trust  
Gingerbread (Y&H)  
Goodwin Centre  
Grimethorpe Shafton Brierley Community Partnership  
Groundwork Wakefield  
Hallam Volunteering  
HANWAG  
Harrogate & Dist Home Improvement & StayPut Agency  
Harrogate and Area Council for Voluntary Service  
Harrogate District Community Transport  
Help the Aged  
Home-Start  
Hooper Kelah (Asian Women's Training Project)  
Housing Solutions  
Huddersfield Pride  
Hull Council for Voluntary Youth Services  
Hull CVS  
Hull Independent Housing HIHAC  
Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council  
Humber Community Partnership HCP  
Humbercare Ltd  
Humberside Learning Consortium  
Hyde Park Source  
Ilkley & District CVS  
IMBY  
Indian Muslim Welfare Society (IMWS)  
Inspiral  
Jane Hughes Management and Change Consultant  
Joseph Rountree Charitable Trust  
Kala Sangam  
Keighley Healthy Living Network  
Keighley Local Enterprise Agency  
Keighley Voluntary Services  
Lai Yin Association  
Leeds CAB  
Leeds Church Institute  
Leeds City Credit Union Ltd  
Leeds Industrial Mission

Leeds Jewish Welfare Board  
Leeds Older People's Forum  
Leeds VOICE  
Leonard Cheshire  
Longley Organised Community Association Ltd  
Lynn Liddle Training  
Making Space  
MEDIAhouse Interactive Developments  
Mental Health Matters  
Mind in Barnsley  
Miscarriage Association  
NACVS  
Nari Ekta Ltd  
National Children's Centre  
National Day Nurseries  
National Open College Network  
NCVCCO Yorkshire & Humber  
NCVO  
New Opportunities Fund  
Newsome Ward Community Forum  
North Bank Forum for Voluntary Organisations  
North Halifax Partnership  
North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations  
North Yorkshire Partnership Unit  
Northallerton and District Voluntary Service Ass.  
Northern College Community Leaders  
Northern Hull Community Development Ltd.  
Northern Refugee Centre  
NSPCC  
Pakistan & Kashmir Welfare Association  
Pay & Employment Rights Service (Yorkshire) Ltd  
Pecket Well College  
Penistone Line Partnership  
Pennine Camphill Community College  
Prince's Trust; Yorkshire & Humber  
Public Arts  
QED / SAVON  
Race Equality Network  
Reading Matters for Life  
Refugee Council  
Regional Youth Work Unit Y&H  
Resourcing the Community  
Richmondshire Volunteer Centre  
Ridings Housing Association Ltd  
Ripon CVS  
Rossington Community Partnership  
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council  
Rotherham Women's Refuge  
Roundabout Ltd  
Royds Community Association  
RSDC  
Rural Stress Information Network  
Russell Street Project  
Ryedale Voluntary Action  
Scarborough District CVS  
Scarman Trust  
SCOPE  
Scout Dike Activity Centre  
Selby Coalfield and District Industrial Mission

Selby District AVS  
Shaftesbury Society  
SHAP  
Sheffield Mind Ltd  
Sheffield Out of School Network  
Sobriety Project  
Social Enterprise Crosby  
Social Enterprise Leeds  
South Craven Community Association  
South Yorkshire Centre for Inclusive Living  
South Yorkshire Community Foundation  
South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau  
South Yorkshire Open Forum  
St John's Church  
St Williams Foundation  
STEP  
Sue Ryder Care  
SYAC  
The National Trust  
The Peacemakers  
Tong - Housing Estates Link Parishes (HELP)  
TOPSS  
Tuke Centre  
University of Leeds  
Val Harris Training  
VC Train  
Vera Media  
VOLCOM  
Voluntary Action Barnsley  
Voluntary Action Calderdale  
Voluntary Action Kirklees  
Voluntary Action Leeds  
Voluntary Action NE Lincs VANEL  
Voluntary Action North Lincs  
Voluntary Action Rotherham  
Voluntary Action Sheffield  
Voluntary Action Wakefield District  
Voluntary Arts Network  
Volunteer Development England  
Volunteer Reading Help  
VOX (Voluntary and Community Sector's Forum)  
WEA  
West Yorkshire Enterprise Agency  
West Yorkshire Learning Consortium  
Whitby Network  
Womens Health Matters  
WYSELINK (West Yorkshire Social Enterprise)  
Y&H Regional Consortium Asylum Seekers & Refugees  
YAHBO  
York CVS  
Yorkshire Mesmac  
Yorkshire Rural Community Council  
Yorkshire Trust  
Youth Action Network  
YWCA fe-mail

