



UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENTS' UNION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 JULY 2012

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TRUSTEE BOARD AND UNION INFORMATION

TRUSTEE BOARD

K Taylor – Officer Trustee (appointed as of 1 July 2012)
C Winter – Officer Trustee (appointed 1 July 2012)
G Osborn– Officer Trustee (reappointed)
C West– Officer Trustee (appointed 1 July 2012)
R Hughes– Officer Trustee (reappointed)
H Clementson – Student Trustee (appointed 1 July 2012)
M O’Kane - Student Trustee (appointed 1 July 2012)
T Rasmussen - Student Trustee (reappointed)
N Irving – External Trustee
K Hall - External Trustee
R Brech - External trustee
T Ellis – Officer Trustee (end of term July 2012)
J Croydon – Officer Trustee (end of term July 2012)
R Hughes – Officer Trustee (reappointed)
G Osborn – Officer Trustee (reappointed)
S Asfahani – Officer Trustee (end of term July 2012)
M Sorenson – Student Trustee (end of term July 2012)
J Killer – Student Trustee (end of term July 2012)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Saul Bertoletti (resigned 7 September 2012)
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UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENTS' UNION TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

The Board of Trustees present their Annual Report for the year ended 31st July 2012, which includes the administrative information set out on page 2, together with the audited accounts for the year.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Status and Administration

The Students' Union is constituted in accordance with its constitution and is administered and managed by the Trustees. The Students' Union is an Unincorporated Association. Following the Charities Act 2006 and the withdrawal of exempt charitable status for organisations with annual turnover exceeding £100,000, the Students' Union considered its options and subsequently registered with the Charity Commission in January 2012, Charity No.1145259.

Charitable Objects

The University of York Students' Union seeks to enhance the student experience by providing representation, welfare services, social space and opportunities for student development within the Union and the wider community. Its core aims were agreed in 2011, as follows:

1. Promoting the interests and welfare of students at the University of York during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising students
2. Being the recognised representative channel between students and The University of York and any other external bodies
3. Providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussion and debate for the personal development of its students

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Students' Union and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the accounting regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business. In assessing going concern for the purpose of preparing the financial statements, the Executive Committee have paid particular attention to the period of 12 months from the date of signing the balance sheet date, the period covered by the Students' Union business plan.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Union, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable accounting standards. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Union and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENTS' UNION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The University of York Students' Union (hereafter referred to as the Students' Union) falls under the definition of a "Students' Union" in section 20(1) of the Education Act 1994. The Students' Union is an Unincorporated Association with charitable status.

The University of York (hereafter referred to as the University) exercises its duty under the Education Act 1994 to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that the Students' Union operates in a fair and democratic manner and is accountable for its finances.

The Students' Union is governed by its Constitution and is responsible for providing representation and support to the students of the University. Since becoming a registered charity, the Students' Union has a dedicated Board of Trustees, consisting of up to five full time officers, up to 3 student trustee, and up to three external trustees. The external trustees are selected on the basis of their appropriateness, experience and expertise by the Appointments Committee and ratified by Union Council (by a 75% majority vote). The Officer Trustee members are elected by the membership to take office on 1 July in the year in which they are elected and hold office for one year until the following 30 June. Members are able to run for re-election for a second year on the same terms. The 3 student trustees are elected via a secret cross campus ballot. The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for the good governance of the Union and provides regular reports to its members and, annually, to the University's Board of Governors.

The Students' Union is a democratic organisation with the ultimate decision making power being its membership which is the sovereign body. Assembly and referendum agree the Policy of the Union, guides strategic campaigns, represents the voice of students, and makes, appeals and amends the Bye-Laws, jointly with Trustees. AGM receives and approves the minutes and reports from the Officer Trustees and holds members of the Officer Trustees to account, as well as receiving reports from such groups or forums as may be established from time to time by the Officer trustees. Assemblies and referendum consider new affiliations and receive reports from the Trustee Board. Subject to the approval of the Trustees, they can confer Honorary Life and Associate Membership, determine the terms of Associate Membership and enter into reciprocal arrangements with other students' unions or associations.

Officer Trustees are elected into position by cross campus secret ballot, for a one year term of office. The Officer Trustees and their sub-committees oversee the day to day running of the Students' Union and are accountable to the membership. All Officer Trustees receive an induction and training into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an on-going programme of development during their term of office.

The Officer Trustees meet regularly to receive reports from its elected officers and the Chief Executive Officer. This committee is the day to day decision making body of the Students' Union for all significant business.

The Students' Union employs non-student professional staff to ensure effective management of its many activities and to implement the policy decisions made by the Officer Trustees and the membership. There is delegated authority, through the Chief Executive Officer, for operational decision-making and accountability within the various areas of the Students' Union, in accordance with agreed structures.

1.1 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

The Students' Union receives a Block Grant from the University and part-occupies buildings owned by the University, which also pays for utilities. This support is intrinsic to the relationship between the University and Students' Union. Although the Students' Union seeks to supplement and diversify its income where possible (including trading activities) it will, for the foreseeable future, be dependent on the support of the University. The Students' Union is confident that this support will continue for the foreseeable future as the Students' Union is an integral part of the University structure and of value to the overall student experience at the University.

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2. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees, in consultation with the professional management team has reviewed the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Students' Union faces and has approved a Risk Register. This is to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to monitor activities and reduce and manage any risks. The Risk Register details such risk under the categories: Strategy and Sustainability, Charity Registration and Compliance, Trustee and Governance, Reputation, Financial, and Human Resources. The Risk Register is reviewed on an annual basis.

3. AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Students' Union exists to enhance the student experience and provide all 17,000 students of the University of York with opportunities to make the most out of their time at University.

Our Core Objects are:

The Union's objects are the advancement of education of students at the University of York for the public benefit by;

1. Promoting the interests and welfare of students at the university during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising students;
2. Being the recognised representative channel between students and the University of York and any other external bodies; and
3. Providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of its students.

The Students' Union aims to achieve the above through concentrating on the core services of advice and support, democracy and representation, activities and sport, and student-focussed events. To provide these, the Students' Union has established departments and consults with its student staff and members to continuously improve. Officer Trustees of the Students' Union sit on every major committee of the University and regularly meet local organisations and authorities to represent the interests of all students, as students, at the University. The Students' Union will pursue its aims independently of any political party or religious group and operates a policy of equal opportunity for all.

In 2011/12 we said we would ...

- Develop an annual Student Experience market research program
- Produce an annual impact report
- Adopt and establish a dashboard of review and measurement tools
- Expand our research provision
- Enhance our relationship and partnership with the university
- Lobby for feedback to students about course level adjustments and changes
- Run successful elections, grow democratic participation and review the Unions' democratic structures
- Represent our members and the student voice through strategic campaigns
- Develop and expand IT and social media capacity to provide better membership networks and communication
- Increase support for societies and sports clubs
- Build alongside the University the student sports strategy
- To provide more employment opportunities within the Students' Union for students
- Help societies and clubs to become more financially sustainable
- Identify underrepresented groups within our membership demographic
- Identify potential for expansion of YUSU commercial services
- Explore student street wardens scheme feasibility
- Improve communication and collaboration with the International Students' Association
- Create a staff post to support JCRC's and share best practice.
- Expand the Big Green Clean recycling initiative
- Seek to diversify funding
- Expand the YUSU building to create a new 'Student Centre' including social space.
- Generate new income to assist with the development of our sports clubs

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4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2011/12 we:

- Implemented the new democratic review structures including the new student assembly's structure
- The building development of our new Student Centre building commenced, funded, in part by our strategic reserves
- Expanded our events program and satisfaction ratings in events.
- Appointed a JCRC's development Coordinator to support the work of JCRC's and enhance YUSU interrelationship with them.
- Employed more students than ever before.
- Gained over £140k funding (over 3 years) from Sport England to develop a Sports Participation program.
- Increased the total number of YUSU application down loads by almost 400%
- We developed a business case for a new social space, trading centre for the Heslington East campus and agreed terms, space and funding for this with the University.
- Increased the total number of ratified societies.
- Recycled an estimated 5 tonnes of material using our Big Green Clean initiative
- Participated in the NUS National Skill pilot resulting in 8 members getting pilot accreditation
- Were runner up in the NUS Awards technology & innovation category.
- We increased the number of sports clubs to 53 (from 44) and raised our final BUCS ranking by 5 places to 43rd
- We held our biggest ever summer ball with 2,202 students participating against the previous year's 1,848.
- We expanded our staff capacity in student representation, campaigns and advice.
- 5,720 students voted in our elections, nearly 37% of the whole student body, and 40,218 ballots cast throughout the election. This was almost a 40% increase
- Ran our first ever community celebration event "Celebrate York". Over 50 clubs and societies showcased their talents and ran sessions with people from the local community
- Designed the Community Strategy (which has now been launched as the student Community Partnership Strategy)

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5. FUTURE PLANS

In 2012/13 we will...

- Develop a comprehensive research report to identify all the core components of student experience.
- Conduct a space review on our full premises to ensure best quality of provision and use of space to benefit our members
- Continue to strengthen our balance sheet to ensure we can continue to provide support services to students in what we anticipate to be challenging economic times
- Maintain voter turn-outs our elections and increase the number of candidates running in elections
- Increase the support to clubs and societies including expanding staff capacity in this area
- Implement the sports participation project creating 500 new sports participants and 20 new qualified coaches
- Develop an NSS action plan with specific focus on question 23 and members perceptions of the union
- Explore possible alternative web platforms to allow expansion of web communications
- Extend our use of multimedia and other forms of cross campus and wider afield communications
- Operate our first venture on Heslington East campus in the form of the Glass House
- Continue to support our BUCS team to increase our final standing
- Grow our total RAG charitable giving
- Expand our volunteering offer and increase the numbers of students volunteering within the Union and the wider community
- Review our staff performance, rewards and employment terms to capture, retain and develop the highest performing staff team
- Expand our introductory events and activities program.

Beyond July 2013 we will....

- Implement and monitor a new long term strategy
- Diversify our funding
- Improve aggressively our NSS Q23 score.
- Enhance representation through increasing use of qualitative and quantitative data.
- Improve how we measure and demonstrate our impact on our diverse student body, as well as how we communicate with our membership
- Achieve a green impact award
- Benchmark ourselves against other Students' Unions nationally
- Develop our access work with prospective students in the local community
- Explore collaborative opportunities.
- Develop a social consciousness and participation evaluation model.

5.1 FUTURE FUNDING

YUSU has experienced a steady increase in the University block grant over recent years. Moving forward, we will continue to work to reduce our cost base through reviewing contracts, stripping back resources and seeking additional sources of funding, although this is becoming increasingly difficult and competitive for third sector organisations in the pervading economic climate. Our aim will be to lobby the University to review our long term block grant funding as we prove our value for money and the importance of the services we provide for students at the University of York. We will, also, seek to increase our trading and commercial activity to enable reinvestment that further enhances our offer and, therefore, the student experience.

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6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

2011/12 was a challenging year financially for the Union with the Senior Management team working hard to drive down costs across the organisation to ensure our core strategic aim of a sustainable Union was realised.

Our main source of funding from the University received another modest increase, as it has in the last four consecutive years. Savings made by our Senior Management team from the re-negotiation of supplier contracts and centralisation of procurement, together with some staffing positions being vacant for part of the financial year, helped to limit the impact of a challenging market. Our staff did well in showing diligence and control in their expenditure.

We invested significantly in the new Student Centre building and we believe this will prove to be a sound investment with significantly increased footfall and enquiries. Additionally we invested in a partnership agreement with the University to develop a new Heslington East service offering. Our focus will now move to maximising the return on investment in our growing space and to improve facilities for our members there.

A necessary priority was increasing our staffing team with new capacity focussed on student participation and support and not back office functions. Our net head count has increased slightly while, to date, our staffing costs have remained close to that of the previous year.

Our aim to diversify our income streams showed marginal success, although further work is needed to ensure that income generated from external advertisers and commercial fayres meets future budget targets. We improved sales of NUS Extra cards and delivered a growing surplus from YUSU commercial services.

6.1 York Reserves Policy

Scope of Reserves Policy and Definition of "Free Reserves": The reserve policy covers all free reserves held at YUSU. YUSU defines free reserves as that part of a charity's income funds that is freely available to spend for any or all of the charity's purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure.

Funds excluded from the definition of free reserves, and hence the policy, are:

- Restricted funds held (capital grant reserves and clubs and societies' private accounts);
- The facilities and participation development element of designated funds. These are amounts set aside for a particular project or use. The designation of funds is not binding, however, and the Trustee Board may change its plans and release these amounts to "free reserves".

Reasons for Holding Reserves: The reserve policy determines the level of reserves required to enable YUSU to:

- fund working capital
- fund unexpected expenditure when unplanned events occur
- fund shortfalls in anticipated income

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Calculation of Required Reserves: The policy for activities run by YUSU is based on its three major income streams affecting the level of free reserves:

- I. University Block Grant (approx. 24% of total income)
- II. Trading Activity income. (Approx. 39% of total income)
- III. Charitable Activity (approx. 37% of total income)

The minimum reserves required are calculated as:-

6 Months operating costs (as defined by the annual budgeted organisational expenditure), known as the 'operating reserve'.

Reserves in excess of the required reserves are held as 'free reserves' or 'designated reserves', in accordance with the Trustee Board. If reserves fall below 6 months' operating costs for more than 6 months, the Trustees should ask the management to formulate a recovery plan to be submitted to Trustee Board for approval. If there are surplus funds available above the minimum level, the Committee should plan to utilise these within three years.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit and believe that the Union demonstrates the benefits it provides to the public by the charitable activities described above.

K Taylor
President

Dated: 25th October 2012

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TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Union and of the surplus or deficit for that year.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustee Board is required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 15 to 17, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustee Board must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Union will continue to operate.

The Trustee Board is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Union. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Trustee Board, with assistance from the Union's advisers, is in the process of undertaking a formal risk management review to assess the risks and implement a suitable risk management strategy.

The process will seek to prioritise risks in terms of impact, likelihood of occurrence and from that formulate means of managing those risks.

The Trustee Board is also in the process of reviewing the adequacy of the Union's current internal control mechanisms to ensure best practice is maintained. Accordingly, policies on internal controls over the following have either been set down or are in the process of being revised.

The review encompasses the following aspects:

- consideration of the types of risk the Union faces
- the level of risk which is regarded as acceptable
- the likelihood of a risk occurring
- the Union's ability to reduce the incidence and impact upon operations

In carrying out the review the cost of implementing controls relative to the factors listed above is taken into account.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENTS' UNION
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

We have audited the financial statements of University of York Students' Union for the year ended 31 July 2012 set out on pages 12 to 14 and the related notes numbered 1 to 25.

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).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Union's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Union and the Union's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements 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 financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Union'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 financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs as at 31 July 2012 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor

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Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

		2012			2011
	Note	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £ (restated)
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	3	-	921,790	921,790	905,600
Activities for generating funds	4	-	1,424,281	1,424,281	1,350,167
Investment income	5	-	5,858	5,858	5,425
Incoming resources from charitable activities	6	967,384	356,336	1,323,720	1,384,282
Other incoming resources	7	-	9,259	9,259	14,407
Net incoming resources		967,384	2,717,524	3,684,908	3,659,881
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	8	-	1,363,671	1,363,671	1,299,948
Charitable activities	9	1,184,934	1,080,581	2,265,515	2,166,957
Governance costs	10	-	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total resources expended		1,184,934	2,456,252	3,641,186	3,478,905
Net incoming resources before exceptional costs and transfers		(217,550)	261,272	43,722	180,976
Contribution to University for Student Activities Centre		-	(500,000)	(500,000)	-
Transfers		184,088	(184,088)	-	-
Net incoming resources for the year		(33,462)	(422,816)	(456,278)	180,976
Fund balances at start of year		356,886	1,010,360	1,367,246	958,008
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	228,262
Fund balances at end of year		323,424	587,544	910,968	1,367,246

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results as set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

		2012			2011
	Note	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £ (restated)
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	3	-	921,790	921,790	905,600
Activities for generating funds	4	-	1,108,057	1,108,057	1,106,429
Investment income	5	-	16,890	16,890	5,270
Incoming resources from charitable activities	6	967,384	356,336	1,323,720	1,384,282
Other incoming resources	7	-	9,259	9,259	14,407
Net incoming resources		967,384	2,412,332	3,379,716	3,415,988
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	1,064,858	1,064,858	1,067,224
Charitable activities		1,184,934	1,080,581	2,265,515	2,166,957
Governance costs		-	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total resources expended		1,184,934	2,157,439	3,342,373	3,246,181
Net incoming resources before exceptional costs and transfers		(217,550)	254,893	37,343	169,806
Contribution to University for Student Activities Centre		-	(500,000)	(500,000)	-
Transfers		184,088	(184,088)	-	-
Net incoming resources for the year		(33,462)	(429,195)	(462,657)	169,806
Fund balance at start of year		356,886	1,011,963	1,368,849	970,781
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	228,262
Fund balance at end of year		323,424	582,768	906,192	1,368,849

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results as set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 JULY 2012

	Note	Group				Charity			
		31/07/2012		31/07/2011		31/07/2012		31/07/2011	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible fixed assets	13		340,746		429,987		328,715		412,750
Investments	14		60		60		61		61
			<u>340,806</u>		<u>430,047</u>		<u>328,776</u>		<u>412,811</u>
CURRENT ASSETS									
Stock		64,495		58,025		57,585		53,072	
Debtors	15	223,905		155,241		277,180		178,378	
Cash at bank and in hand		887,216		948,949		820,006		918,728	
		<u>1,175,615</u>		<u>1,162,215</u>		<u>1,154,771</u>		<u>1,150,178</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts due within one year	16	<u>(605,453)</u>		<u>(225,016)</u>		<u>(577,355)</u>		<u>(194,140)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>570,162</u>		<u>937,199</u>		<u>577,416</u>		<u>956,038</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>910,968</u>		<u>1,367,246</u>		<u>906,192</u>		<u>1,368,849</u>
Reserves	17								
Restricted funds			323,425		356,886		323,425		356,886
Unrestricted funds:									
General funds			387,590		310,407		382,814		312,010
Designated funds			199,953		699,953		199,953		699,953
			<u>910,968</u>		<u>1,367,246</u>		<u>906,192</u>		<u>1,368,849</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the Executive Committee on 2012

K Taylor
President

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENTS' UNION
CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (effective April 2008), and applicable UK Accounting Standards.

The statement of financial activities (SOFA) and balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertaking, being YUSU Commercial Services Limited. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis after the elimination of intra-group transactions.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Incoming resources are not shown net of expenditure.

(c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is stated net of VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs which can be directly allocated to activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA based on usage of the resource.

Where costs cannot be directly allocated they are apportioned on an appropriate basis and recognised in SOFA. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(d) Grants received

Revenue grants other than the block grant are credited to the SOFA in the year in which they are received. The block grant is credited to the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable. In the SOFA grants are shown as income and the related expenditure disclosed as appropriate.

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1. Accounting Policies (*continued*)

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets are capitalised if they cost more than £500 and are expected to last more than a year.

Equipment, fixtures, fittings and building improvements are included at cost.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write the cost of assets off over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method:-

Office Equipment	33% p.a. straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% p.a. straight line

(f) Investments

Fixed asset investments are valued at cost.

(g) Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(h) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of the cost and its net realisable value.

(i) Fund accounting

The Students' Union has three distinct types of fund in its balance sheet:-

Unrestricted, or general, funds arising from the accumulated surplus from its various activities.

Restricted funds representing balances to be spent on particular activities as specified by the donor.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for a specific purpose.

The income and expenditure are shown in the SOFA.

The assets and liabilities representing each fund are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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1. Accounting Policies (*continued*)

(j) Going concern

The relationship between University of York and University of York Students' Union is established in the Regulations of the University and detailed in University of York Students' Union's Articles approved by both organisations. University of York Union receives a Block Grant from the University and part-occupies a number of buildings. The University pays for utilities, portering and some cleaning staff. This non-monetary support is intrinsic to the relationship between the University and the Students' Union.

Although University of York Students' Union continues to generate supplementary funding from various primary purpose trading activities, it will always be dependent on the University's support.

There is no reason to believe that this or equivalent support from the University will not continue for the foreseeable future, as the Education Act 1994 imposes a duty on the University to ensure the financial viability of its student representative body. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis.

2. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation on owned assets	116,308	142,158	103,866	129,715
Auditors' remuneration	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Block grant from University of York	899,190	830,000	899,190	830,000
Department Of Health Sciences	-	43,000	-	43,000
Capital grant	-	10,000	-	10,000
Facilities in kind	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600
	<u>921,790</u>	<u>905,600</u>	<u>921,790</u>	<u>905,600</u>

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4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Your Shop	699,702	724,083	699,702	724,083
Catering	306,893	269,811	350,970	308,753
Bar	408,845	343,445	48,544	60,765
Printing	8,841	12,828	8,841	12,828
	<u>1,424,281</u>	<u>1,350,167</u>	<u>1,108,057</u>	<u>1,106,429</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Gift aid income from subsidiary company	-	-	11,176	-
Bank interest receivable	5,858	5,426	5,714	5,270
	<u>5,858</u>	<u>5,426</u>	<u>16,890</u>	<u>5,270</u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Entertainments and events	90,201	80,519	90,201	80,519
Graduation Dinner & Summer Ball	63,456	57,808	63,456	57,808
Graduation photography	57,521	40,792	57,521	40,792
Freshers' events and marketing	70,415	43,127	70,415	43,127
Clubs and societies	910,306	1,026,554	910,306	1,026,554
Society van hire	7,536	5,785	7,536	5,785
Sports	41,619	66,165	41,619	66,165
NUS	25,588	22,039	25,588	22,039
Other funds	57,078	41,493	57,078	41,493
	<u>1,323,720</u>	<u>1,384,282</u>	<u>1,323,720</u>	<u>1,384,282</u>

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7. OTHER INCOME

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Other income	9,259	14,407	9,259	14,407

8. FUNDRAISING TRADING: COSTS OF GOODS SOLD

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total	Total
	2012	2012	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
				(restated)
Your Shop	653,847	28,212	682,059	716,041
Catering	251,947	12,773	264,720	223,799
Bar/Commercial Services costs	399,926	2,461	402,387	344,049
Printing	13,905	600	14,505	16,059
	1,319,625	44,046	1,363,671	1,299,948

Charity

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total	Total
	2012	2012	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
				(restated)
Your Shop	653,847	28,212	682,059	716,041
Catering	296,024	12,773	308,797	262,741
Bar/Commercial Services costs	57,036	2,461	59,497	72,383
Printing	13,905	600	14,505	16,059
	1,020,812	44,046	1,064,858	1,067,224

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9. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Group	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total	Total
	2012 £	2012 £	2012 £	2011 £ (restated)
Academic affairs	44,728	8,601	53,329	52,078
Affiliations	43,851	8,433	52,284	55,343
Duty of Care	40,580	7,804	48,384	42,124
Entertainments and events	92,770	17,840	110,610	89,216
Clubs and Societies	957,277	184,088	1,141,365	1,179,342
External representation	60,557	11,645	72,202	80,757
Internal representation	5,163	993	6,156	26,082
Graduation Dinner & Summer Ball	67,675	13,014	80,689	85,615
Freshers' events and marketing	134,889	25,940	160,829	56,422
Society van hire	6,872	1,321	8,193	6,748
Junior common room	9,091	1,748	10,839	15,657
Grants to clubs and societies	79,207	15,232	94,439	74,129
Sports	157,060	30,203	187,263	210,871
Sundry expenses	9,761	1,877	11,638	449
Welfare and education	77,810	14,963	92,773	85,472
Student activities	38,477	7,399	45,876	33,749
Capital grant	4,635	-	4,635	7,227
Unit 10	24,267	4,667	28,934	19,091
NUS	13,539	2,604	16,143	14,980
Other funds	38,934	-	38,934	31,605
	1,907,143	358,372	2,265,515	2,166,957

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9. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Parent

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total	Total
	2012	2012	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
				(restated)
Academic affairs	44,728	8,601	53,329	52,078
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Student activities	38,477	7,399	45,876	33,749
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Unit 10	24,267	4,667	28,934	19,091
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Other funds	38,934	-	38,934	31,606
	1,907,143	358,372	2,265,515	2,166,957

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10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
<i>Staff costs</i>				
Administrative staff salaries	220,799	295,123	220,799	295,123
Employers NI	23,340	24,411	23,340	24,411
Recruitment costs	1,543	1,978	1,543	1,978
Pension contributions	22,261	31,251	22,261	31,251
Death in Service	993	-	993	-
Training costs	9,029	6,059	9,029	6,059
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	277,965	358,822	277,965	358,822
 <i>Central Administration</i>				
Bank charges	7,322	508	7,322	508
Computer costs	4,495	9,630	4,495	9,630
Depreciation	29,942	37,827	29,942	37,827
General expenses	5,869	4,509	5,869	4,509
Insurance	30,171	29,072	30,171	29,072
Irrecoverable VAT	3,064	3,360	3,064	3,360
Legal and professional	7,382	7,300	7,382	7,300
Postage	592	727	592	727
Printing and stationery	2,776	5,107	2,776	5,107
Rent	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600
Repairs and maintenance	584	912	584	912
Subscriptions	626	618	626	618
Telephone	8,387	8,071	8,387	8,071
Union development	645	2,947	645	2,947
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	124,455	133,188	124,455	133,188
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	402,420	492,010	402,420	492,010
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11. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Group

	Activities undertaken directly 2012 £	Support costs 2012 £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £ (restated)
Auditors' remuneration	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
	<hr/> 12,000	<hr/> -	<hr/> 12,000	<hr/> 12,000

Parent

	Activities undertaken directly 2012 £	Support costs 2012 £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £ (restated)
Auditors' remuneration	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
	<hr/> 12,000	<hr/> -	<hr/> 12,000	<hr/> 12,000

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	Group		Charity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
		(restated)		(restated)
Wages and salaries	901,393	795,374	649,282	624,989
National insurance	51,192	46,541	39,976	38,758
Pension costs	24,908	36,557	24,908	36,557
	<u>977,493</u>	<u>878,472</u>	<u>714,166</u>	<u>700,304</u>

The full-time equivalent number of staff employed by the Group was:

	2012	2011
	No.	No.
University of York Students' Union		
Your Shop	6.35	6.71
Print Room	0.4	0.4
Finance	4.39	4.19
Health & Safety	1	0.92
Representation	1	-
Reception	1.44	1.6
Membership services	2	2
Doorstaff	0.44	1.5
Sabbatical officers	5	5
Marketing	4.42	4.2
Student activities	2.7	-
Chief Executive Officer	1	1
	<u>30.14</u>	<u>27.52</u>
	2012	2011
	No.	No.
YUSU Commercial Services Ltd		
Trading activities	<u>17.84</u>	<u>12.14</u>

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13. FIXED ASSETS

Group

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At at 1 August 2011	38,762	811,086	8,000	159,882	1,017,730
Additions	616	18,265	-	8,186	27,067
As at 31 July 2012	39,378	829,351	8,000	168,068	1,044,797
Accumulated depreciation					
At at 1 August 2011	23,262	456,310	750	107,421	587,743
Charge for the year	4,877	90,983	1,813	18,635	116,308
As at 31 July 2012	28,139	547,293	2,563	126,056	704,051
Net book value					
31 July 2012	11,239	282,058	5,437	42,012	340,746
31 July 2011	15,500	354,776	7,250	52,461	429,987

Parent

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At at 1 August 2011	38,762	811,086	8,000	118,325	976,173
Additions	616	18,265	-	950	19,831
As at 31 July 2012	39,378	829,351	8,000	119,275	996,004
Accumulated depreciation					
At at 1 August 2011	23,262	456,310	750	83,101	563,423
Charge for the year	4,877	90,983	1,813	6,193	103,866
As at 31 July 2012	28,139	547,293	2,563	89,294	667,289
Net book value					
31 July 2012	11,239	282,058	5,437	29,981	328,715
31 July 2011	15,500	354,776	7,250	35,224	412,750

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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

Group	
Cost or valuation	£
As at 1 August 2011 and 31 July 2012	<u>60</u>

Net book value

31 July 2012 60

31 July 2011 60

Name of company	Main trading activity	2012		2011	
		Equity held		Equity held	
		No.	%	No.	%
NUS Services Limited A Shares	Purchasing services	60	0.33	60	0.33

Parent

Cost or valuation	£
As at 1 August 2011 and 31 July 2012	<u>61</u>

Net book value

31 July 2012 61

31 July 2011 61

Name of company	Main trading activity	2012		2011	
		Equity held		Equity held	
		No.	%	No.	%
NUS Services Limited A Shares	Purchasing services	60	0.33	60	0.33
YUSU Commercial Services Limited	Provision of leisure services	1	100	1	100

	Turnover	Aggregate of share capital and reserves	Profit for the year
	£	£	£
YUSU Commercial Services Limited	<u>439,660</u>	<u>4,788</u>	<u>6,388</u>

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15. DEBTORS

	Group		Parent	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	110,601	89,075	95,305	86,642
Prepayments and accrued income	112,605	65,726	101,591	59,481
Other debtors	699	440	930	440
Amounts due from subsidiary	-	-	79,354	31,815
	<u>223,905</u>	<u>155,241</u>	<u>277,180</u>	<u>178,378</u>

16. CREDITORS

	Group		Parent	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	69,822	35,563	63,019	34,078
Social security and other taxes	42,494	34,482	28,050	24,032
Other creditors	-	615	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	493,137	154,356	486,286	136,030
	<u>605,453</u>	<u>225,016</u>	<u>577,355</u>	<u>194,140</u>

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17. RESERVES

Group

	At 1 August 2011 previously stated	Prior year adjustment	At 1 August 2011 restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 July 2012
	£			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves							
General funds	313,085	(2,678)	310,407	2,717,524	(2,456,252)	(184,088)	387,591
Designated funds							
Facilities & Participation Development Fund	699,953	-	699,953	-	(500,000)	-	199,953
Total unrestricted reserves	1,013,038	(2,678)	1,010,360	2,717,524	(2,956,252)	(184,088)	587,544
Restricted reserves							
Capital grants	26,638	-	26,638	-	(4,635)	-	22,003
Clubs and Societies	-	283,469	283,469	910,306	(1,141,365)	184,088	236,498
Other funds	-	46,779	46,779	57,078	(38,934)	-	64,923
Total restricted reserves	26,638	330,248	356,886	967,384	(1,184,934)	184,088	323,424
Total reserves	1,039,676	327,570	1,367,246	3,684,908	(4,141,186)	-	910,968

Parent

	At 1 August 2011 as previously stated	Prior year adjustment	At 1 August 2011 restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 July 2012
	£			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves							
General funds	314,688	(2,678)	312,010	2,412,332	(2,157,439)	(184,088)	382,814
Designated funds							
Facilities & Participation Development Fund	699,953	-	699,953	-	(500,000)	-	199,953
Total unrestricted reserves	1,014,641	(2,678)	1,011,963	2,412,332	(2,657,439)	(184,088)	582,768
Restricted reserves							
Capital grant fund	26,638	-	26,638	-	(4,635)	-	22,003
Clubs and Societies	-	283,469	283,469	910,306	(1,141,365)	184,088	236,498
Other funds	-	46,779	46,779	57,078	(38,934)	-	64,923
Total restricted reserves	26,638	330,248	356,886	967,384	(1,184,934)	184,088	323,424
Total reserves	1,041,279	327,570	1,368,849	3,379,716	(3,842,373)	-	906,192

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17. RESERVES (*continued*)

Facilities and participation development fund

The facilities and participation development fund is a designated fund that has been established to provide funds for capital developments in the Students' Union. During the year, the Union has contributed £500,000 to the University for the refurbishment of the Student Activities Centre which has been funded from this reserve.

Capital grants

The capital grants reserve was established by a grant from the University for the acquisition of capital equipment by the Union's clubs and societies and is being used over the life of the assets to fund the depreciation charge on the individual assets.

Clubs and societies

Where individual clubs and societies raise income in their own right, e.g. through membership fees, any unspent balances at the year-end are held as a restricted fund for application in the future.

Transfers

Transfers are made from the unrestricted reserve to fund the support costs allocated to clubs and society expenditure.

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18. PENSIONS

The University of York Students' Union participates in the Students' Union Superannuation Scheme, a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension. The fund is valued at least every three years by a professionally qualified independent actuary with the rates of contribution payable being determined by the trustees on the advice of the actuary. The scheme operates as a pooled arrangement, with contributions paid at a centrally agreed rate. As a consequence, no share of the underlying assets and liabilities can be directly attributed to the University of York Students' Union. Under the terms of FRS17, in these circumstances contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme based on actual contributions paid through the year.

The University of York Students' Union participates in the Students' Union Superannuation Scheme, which is a defined benefit scheme whose membership consists of employees of students' unions and related bodies throughout the country. Benefits in respect of service up to 30 September 2003 are accrued on a "final salary" basis, with benefits in respect of service from 1 October 2003 accruing on a Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) basis. With effect from 30 September 2011 the scheme closed to future accrual.

The most recent valuation of the scheme was carried out as at 1 October 2010 and showed that the market value of the scheme's assets was £67,141,000 with these assets representing 58% of the value of benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. The deficit on an ongoing funding basis amounted to £47,869,000.

The assumptions which have the most significant effect upon the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increase in salaries and pensions.

The following assumptions applied at 1 October 2010:-

- The investment return would be 6.6% per annum before retirement and 4.6% per annum after retirement
- Pensions accruing on the CARE basis would revalue at 3.2% per annum.
- Present and future pensions would increase at rates specified by scheme rules with appropriate assumptions where these are dependent on inflation.

The 2010 valuation recommended a monthly contribution requirement by each Union expressed in monetary terms intended to clear the ongoing funding deficit over a period of 20 years and will increase by at least 3.2% each year. These contributions also include an allowance for cost of the ongoing administrative and operational expenses of running the Scheme. These rates applied with effect from 1 October 2011 and will be formally reviewed following completion of the next valuation due with an effective date of 1 October 2013. Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations will also impact on the University of York Students' Union's future contribution commitment. In addition to the above contributions, the University of York Students' Union also pays its share of the scheme's levy to the Pension Protection Fund.

The contribution rate (excluding deficit contributions) for the period to 31 July 2012 applicable to University of York Students' Union for the majority of members was 8.5% of Earnings for members and 8.3% of Earnings for the University of York Students' Union (17.3% in aggregate).

The total contributions paid into the scheme by the University of York Students' Union in respect of eligible employees for the year ended 31 July 2012 amounted to £4,252, including deficit contributions. (2011 - £36,556 but this includes a higher proportion of contributions in respect of future accrual).

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18. PENSIONS (*continued*)

The Union participates in the NUS Pension Scheme, a defined contribution scheme. During the year, contributions of £17,612 were paid to the scheme.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Union is an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993 deriving charitable status from the University of York. The Union is in receipt of a recurrent grant from the University of York of £899,190 (2011: £830,000)

In addition the Union occupies its building on a rent free basis under an informal licence subject to the Union maintaining the building in a good state of repair. In accordance with the Charities SORP (2005), the trustees have estimated that the provision of space and associated services is worth £22,600 to the Union and have recognised this amount in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The full-time officers of the Trustee Board receive remuneration for their services as provided for within the Constitution. The aggregate amount payable under such contracts in the year was £82,778 (2011: £98,102).

YUSU Commercial Services Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of York Students' Union. Some of the Trustees of the Union are also directors of this company. At the year end, amounts owed from YUSU Commercial Services Limited was £79,354 (2011: £31,815). During the year the Union received payments from the company relating to equipment rental of £54,389 (2011: £54,765), management charges of £6,000 (2011: £6,000) and a payment under gift aid of £11,167.

20. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Union is controlled by the Trustee Board which is subject to democratic election by the voting membership of the Union. The ultimate control of the Union is vested under the constitution in the membership in General Meeting. As such no single person or entity controls the Union as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 8.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Future liability for costs of conversion

The Union occupies a building owned by the University of York under an informal arrangement. The costs of converting the building from its previous use as squash courts were met by the University with the agreement that they reserve the right to charge the Union and the other occupiers of the building, the Graduate Student Association, an agreed proportion of the costs of conversion.

The Union's share of these costs would amount to £88,000. No provision is made in these accounts on the basis that the University has at present not defined the terms of the Union's occupancy of the student centre and has no immediate intention of making any recharge. However, it has reserved the right to do so in the future.

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22. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 July 2010 the Students' Union had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and Buildings		Other	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
Within 1 year	-	-	-	-
Within 2 to 5 years	39,900	39,900	-	-
	<u>39,900</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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23. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

	2012
	£
Total reserves as previously reported	1,041,279
Recognition of clubs and society balances as a restricted fund	283,469
Movement on capital grants	(2,678)
Recognise other funds as restricted funds	<u>46,779</u>
	<u>1,368,849</u>
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Following registration with the Charity Commission, the Union has prepared its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2012 in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) for the first time. This is a change in accounting policy and comparative balances have been restated.

24. NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	340,746	340,746	429,987
Investments	-	60	60	60
Current assets	323,424	852,191	1,175,615	1,162,215
Current liabilities	-	(605,453)	(605,453)	(225,016)
	<u>323,424</u>	<u>587,544</u>	<u>910,968</u>	<u>1,367,246</u>
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25. AFFILIATIONS

	2012	2011
	£	£
NUS	43,851	43,851
CAB	344	344
CPAG	60	60
CVS	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>44,280</u>	<u>44,280</u>
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