

**Young Solutions Worcestershire**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 10th October 2024**

Present: see list attached

Apologies: see list attached

1. During the pre-AGM refreshments, the new 'information marketplace' was busy with organisations networking and sharing information.
2. The audience was entertained by a singer from the Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub, Alivia Faulkner.
3. Before the formal AGM proceedings were underway, Simon Adams, Managing Director of Healthwatch Worcestershire, on behalf of the Margaret Westwood Charity and the family of Peter Pinfield, presented this year's Tryangle Awards, now in their 19th year.

The Peter Pinfield Citizenship & Environment Tryangle Awards were presented to the winning young volunteers; Martha Wride, Maggie Webb, Alex Swindon, Isaac Winfield and Claire Chapman. The Amazing Adults Tryangle Awards were presented to Jake Gore, Sam Uren and Robert Sidley.

4. Formal AGM Business

Chair, Simon Hill took the audience through the formal AGM business:

- Apologies for absence
- Simon confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- The previous year's minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- Simon Hill presented the annual accounts and reports including key priorities and highlights. The annual report for the last year, covered several projects including the Seek and Reach, Youthscape and WISE projects. It has been an eventful and busy year, including a comprehensive Training Programme.
- Simon referred to the accounts summary, which showed a slight deficit this year, when the Seek and Reach programme came to an end. This then transitioned into a new outreach programme and Simon recognised the hard work of the Seek and Reach team in delivering this new project.
- To confirm the Election of Trustees/Directors:

Retiring at the AGM in 2024 – Gareth Roberts, Simon Hill, Sarah Mulhall

Nominations -The Trustees nominated Gareth Roberts, Simon Hill and Sarah Mulhall, who were re-elected.

- The appointment of PPW Ltd as independent examiner for the year 2024 – 202 was approved.

The official AGM closed.

## 5. Highlights 2023/20224

Pete presented the highlights of the last year. In 2023/24 Young Solutions:

- Achieved their highest ever turnover.
- Retained a high level of membership, welcoming 11 new members.
- Successfully appointed a new infrastructure contract from Worcestershire County Council (4 consecutive contracts across 14 years to date.)
- Established a strong working relationship with Public Health and other partners.
- Worked with 131 hard-to-reach young people on the Seek and Reach project with 50% going on to employment, education or volunteering.
- Developed a sector-specific training programme with 34 courses covering 21 subjects. 322 e-learning courses were completed.
- Were acknowledged as occupying a central role in the promotion and support for the voluntary youth sector in the county.

## 6. Youth Sector Survey

Simon launched the Young Solutions 'Your Views' youth sector survey. Working alongside community and youth groups, it is important to find the funds and resources to make a difference in each district by gathering views on the challenges in specific areas and what might make a difference. Surveys were available to complete on the evening, but can also be completed on the Young Solutions website.

## 7. Seek and Reach Presentations

Chief Officer, Pete Sugg introduced the Seek and Reach team, celebrating the most deserving young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve their goals. Certificates were awarded to Georgia-Louise Gough, Isha Ali, Aiden Cartlidge, Charlie Spence, Piers Hewitt and Alex Swindon.

Sarah Whitehead, Project Co-ordinator thanked all of the Education & Employment Advisors on the Seek and Reach team for their efforts, dedication and hard work in supporting and mentoring all of the young people on the programme.

## 8. Young Solutions Award winners

Young Solutions Award winners were Leroy Mentos, for achieving his Level 2 Qualification in Youth Work Principles, and the Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to Sarah McIntosh.

## 9. Keynote Speaker

Amanda Kilroy, Independent Chair of the Worcestershire Alliance, gave our keynote address 'Meeting the Needs of Youth People through Community Partnership'.

Amanda was welcomed to the AGM, and said it had been great to listen to those who have been celebrated in supporting young people.

Amanda talked about the importance of infrastructure organisations - we need to remember that 96% of charities are small organisations like Young Solutions, able to invest in young people. To play to our strengths in the small charity sector and to align with the children's vision, we need to be driven by it and consider local ambitions for children and young people.

Amanda looked to the future with an Infrastructure summit to bring together organisations to combine ideas and resources, and the Place Partnership Board, working with Place Partners to focus on plans for children and young people, and developing learning.

Amanda congratulated Young Solutions in all they do supporting organisations.

## 10. What's Next? Looking forwards, in 2024/25 Young Solutions plan to:

- Continue to offer 'bespoke' support to members
- Introduce a new sector training needs survey
- Develop more employment opportunities for young people
- Secure funding
- Continue to champion infrastructure support in Worcestershire

## 11. Closing Comments

Simon and Pete thanked all those who attended the AGM and awards ceremony, including Simon Adams, Amanda Kilroy, Alivia Faulkner, award recipients and their families. the Police Cadets for their assistance during the evening, and to our Trustees, staff and members for their continued support.

Special thanks were given to Suzanne Albutt from Worcester Bosch for her continued support hosting our Annual General Meetings.

## ATTENDEES - 66

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Guests and Members</b>	
Amanda Kilroy	Worcestershire VCSE Alliance
Anne Duddington	Worcestershire Parents and Carers Community
Bridget Brickley	Worcestershire Safeguarding Board
Clare Neal	Bromsgrove Hub
Debbie Lamont	Healthwatch Worcestershire
Esther Passingham	Worcestershire VCSE Alliance
Hannah Broman	InUnity
Kate Wilson	WISH
Leonie Silk	Wychavon District Council
Hayley Tally	PYPLC
Richard Quallington	YSS
Robin Mace	Wychavon District Council
Sarah McIntosh	Bromsgrove Hub
Simon Adamas	Healthwatch Worcestershire
Steve Brewster	Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire
Sue Yeng	BRWR and Chinese Association

## Tryangle Awards

Martha Wride	Outstanding Young Person
Reg Wride	Guest of Martha Wride
Maggie Webb	Outstanding Young Person
Mr Webb	Guest of Maggie Webb
Alex Swindon	Outstanding Young Person
Emma Roland	Guest of Alex Swindon
Robert McNamara	Guest of Alex Swindon
Isaac Winfield	Outstanding Young Person
Claire Chapman	Amazing Adult
Simon King	Guest of Isaac and Claire
Tobias Winfield	Guest of Isaac and Claire
Alison Osborne	Nominator
Sophie Warman	Nominator
Sue Dowling	Nominator
Sam Uren	Amazing Adult
Chris Uren	Guest of Sam Uren
Kayleigh Fitzgerald	Nominator
Robert Sidley	Amazing Adult
Jamie Sandison	Nominator
Jake Gore	Amazing Adult
Neil Gore	Guest of Jake Gore
Jade Parker	Nominator

## Seek and Reach Young People

Isha Ali	Young Person
Atiyah	Guest of Isha Ali
Charlie Spence	Young Person
Tracy Burton	Guest of Charlie Spence

## Young Solutions Trustees

Simon Hill	Young Solutions
Geoff Taylor-Smith	Young Solutions
John Duddington	Young Solutions
Michael Hunter	Young Solutions
Mrs Hunter	Young Solutions

## Young Solutions Staff

Pete Sugg	Young Solutions
Cat Illingworth	Young Solutions
Helen Wood	Young Solutions
Jo Bradley	Young Solutions
Marg Jones	Young Solutions
Sarah Whitehead	Young Solutions
Jennifer Miller	Young Solutions
Sarah Mitchell	Young Solutions
Cat Goodwin	Young Solutions
Donna Simmonds	Young Solutions

## Other

Martin Humby	Photographer
Alivia Faulkner	Singer
Russell Faulkner	Guest of Alivia Faulkner
Autumn Faulkner	Guest of Alivia Faulkner
Ellie Cole	Police Cadet
Elisha Griffiths	Police Cadet
Martha Webb	Police Cadet
Ed Lowe	Police Cadet Leader
Shaun Cooper	Police Cadet Leader

## APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Vic Allison	Wychavon District Council
Janet Long	Girlguiding Worcestershire
Pat Pinfield	Tryangle Awards
Ruth Phillips	Big Lottery
Charles Moyle JP	High Sheriff
Mike Oliver-Brooke	KDYT
Phil Ashwell	Trustee
Johnathan Cochrane	Bromsgrove and Redditch
Jo Banfield	N/A
Melinda Connelly	Regional Head, BBC Children in Need
Lucy Wells	WCF
Ruth Rickman-Williams	Youth Focus West Midlands
Clare Charlton	Worcestershire County Council
Sarah Hickman	Midland Therapy Group
Sian Purton	Wallace House
Jodie Winter	Bromsgrove & Redditch Borough Councils