



Annual Review 2007-08

Our mission

supporting young people to achieve their full potential

The National Youth Agency works with organisations and services to improve the life chances of young people and also works directly with young people themselves to develop their voice and influence in shaping policy and securing social justice.

We are an independent developmental organisation located between government and funding bodies on the one hand and service providers and their users on the other.

We strive to ensure that the work of services and organisations is:

- **relevant** to the lives of young people;
- **responsive** to policy;
- **effective** and of a high standard;
- **efficient** and provides good value; and
- **successful** in securing the best outcomes for young people.



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2. The annual monitoring of professionally validated programmes judged 86 per cent of programmes satisfactory or better.



3. The new Health team worked with 20 youth projects targeting young people with a high risk of poor health outcomes, with some 800 young people benefiting from activities.

4. A total of 16,433 books were sold to support organisations in their work with young people. Many more were distributed free of charge.



5. The Agency was at the core of a consortium that trialled and tested 33 Personal and Social Development Units of Learning as part of the development of the Foundation Learning Tier.

6. Well over 100 organisations are using the new NYA Quality Mark, from both the local authority and voluntary sectors.

7. The culmination of the Young Roots programme, which delivered 750 projects and engaged over 22,250 young people across the UK.



8. The establishment of the Young Researcher Network – a partnership between The NYA and 15 youth organisations – to value, support and encourage research led by young people.

9. The first Youth Summit run by The NYA in partnership with Neil Stewart Associates, with over 200 senior policy makers, practitioners and young people.



10. Supporting young people with the Buzz Off campaign, to stop the use of Mosquito devices, which evolved out of the Youth Summit.

Introduction



Bishop Roger Sainsbury
Chair

Good youth work needs to be valued

At my final NYA Board meeting in June I was able to celebrate 50 years of involvement in youth work in North Somerset, Liverpool, Walsall and East London. I have seen the value over those years of good youth work and have campaigned that Government at both national and local level recognises its value and gives it adequate financial support.

Gang, gun and knife crime

Responding to an issue that has been at the top of the national agenda in 2007–08, we organised a National Policy Round Table on Gang, Gun and Knife Crime in partnership with the Association of Principal Youth and Community Officers and Speaking Out. A strong recommendation that emerged was 'Good youth work needs to be valued and the training of youth workers and other support workers is a priority.' Following up our report Peta Halls our Development Officer, Graham Lane our new Interim Chair and I visited the Emmanuel Youth Gangs Project in East London that we have worked with and supported on a Neighbourhood Support Fund Programme for the last six years. We were very impressed with the quality of the youth work and particularly the way young people, some former gang members, were taking a lead in a survey of 18 gangs that operated in their community.

Regional aiming high events

With the full support of the Board one of Fiona Blacke's first priorities, as our new Chief Executive, was organising nine regional events from October to December on the government's Aiming High for Young People ten year strategy. These were directed at those responsible for intergrated youth support and development services. They helped us to raise our regional profile which the Board saw was important at this time. Analysis of the outcomes of these regional events together with other research and evaluation reports has highlighted the value of youth work in a wide range of contexts.

Hear by right

Good youth work involves listening to the voices of young people such as those in the gangs project mentioned above. As mentioned in this report during the year our publication *Hear By Right* has continued to reach far and wide, gaining in reputation and usability all the time. Some 12,000 copies have been sold since its launch, with 100,000 hits to the webpages.

Education and training

One of the Board's most important committees is the Education and Training Standards Committee. During the year the committee has recommended professional validation for five new programmes and re-validation for 15. I know from comments I have personally received from the youth work field how much the work of this committee is valued. During my time as Chair of the Board I have been involved in a number of public debates, particularly with faith communities, about the importance of professional training of a high standard for youth workers and in our society today with so many negative pressures on young people I believe it is absolutely vital.

Another important area of our work has been the continuing professional development of youth

workers and we have worked closely with the Department for Children, Schools and Families and other strategic partners to promote the education, training and development of youth workers.

Voluntary and statutory

Because of our campaigning for a statutory youth service, The NYA is sometimes portrayed as having little interest in the voluntary sector. In fact we are committed to the development of good youth work in both the voluntary and statutory sector.

Two of the largest voluntary sector youth organisations in this country are the Scouts and the Guides. At one of our Board meetings during the year we heard from their two Chief Executives that both are growing in numbers and delivering excellent youth work. I counted it a real privilege, as Chair of The NYA, to preach at the Scouts Centenary Service at Windsor and the World Scout Jamboree in Essex where The Agency also ran very successful workshops as part of the 'All Different All Equal' campaign.

Faith and spirituality

Recently issues relating to religion and faith have been high on the Government's and media's agendas. Maxine Green's report *Journey of Discovery* on spirituality and spiritual development in youth work that we published in 2006 has become a standard reference book on these issues. We followed this up in 2008 with the publication, in partnership with Frontier Youth Trust, of *Glimpses*, a practical work book on youth work and spirituality which has received very favourable responses both from politicians and the youth work field.

This year has also seen the development of the Muslim Youth Work Foundation and the appointments of a project director and project officer with funding from the DCSF to do work on the development and support of youth work with Muslim young people.

Research

In October 2007 The NYA launched the Young Researchers Network, as a means of supporting young people's influence on local and national decision making; increasing young people's participation in research; building on the requirement on local authorities to consult young people; building stronger partnerships with local organisations; and increasing our own capacity to carry out quality research. A presentation to the Board on the Young Researchers Network was very much appreciated.

Publishing

The NYA has continued to produce publications of a very high standard that both inform and challenge. A publication that was particularly informative was Bryan Merton's *Good Youth Work: What Youth Workers Do, Why and How* and a publication that provided a particularly relevant challenge was *The Ultimate Separist Cage?* on youth work with Muslim young women.

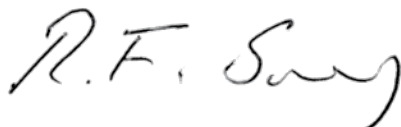
Personally, I have promoted at Board meetings during the year *The Edge*, a quarterly publication targeting elected members in local authorities with the information they need on youth issues. In the current financial climate where there are pressures on local authorities to cut budgets for youth work I believe this publication is more important than ever.

Later in 2008 we will celebrate the 100th issue of *Youth and Policy*, the quarterly journal devoted to a critical study of youth affairs, youth policy and youth work. We also had a special issue of *Vibes and*

Voices to celebrate the bicentenary of the 1807 act to abolish the slave trade which I know young people in Bristol and Liverpool appreciated.

All change

In the six years I have been Chair of The National Youth Agency there have been many changes – new offices, a new Chief Executive, the creation of a larger Directorate team and a Governance Review that will lead to changes in our Board structures in 2008–09. These internal changes have been matched by dramatic changes both for young people in our communities and in Government policy. This 2007–08 Annual Report shows very clearly that through all these changes, internal and external, the Board, our Chief Executive and her staff team remain committed to the value of good youth work.



Roger Sainsbury Chair

Chief Executive's Foreword



**Fiona Blacke, CEO,
The National Youth
Agency**

This has been an exciting and challenging first year as the new Chief Executive of The National Youth Agency. I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and Board, as well as our wider circle of stakeholders. It is especially enjoyable working with young people – they provide a constant challenge to us and a reminder of what our work is for.

It is clear from what stakeholders say that The NYA is a unique organisation with a reputation for the quality of its work and the expertise of its staff. It is seen as a leader in the non-formal education sector and a champion of youth work. But we are living in changing times and, in order to stay at the forefront, we too need to respond to the changes sweeping through the sector's workforce, delivery structure and legal base, as well as the social and economic backdrop against which we work.

With the publication of "Aiming High: a ten year strategy for young people" we moved from policy development towards supporting the implementation. As our core audiences respond to the requirements for a local offer, the development of targeted youth support and intergration of universal services and to schemes like the MyPlace capital investment programme, we have worked closely with funders to provide support programmes, case studies and evidence of good practice. We reach thousands of policy makers and practitioners each week through our bulletins and web sites and we know that this support is valued.

In order to make sure we are as focused as we can be on the challenges ahead we underwent some internal re-organisation during the year. We created new directorates for business development and communications, and we added the responsibility for policy development to the existing information and research function and gave a single director responsibility for operational delivery.

All this puts us in good stead for the future. We are grateful for the continued support of our principal funders: the Local Government Association, the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Office of the Third Sector and the Department of Health. We continue to enjoy a positive relationship with them and the added value which this funding brings is one of the reasons why The NYA offers the breadth of skills and experience that it does.

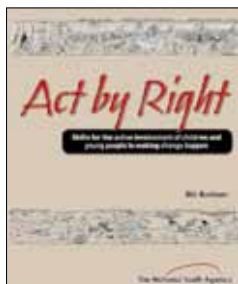
I am grateful to our outgoing Chair, Roger Sainsbury, for the commitment he has shown The NYA over the past six years. His passion and determination to improve the lives of young people are things that we all share and it is with this determination to make a difference we go forward to support excellence in service delivery for our most valuable asset – our young people.

Promoting young people's participation, influence and place in society



Participation

In an especially busy year for The NYA's Participation team, about 50 regional Participation Works Hear by Right workshops and local learning groups have been held successfully, with over 700 people taking part from over 600 Third Sector organisations. The Youth Summit was another success, bringing over 80 young people and 150 policy makers together, leading to the launch of the Buzz Off anti mosquito devices campaign. The event included young participants as roving reporters, and involved production of a newsletter and other activities harnessing the current power of social media.



A successful series of Aiming High events has also been held – in total there were nine regional events, one national event, three for young people and others that included briefings and social media. As well as these, a series of What Why How participation presentations, training and consultancy events were delivered to a wide range of organisations through the statutory and voluntary sectors.



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2007. The DCSF funded programme has seen Hear by Right used increasingly effectively across a wide range of children and young people's trusts, creating strong strategic relations in supporting 'built in participation' using Hear by Right. Hear by Right has also fostered a successful partnership with The NYA's Health team, Brook and the Department of Health.

The focus of all participation has improved for young people as a result. The NYA's dedicated web pages have added 28 What's Changed stories this year, with 23 published in *Children And Young People Now* magazine and a dedicated publication called *What's Changed: Things to do, Places to Go* which was distributed to all local authorities.



Youth action and volunteering

Volunteering can provide an exciting and creative way for young people to make a tangible difference to the world they live in. During this, the second year of our strategic funding from the Office of the Third Sector (OTS), the Youth Action team has been working hard to ensure that young people continue to have access to a range of volunteering opportunities, supported by appropriately skilled practitioners. At a policy level we have sought to embed volunteering as a legitimate element of participation, and place volunteering squarely within the Aiming High agenda.



In the youth volunteering world, the main shift during 2007–08 has been the evolution of v-funded initiatives, building on eight years of Millennium Volunteers development. Along with the other strategically funded OTS partners, we have worked to support this transition and translate its implications for both young people and practitioners.

Our work in the last year has been built around three themes: raising awareness of volunteering, capturing and promoting good practice, and investment in the infrastructure. Highlights include:

- The development of a coherent 'youth action' package providing a combination of the monthly electronic bulletin e-youthaction, two editions of the youth-facing magazine *youthaction* (celebrating the variety of ways young people can be involved in their communities), three

editions of *Vibes and Voices* – focusing on the contribution of minority ethnic young people, plus briefings and research findings. In addition, the *Youth Action and Engagement* case study sets have continued to make a major contribution to the national picture.

- Contributing to the work of the England Volunteering Development Council, the Commission on the Future of Volunteering and responding to many formal government consultations. The Youth Action Team also played an active role in getting young people's volunteering on the local agenda through the series of nine regional Aiming High events.
- Sharing learning from the Positive Youth Engagement Beacon Councils, support for the Goldstar initiative on good practice relating to volunteers from excluded groups and support for many local skill-sharing initiatives, national conferences and international events.
- Support for events for VCS Engage (the programme designed to strengthen the engagement of the voluntary and community sector in Every Child Matters), work with heritage sector projects wanting to involve young people as volunteers, support to regional and sub-regional development networks and more direct support with selected local consortia. We have also contributed to work on intergenerational volunteering by contributing to conferences and networking events and being active members of the Centre for Intergenerational Practice's advisory group, and to work on sustainable development through national and regional representation on key groups.

Consultations with young people

A successful set of consultations with young people was held this year. The 3D Dialogues were run by The NYA with the DfES (now the DCSF). Parmjit Dhanda MP, then Minister for Children and Families, came to each dialogue as part of a UK tour talking to young people. Ninety young people from a range of backgrounds attended the dialogue events where they were able to discuss their concerns with six officials from the Department. The three events gave the young people a chance to explore issues in their area with government officials and suggest ways to create change.

Several significant messages came to light from the dialogue days. Among the things young people agreed on and called for action on included more specific provision for young women and for Asian young people. A clear gap in activities for 16 to 18-year-olds was identified and concerns were raised about vandalism, graffiti, drugs and needles in youth areas and public centres. The cost of transport and leisure activities was also highlighted, as was the need for someone to talk to, such as a youth worker, in helping young people get involved in activities.

Impressed by the events, and the resulting report and DVD, the Minister has expressed his thanks and appreciation, along with an intention from officials to build the findings of these dialogues into the implementation of the current ten year youth strategy.



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Publishing with young people

Ruckus continued to successfully deliver a range of topical articles and serious issues affecting young people. Written by, with and for young people it remained the flagship of The Agency's practise what we preach philosophy. Four quarterly issues – downloadable and free from www.youthinformation.com, The NYA's online information toolkit for young people – were published during the year covering a range of youth-related issues and funder priorities. These included features on activities such as snowboarding, internet art, music, anti-slavery, inter-railing, peer education, graffiti and the Department for Children, Schools and Families Actions Speak Louder initiative.



An online reader survey carried out during the year demonstrated that, as well as some 10,000 direct downloads per issue, *Ruckus* was frequently distributed by recipients through their networks, some potentially reaching up to 1,000 young people through school library and intranet access. One respondent told us 'It's a very well put together magazine. I work with 16 to 25-year-olds but I still find it relevant myself!'

Plans for the present year include a further four issues with an increasing focus on young people's contributions and supporting government to deliver on its programmes.

Supporting those working with young people

Education and Training Standards

During 2007–08 The NYA's Education and Training Standards (ETS) committee has recommended professional validation for five new programmes and re-validation for 15. Of the new programmes one was a Foundation Degree in Muslim Youth Work, one a Foundation Degree in Youth and Community Work, one a Graduate Diploma in Youth Work, one a BA (Hons) Degree in Youth Sport Work, and one a BSc in Youth Studies and Youth Work.

Where programmes have been presented leading to a qualification lower than Honours level, either for initial validation or for re-validation, the maximum period for validation has been three rather than the usual five years. The intention is to make youth work an all degree entry profession by 2010. In this regard, any student starting their qualification programme on or after September 2010 will need to be studying for an award at Honours level or higher if they are to be conferred Professional Youth Worker status as recognised by the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Work.

In addition, in order for one Higher Education Institution to manage the change from a DipHE to a BA(Hons), a request for a one year extension to a previously agreed five year validation period was approved. Also approved were six requests relating to programme modification. Enquiries have been received relating to the potential development of a further 12 programmes, with nine resulting in initial visits.

The annual monitoring of professionally validated programmes gathered data on 55 programmes delivered through 40 institutions during 2005–06. Five of these programmes were new, and

therefore unable to provide full year statistics for this monitoring cycle. Of the remaining 50, eight were judged to be Satisfactory with distinction, 24 programmes were Satisfactory with commendation, 11 were Satisfactory, four were Satisfactory with minor concerns, and three were Unsatisfactory due to incomplete evidence. In all, 86 per cent of programmes were judged as Satisfactory or better. Some 1,411 students were recruited to programmes in September 2006 against a target of 1,481. Employer feedback indicates that restricted budgets and structural changes within organisations are major factors in recruitment being lower than anticipated.

The revised Professional and National Occupational Standards for Youth Work were approved in January 2008. This process, coordinated by Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK), is the culmination of 15 months work involving many colleagues connected with The NYA's ETS Committee as well as other NYA staff.

During this past year, agreement has been reached on protocols for the mutual recognition of qualifications achieved on professionally validated programmes across England, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This should mean that qualifications achieved in one of the five nations are recognised in all the others. The process for Individual Recognition, for non-UK and Ireland nationals and UK and Ireland nationals who have studied abroad, has also been reviewed and revised, with responsibilities passed back to ETS committees in the individual countries.



Developing the capacity and capability of the workforce

The NYA has maintained its strategic links with key workforce partners including Local Government Association, Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK), Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC), Children's Workforce Network, the Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED), The Association of Principal Youth and Community Officers (APYCO) and Joint Negotiating Council (JNC).

Through these links and relationships, work has included contribution to discussions on licence to practice for youth workers, a national registration scheme, the gathering of workforce data and intelligence, exploration of employers' concerns, and contribution to the Integrated Qualifications Framework for the Children, Young People and Families Workforce.

In addition, The NYA has engaged in consultation and working groups supporting the development of the Sector Skills Agreement (SSA) and the Sector Qualifications Strategy (SQS). The SSA will form the main set of agreements between the Sector Skills Council and the employers it represents in terms of its constituents' future development needs. The SQS will provide the framework to meet these needs.



The NYA has also represented youth work on the leadership and management policy group of the Children's Workforce Network – a key strategic development to the Government's implementation of Every Child Matters and Aiming High for Young People. In addition, The NYA, in partnership with FPM has undertaken a significant piece of research, on behalf of CWDC, to inform the future direction of leadership and management training.

The NYA hosted a round table event on youth work apprenticeships, and has engaged in work exploring progression routes and graduate entry, particularly that relating to emerging Integrated Youth Support and Development Services and the wider Children, Young People and Families Workforce. The NYA also contributed to an all party committee designed to explore the potential impact of the removal of funding (through the Higher Education Funding Council) for students studying for equivalent or lower level qualifications in Higher Education. A strong case was put in support of youth work being exempt from the removal of this funding, placing it alongside other professions such as teaching, nursing, and social care. A revised exceptions list has now been produced that shows youth work is included.

Endorsement of Continuing Professional Development

As part of our ongoing work we continue to work with the Department for Children, Schools and Families and other strategic partners to promote the education, training and development of youth workers, including post initial professional qualification. The NYA has successfully maintained its core work despite being depleted by staff shortages. There are a number of promising areas for development in the coming years – The NYA hopes to take these further forward once a full staffing complement is in place.

Health

The NYA Health team's first full year has grown out of work done in previous years under the Young People's Development Programme (YPDP) which included a significant health element. With ongoing support from the Department of Health, the Agency took the decision to develop a team dedicated to building the quality and quantity of work on young people's health delivered through non-formal learning.

The team worked with 20 youth work projects, targeting young people with high risk of poor health outcomes. Around 800 young people benefited from over six hours per week of activities. Projects were funded to run Youth Work 4 Health programmes, addressing the four key health areas of Healthy Lifestyle, Relationships and Sex, Mental and Emotional Wellbeing, and Substances Use. The projects piloted *The NYA's Good Practice Guidelines for Healthy Youth Work* – a quality assurance tool for units and services to ensure young people receive high quality information, advice and support on health.

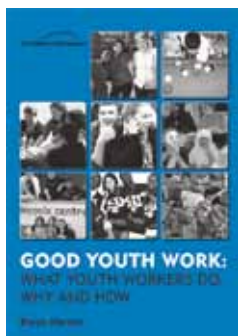
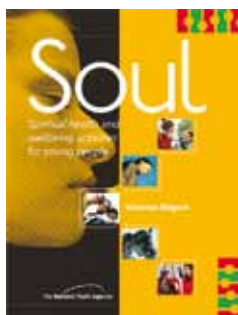
The team has developed a forward looking health strategy and worked with a wide range of partners, including the Drugs Education and Sex Education Forums, to raise the profile of non-formal work with young people. The team has delivered training on sexual health and drugs issues to youth workers and related professions, and contributed to conferences on young people's health. A team member attended the annual conference of the International Association of Young People's Health in St Petersburg. We continue to provide regular Health News e-bulletins to 550 key professionals.

The NYA successfully bid for three years of funding to work with local authorities to extend their health work, and achieved a further grant from the DCSF for ongoing workforce development through online learning, and supporting the roll out of the Good Practice Guides. In addition the team is developing its self-funding training and consultancy work and a range of health resources for workers, the first of which, *Sexplanation*, an educational game, is due for release in Autumn 2008.

Publications to support practice

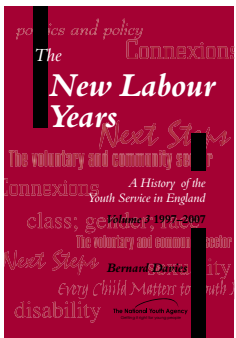
The Agency's Media Services team continued to commission and publish a range of materials to support youth workers and their managers in the delivery of services and for use in face-to-face work. Over the year new titles included:

- a trilogy of activity packs for use with groups of young people, *Mind, Body and Soul*, from the bestselling author Vanessa Rogers;
- *Good Youth Work: What Youth Workers Do, Why and How* by Bryan Merton, which drew on the reflective practice of youth workers and aimed to explain the complexities of it to commissioners and others who may want to know more about the work they support;
- *The Thoughts of Chairman How!*, a selection of articles from well-known academic, practitioner and policy-maker Howard Williamson;
- *The New Labour Years – A History of the Youth Service in England Volume 3 1997-2007*, Bernard Davies's magisterial third volume in his history of the youth service, bringing the story bang up to date;



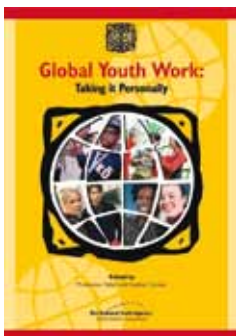


- *Glimpses: youth work and spirituality, resources and ideas to aid exploration and reflection* by Steve Bullock and Nigel Pimlott, helping youth workers develop their spirituality and ensuring this becomes an integral element of the work they undertake with young people; and
- *Global Youth Work: Taking it Personally*, edited by Momodou Sallah and Sophie Cooper, making a case for youth workers to involve themselves in global youth work, and giving them a range of practical ways of doing so.



The Agency also published on its website an updated version of its popular *The NYA Guide to Youth Work and Youth Services* and two booklets looking at access to positive activities.

Over the year a total of 16,433 books were sold with many more being distributed free of charge thanks to support from the Department for Children, Schools and Families. It is hoped to continue a programme of publishing activity during the current year.



Children and Young People Now

The Agency continued to be a major contributor to the weekly *Children and Young People Now* magazine, maintaining good relationships with the editorial team at Haymarket as the two titles (*Young People Now* and *Children Now*) merged. We write, produce and supply two pages in each weekly magazine helping to promote NYA news and views to a wide audience and also contribute to the monthly supplement *Youth Work Now*, with one colleague acting as Associate Editor for the title. This involvement will continue during the current year.

The screenshot shows the homepage of The National Youth Agency website. At the top, there is a banner with the text 'These pages are produced by The National Youth Agency' and contact information. Below the banner, there are several news articles and sections:

- COMMENT: Oliver's story** - A story about a young person named Oliver who has a learning difficulty and is working at the Deaf in London. It discusses the challenges he faces and the support he receives.
- ACCESS: Research report offers solutions to remove barriers of bus travel** - A report from the National Youth Agency and Access to All Places (AAP) that identifies barriers to bus travel for young people and offers solutions.
- EMPOWERMENT: Vibes and Voices celebrates the work of young male volunteers** - A report on the work of young male volunteers in the Vibes and Voices project, which aims to improve the lives of young people in the Vibes and Voices area.
- NEWS IN BRIEF: Youth Sector Development managing body** - A brief news item about the Youth Sector Development managing body, which is responsible for the development of the youth sector in London.
- Participation Works** - A brief news item about the Participation Works project, which aims to improve the participation of young people in decision-making processes.
- News charity to drive innovative health work** - A brief news item about the News charity, which is working to drive innovative health work in London.
- Youth & Policy focuses on youth work training** - A brief news item about the Youth & Policy project, which is focusing on youth work training.
- FACT OF THE WEEK ... COMMUTING** - A fact of the week about commuting, stating that 25% of young people in London do not have access to a car.
- Halton and West Sussex achieve quality mark** - A news item about Halton and West Sussex achieving a quality mark for their youth services.

Websites

The Agency website – www.nya.org.uk – continued to be the main window on our work for all our stakeholders, as well as relaying wider policy, news and developments in youth issues and youth affairs. During the year it underwent a radical makeover, involving new content, design and navigation. The results of this work, carried out with external consultants, went live at the beginning of May 2008 and have been well received. Phase two will see the launch of an online shop for NYA events, publications and other goods and services – ensuring The Agency continues to be the first port of call for information on youth work and work with young people for all professionals.

Our online information toolkit for young people – youthinformation.com – will continue to be developed alongside work on the redesigned main site.

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Network for Accrediting Young People's Achievement (Awards Network)

The NfAYPA continued to grow and thrive in 2007–08. Convened by The NYA, it is made up of 19 national awards organisations. Its remit is to promote the value of awards in contributing to young people's learning and achievement by bringing together organisations that manage the delivery of national awards programmes in non-formal education settings, together with other organisations that support and contribute to that work.

Members of the NfAYPA are AQA, ASDAN, Chrysalis Club 2000, Clubs for Young People, Connect Youth, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Fairbridge, Getting Connected, Girlguiding UK, Mencap, the National Open College Network, The National Youth Agency, The Prince's Trust, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, the Scout Association, Skill Force, Sports Leaders UK, UK Youth, the Wales Joint Education Committee, Weston Spirit and Youthtrain.

In April 2007 The NfAYPA produced the fourth edition of *The National Framework of Awards in Non-Formal Education Settings*. It details the major national awards that accredit young people's learning, and relates the awards to the NQF framework and functional and wider key skills. A relationship flowchart illuminates the pathways and progression routes between the various awards and programmes.

The NfAYPA consolidated its quality assurance processes in 2007–08 through a comprehensive programme of self-assessment and peer review that all 19 members took part in. This ensures that the key criteria all members agree to are actually in place when the awards are administered and delivered.

14-19 Curriculum offer

In 2007–08 The NYA was at the core of a consortium that trialled and tested 33 Personal and Social Development (PSD) units of learning as part of the development of the Foundation Learning Tier. The units were developed by award organisations, awarding bodies and sector skills councils in 2006–07. The trials, which conclude in June 2008, should get shared PSD units agreed by all key stakeholders. These will then be included in the emerging Qualifications and Credit Framework, and will be available to all learners in the UK at entry and level one. The trials and testing consortium has been led by ASDAN, The NYA and NOCN, and has also included Fairbridge and Youthtrain. The NYA will be working to get the units consolidated and agreed by all key stakeholders in 2008–09.



Community Safety and Justice

The profile of this area of work increased considerably with the appointment of a dedicated Development Officer. The NYA ran a very successful mini-conference on gangs and weapons at the National Community Safety Convention in June 2007. It joined forces with APYCO and Speaking Out to run a major strategic round-table in February 2008, entitled *Gang, Gun and Knife Crime: Seeking Solutions*. This produced a package of recommendations that are being taken forward at national and local level.

The NYA also ran two community safety workshops at the Youth Summit in June 2007. One of these resulted in the formation of the highly publicised Buzz-Off campaign to get 'mosquito' ultrasonic devices banned. Young people from Corby and elsewhere have been central to that campaign, which is being taken forward jointly by The NYA and 11 Million.

The NYA also held three regional seminars to explore the contribution of youth work to the youth

justice priorities of local authorities. These took place in Leeds, London and Manchester towards the end of 2007, and resulted in the publication of some key case examples and guidelines.

The NYA was asked by the West Midlands Police Authority to undertake a major consultation with 150 young people in the region about their perceptions of police performance in key areas, leading to the production of a report for the Authority in early 2008. This work will be further developed in 2008–09. Through February and March 2008, The NYA also undertook a detailed intensive piece of research into the impact of positive activities for young people with 90 local authorities and many third sector organisations.



The NYA Quality Mark and Quality Development

The Quality Mark framework has gathered momentum and greater recognition this year with well over a hundred organisations using the framework from both the statutory and voluntary sectors, and participation levels at the seven free training events remaining very high. Since its rollout there has been a constant process of review and identifying new learning, with experience and views sought from subscribing organisations, quality mark assessors and professional bodies. Alongside this, changes in youth policy and delivery arrangements for young people's services have been constant points of reference.

As a result the old YSQM framework has been rewritten to take account of its wider applicability to Integrated Youth Support Services. It has also undergone a rebrand and will be known in future as The NYA Quality Mark: Towards Better Services for Young People. The new framework is more reflective of the needs of young people's organisations across all the sectors.

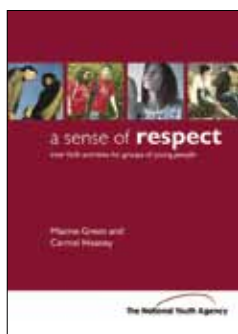
There have been nine new National Awards achieved this year to add to our first Award holder, Rotherham Young People's Services. They all attended a celebration event in March and were presented with their National Award by NYA chief executive Fiona Blacke. This event also launched two important new documents – *Raising the Standards* and *Workforce Development Framework*.

Raising the Standards is a joint project between NCVYS and The NYA following a quality exchange workshop held at The NYA in May 2007. The booklet explains the quality systems available to the youth sector. The *Workforce Development Framework* is an inter-agency process of updating the



Young people at the Quality Mark celebration event.

previous workforce development policy ensuring that it complemented the workforce development standard within the quality mark. It was tested by practitioners at a joint workforce and quality event in Bristol in September 2007, and written with the help of feedback garnered since the event and its launch in March 2008.



Spirituality and Faith

During the year The NYA won a contract with the Faith Communities Development Fund to work with youth workers, helping them to become skilled and confident in interfaith work with young people. This involved running a series of workshops across the country using The NYA publication *A Sense of Respect: Interfaith activities for groups of young people*. Through the workshops we gathered interfaith and shared citizenship case studies which now form a part of a new set of spirituality-themed pages on The NYA website.



Young Roots

The NYA ran the Young Roots programme on behalf of The Heritage Lottery Fund between 2002–07. The aim was to engage a new audience with the concept of heritage and to develop heritage based projects with young people. We achieved this through the work of 12 regional coordinators who promoted and supported community based projects engaging young people aged 13 to 20.

In the life of the programme, 750 Young Roots projects were delivered, engaging over 22,250 young people across the UK. Most of the projects were of exceptionally high quality – they ranged from projects exploring the cultural identity of young Muslim women through song and silk screen printing to those exploring the history of a local mining community through documentary video and drama. Young Roots allowed young people to explore their heritage in ways which were exciting and accessible. For more about Young Roots see www.hlf.org.uk/youngroots and www.nya.org.uk/heritage

Youth Access

New research, publications and a continually expanding programme of skills and knowledge based training are just some of the features of the year's activities.

Following a well received policy seminar, which launched a range of findings about young people

and their rights-based advice needs, Youth Access forged new relationships with policymakers and providers during the year. In supporting the development of the DCSF's new Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) standards, we also helped ensure young people's information and advice needs, beyond careers and learning, have been given better attention in the delivery of the IAG strand of the Youth Offer.

Youth Access has welcomed the greater recognition of young people's mental and emotional health needs in national policy. Through the production of two new commissioning guides, we aim to tackle some of the current gaps in access to services. The guides offer commissioners and providers the tools to secure greater equity in young people's access to youth counselling services across the country.

However, it is the support and activities available to our members that are the core of our business. This includes advice and support to individual agencies, workshops for managers, briefings on policy and practice, as well as a programme of training to meets the needs of counsellors, advice workers and others offering support to young people. More information about Youth Access can be found on its website: www.youthaccess.org.uk

Influencing and shaping youth policy

Implementation of Aiming High

The government's Aiming High for Young People ten year strategy is peppered with references to providing positive activities for young people, their participation, their volunteering, and the implementation of a skilled workforce to deliver the best possible outcomes. These aims are reflected by The NYA's past and ongoing activities in this area.

To this end, The NYA organised nine regional events from October to December aimed at those with a responsibility for integrated youth support and development services within local authorities and their partners. Each event provided both the latest information on policy alongside opportunities for high level dialogue and learning through a series of participative workshops. From these events came a summary and action points which were fed back to government, and responded to by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.



Aiming High is peppered with references to providing positive activities for young people.

In partnership with the Local Government Association, 4Children and Make Space, The NYA also organised the national Aiming High for Young People conference in London in December. This significant event featured an update by the Minister for Children, Young People and Families, and aimed to increase understanding of the strategy and how it builds on the existing policy context. It included a response from the DCSF to the main themes and findings from the regional events run by The NYA along with practical ideas on how to implement the strategy at local level.

The NYA will continue its work to build on the opportunities and address the challenges of Aiming High for Young People in 2008–09.

Impact of youth work

The Agency's Information staff collect and disseminate evidence on the positive impact of youth work on young people's lives and its contribution to the five Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes – being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and experiencing economic wellbeing.

Inspections of children and young people's services provide a major source of evidence that youth work has a distinctive and important role in contributing to successful outcomes for young people. Analysis of Ofsted's Annual Performance Assessment letters for 2007 revealed that three-quarters of the letters refer to the youth service's contribution to the ECM outcomes. Youth services are particularly strong in helping young people to be healthy, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.

Analysis of other research and evaluation reports has highlighted the value of youth work in a wide range of contexts, including sexual health services, improving intergenerational relationships, bringing together young people from different communities, and preventing young people from joining gangs.

Consultations

The NYA responded to over 40 government and other public consultations during the year. Topics included post-16 education and training, volunteering, unaccompanied young asylum seekers, national occupational standards for youth work, third sector strategies, youth sector support and community cohesion.

Information gathering and dissemination

The Information team produced briefings on a range of topics and initiatives throughout the year. Titles published in its *Spotlight* series included 'Messages from the Youth Summit' and 'Good Spaces for Young People'. It also produced specialist briefings and bulletins on targeted youth support for the Training and Development Agency. It undertook a survey of local authorities' spending on positive activities and the extent to which young people influence this spending for the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Local Government Association.

Its 'Information Online' section was further developed to provide immediate access to a wide range of information. This includes a daily press and parliamentary scanning service, access to The NYA's electronic bulletins (on issues such as youth policy, participation, health, youth action and a young people's bulletin), statistic on young people, and information on sources of funding. It also includes a range of information related to services for young people, including youth service policy documents, examples of job descriptions, good practice case studies – including case studies on



local authorities' development of the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds, and the results of Ofsted inspections.

During the year, The NYA's popular guide to youth work and youth services was completely revised to reflect the latest policy and practice developments.

Research



The NYA's capacity to carry out research has grown over the last year with the expansion of the research programme launched in 2006. The Agency has worked with a wide range of research partners and has been able to support smaller organisations in examining and developing their own practice. We are now recognised as a potential research partner and regularly receive proposals and suggestions for further research. Evidence from the programme is frequently cited in The NYA's policy statements and campaigns and presented to policy makers across government.

Our research outputs have covered a range of themes:

- Local authority provision: positive activities in two-tier authorities, evaluating young people's participation in Children's Trusts, commissioning services for young people.
- Advice and support services: young people and civil justice, providing faith and culturally sensitive support services for young Muslims.
- Impact of Youth Work: re-examination of the BSC70 Cohort data, the contribution of non-formal learning to life chances, analysis of the location of youth clubs, evidence of the impact of the Youth Development Model.
- Budgeting: Beacon authorities' implementation of the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds, young people and participatory budgeting.
- Public libraries and the promotion of active involvement.
- The demand for youth arts provision.
- Transport.
- Social Media: young people and social networking, youth work and social media.

More recently, plans to increase young people's participation in our research programme developed into the establishment of the Young Researcher Network. This is a partnership between The NYA and 15 youth organisations to value, support and encourage research led by young people. Through providing research training and small grants directly to young people, we are now supporting a range of youth-led research projects that will both increase our knowledge of young people's lives and support young people's voice in their local communities on a national scale.

The Edge



Four issues of our quarterly publication *The Edge* were produced during the year, targeting elected members in local authorities with the information they need on youth issues. Major news and feature articles included the unclaimed assets windfall and how this could spark a boom in youth provision, understanding integrated youth support, the Actions Speak Louder competition, contestability, control of council budgets, the ten year youth strategy, public order, democracy, volunteering, workforce, transport and the Buzz Off! Campaign. These appeared alongside a host of good practice stories from services around the country, making the connection between the policy aspirations and the practice on the ground. Circulation of *The Edge* remains steady at 5,000 and feedback continues to be positive. The Agency remains grateful to those many local authorities who help us by distributing copies locally to key councillors.

Plans are to continue with the production of four issues of *The Edge* during the current year.

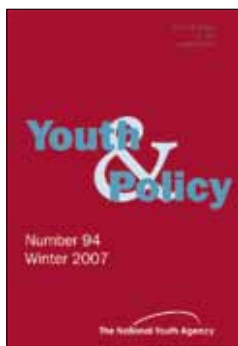
Youth Policy Update

This year saw ten issues of *Youth Policy Update*, and also the final issue. The Agency's long-running digest of news and briefings became a victim of the success of the internet in being able to disseminate news and comment more quickly and cheaply. An online e-YPU will continue to operate.

e-YPU

The electronic bulletin e-YPU provides a concise summary of the latest policy news, research and initiatives for policy makers and practitioners alike. From April 2007 it has been produced on a weekly basis. Its circulation has continued to increase, reaching nearly 1,100 subscribers by March 2008.

Youth and Policy



Four issues of *Youth and Policy*, The National Youth Agency's quarterly journal devoted to the critical study of youth affairs, youth policy and youth work, were published during the year in partnership with the external editorial group. Among the highlights was a double issue on Youth Work Training, running to 208 pages and guest edited by John Holmes of Newman University College, Birmingham.

The editorial group was able to strengthen its team with several new members, and as well as making plans to celebrate the journal's 100th issue also managed to organise a popular event on 'Thinking seriously about youth work and work with young people' during the year.

Work is underway to strengthen the journal's website presence and its subscription base and plans are to publish four issues during the current year.

Youth Work Week



One of the key defining qualities of youth work is that it respects and values difference, and that it encourages young people to do so too. That's one very good reason why The National Youth Agency's Management Board selected 'All Different All Equal' as the theme for Youth Work Week 2007, 1-7 November. Another was that this was also the theme of the campaign being run by the Council of Europe with the European Youth Forum. This was the 15th annual Youth Work Week, The Agency's annual campaign to raise the profile of youth work, youth workers and young people. It continues to be well received by the field who see it as an opportunity to promote their own services and events whilst linking to a bigger picture. Once again The Agency was able to help this process by providing a well received online information and activity pack.

Plans for Youth Work Week 2008 are taking shape under the theme of 'Promoting the Voice and Influence of Young People' and The Agency is pleased that 11 Million will create a climax to the week by running its Takeover Day on 7 November. All youth organisations are invited to use Youth Work Week 2008 to reflect on, celebrate and to further develop the way in which they help young people to use their voices and exercise influence.



Creating, supporting and developing partnerships

Youth Summit

A major event in the calendar this year has been the first Youth Summit run by The NYA in partnership with Neil Stewart Associates. Over the course of 25 and 26 June over 200 senior policy-makers, practitioners and young people came together in the New Connaught Rooms, London, to hear inspirational keynotes from Tom Wylie, then Chief Executive of the Agency, and Parmjit Dhandra, then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. Highlights of the event included a dynamic session by Ipsos Mori on what young people think of public services, and a Dragons Den-style inquisition where young people challenged a number of local authorities.

Spaced across the two days were workshops on the five Every Child Matters outcomes giving young people the opportunity to explore issues of health, participation, achievement, economic wellbeing, and safety with relevant decision-makers. This was enhanced by a live blog linked through The NYA website which enabled the discussions to reach an even wider audience.

The future challenge is to build on this to ensure that young people continue to have meaningful opportunities to be part of national discussions on the policies and practices that affect them.

All Different All Equal



The Council of Europe All Different All Equal campaign aimed at promoting the themes of participation, diversity and human rights, was launched in the UK in March 2007, and ran for a year until March 2008. Led by The NYA on behalf of the government, it was steered by a committee comprising Girlguiding UK, British Council, British Youth Council, Minorities of Europe, APYCO, DCSF, Joint International Unit, Youth Council for Northern Ireland, Youthlink Scotland and the Welsh

Assembly. The campaign kicked off with a very successful launch event which established a number of objectives for the campaign in the UK, and highlights led by The Agency included a presence at the 28,000 strong scout jamboree in August where the campaign messages were shared using innovative exercises and workshops.

The campaign was formally closed with a four nation evaluation event in Birmingham on 14 March 2008. It is clear that the spirit of the campaign will live on. Engaging with the campaign in the UK has been a tremendous opportunity for The Agency to work not only with partner organisations in England, but also with our sister organisations in England, Scotland and Wales. It is a model of working we hope to replicate in future.



Parmjit Dhanda (centre) with delegates at the launch of All Different All Equal.

Policy and Political Relations

The NYA has continued to make a significant contribution to the development of youth policy at a national level, increasing our reach across a number of government departments. We have worked to ensure that policy is shaped by evidence and intelligence from the youth sector field and influenced by the voice of young people. Particular emphasis has been placed on the implementation of Aiming High with nine regional seminars held, in partnership with Regional Youth Work Units, government offices, APYCO and NCVYS, and a high profile national event in partnership with 4Children. NYA officers continue to attend a range of national groups developing policy, ranging from workforce and health issues through to policy on information-sharing and national indicators, and the Agency has established its position on platforms in national debates and arenas.

The Agency was also well represented during the 2007 party conference season, forging links across the three main political parties, and continues to feed into the All Party Parliamentary Group for Youth Affairs.

Campaigns

The NYA has engaged with parties on a number of campaigns throughout the year, signing up to promoting the Learning Outside The Classroom manifesto, and evidencing, through a series of articles, its relevance to the youth sector. All Different All Equal was a key campaign for the Agency



as was the Buzz Off campaign which evolved out of the Youth Summit. Working in partnership with 11 Million and Liberty, the aim of the campaign was to stop the use of the so-called 'mosquito' ultra-sonic teenage deterrent devices. Some 100,000 campaign website hits were achieved on the first day, 1,800 campaign letters sent to all MPs and several hundred media articles were written with NYA spokespersons taking part in over 30 radio, television and other media interviews. 'Mosquitos' have now been banned by the Co-op supermarket chain, and in Corby all devices have been switched off permanently with investment in diversionary youth services as a positive alternative for dealing with anti-social behaviour. The initiative has provided a model for effective campaigning, working jointly with partners, and led by young people.

Contributions to European Youth Alliances

The NYA has continued its work with the European Network of Youth Centres, a network that spans 18 countries. In 2007 we organised study visits to Luxembourg and to Armenia, an exchange scheme for volunteers and a seminar on workforce and the European Youthwork Portfolio. We also made a contribution to the work of the European Commission (EC) on the participation of young people in decision making, where we were able to showcase the Youth Opportunity Fund and also the engagement of young people in the Comprehensive Spending Review, through the Cutting the Cake project. We continued to support the European Knowledge Centre to ensure that UK data is included in this useful resource. We have also worked in partnership with the EC and the Council of Europe to advise on European training programmes, the development of resources and the relevance of the European citizenship curriculum.



Forum 21

Two further issues of *Forum 21*, the European Journal on Youth Policy, promoting closer European cooperation in the field of youth policy and youth services, were published during the year, in partnership with organisations from France and Germany. These issues were distributed to youth policy-makers in some 186 countries around the world as well as being posted on the Council of Europe website. An innovation this year was a Russian language version of the journal and there are plans to produce a sister journal, focusing on youth research.

Muslim Youthwork Foundation



The Muslim Youthwork Foundation (MYWF) was successful in obtaining £350,000 of Department for Children, Schools and Families funding in 2007 spread over three years, for the development and support of youth work with Muslim young people. In August 2007 MYWF appointed a project director and project officer to lead its next phase of development. In December 2007 it achieved charitable status.

The Foundation has quickly established itself as the lead organisation in the sector for all issues concerning youth work with young Muslim people. During the year MYWF developed a new website – receiving 80,000 hits in the first four months – and began sending out regular e-shots acting as a focus for informing the sector of policy issues, funding opportunities, events and good practice.

The MYWF has recently run a series of eight in depth workshops exploring many aspects of youth work with Muslim young people. Alongside this it held an international residential in Turkey for a group of young people from Birmingham and hosted a national poster campaign exploring how Muslim young people are viewed by others. The MYWF has been shortlisted for a Muslim News Award in the Services To Young People category.

Striving for excellence in The NYA's internal workings

This has been another year of significant change and development for the management structures of The NYA.

Last year saw the retirement of Tom Wylie as Chief Executive after 11 years leading The NYA, and we welcomed Fiona Blacke in August as his replacement. Fiona's first year in post has been both exciting and challenging, addressing the numerous issues and developments faced by the sector, many of which are covered elsewhere in this report. Fiona has additionally been canvassing the thoughts of numerous customers, both current and potential, on the ways in which The NYA can best support them in their challenge of delivering quality youth work. This information will provide useful perspectives for the update of the strategic framework during 2008–09.

The senior management team has been further strengthened during the year through the creation of a larger Directorate team, using the skills and capabilities of existing senior staff. This team provides increased capacity, particularly in the area of identifying and securing additional funds in an increasingly difficult environment.

It is important that the governance arrangements remain relevant to the current demanding environment. It is over ten years since the Board structure was introduced and a review of our current arrangements has been commissioned to ensure appropriate structures are in place in the future. Recommendations will be reported to the Board in 2008–09.

The work on improving procedures that started in earlier years has continued with both further development and the embedding and refinement of procedures introduced last year. It is important that staff are involved in these process improvements and a representative staff group was set up during the year to assist with these improvements.

NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

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SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**(including Income and Expenditure Account)**

For the Year Ended 31st March 2008

	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	NYA	NYA	Youth Access		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
INCOMING RESOURCES					
From charitable activities					
Grants received for Activities	390	3,777	496	4,663	5,250
Grants received for Disbursement	–	1,467	–	1,467	2,435
Publications	61	77	–	138	198
Conferences, training and events	134	–	22	156	103
Consultancy & other fees	1,098	–	14	1,112	525
Receipts from partner support	443	–	–	443	468
Miscellaneous income	47	–	17	64	82
From generated funds					
Donations, legacies and similar	–	–	6	6	4
Investment income	65	–	18	83	83
Net return on pension scheme assets	118	–	–	118	72
Total Incoming Resources	2,356	5,321	573	8,250	9,220
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Resources expended on Charitable Activities					
Participation	547	1,610	–	2,157	1,900
Professional practice	362	2,612	458	3,432	5,039
Policy development	156	1,032	–	1,188	1,107
Partnership	835	804	–	1,639	910
Costs of generating funds	–	–	17	17	18
Governance costs	14	78	17	109	109
FRS 17 adjustment	83	–	–	83	168
Total Resources Expended	1,997	6,136	492	8,625	9,251
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	359	(815)	81	(375)
Gross transfers between funds	9	(819)	815	4	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension scheme	10	483	–	–	483
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	23	–	85	108	746
Total funds brought forward as previously reported	102	242	58	402	(344)
Prior year adjustments	11	495	(242)	302	–
Total funds carried forward	620	–	192	812	402

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEETS

As at 31 March 2008

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2008	2007 Restated	2008	2007 Restated
		£000	£000	£000	£000
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	166	262	62	160
Negative goodwill	15	(86)	(88)	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	16	35	58	35	58
Debtors	17	1,080	905	1,110	887
Investments – short term deposits	18	315	1,800	315	1,800
Cash at bank & in hand		872	649	632	492
		2,302	3,412	2,154	3,237
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	19	(1,584)	(2,363)	(1,534)	(2,245)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		718	1,049	620	992
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	20	(36)	(51)	-	-
Net Assets before Pension Liability		762	998	682	1,152
Defined benefit pension scheme asset/ (liability)	10	50	(468)	50	(468)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) - including Pension Liability		812	704	732	684
FUNDS					
Restricted	23	192	107	-	-
Unrestricted		620	597	732	684
		812	704	732	684

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 4th December 2008

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

Graham Lane



Chair

NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

The summarised financial statements have been agreed by our auditors, Chantrey Vellacott DFK LLP, as being consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2008. These were prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" 2005, and the Companies Act 1985 and received an unqualified audit opinion.

These summarised financial statements are not the full statutory financial statements and therefore may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the financial affairs of National Youth Agency. For further information, the full Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, and the Independent Auditor report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the registered office. The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 4th December 2008 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies.

Independent Auditor statement to the Trustees of National Youth agency

We have examined the summarised financial statements which comprise Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial activities and Summary Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditor

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summarised financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and in accordance with the recommendations of the charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statements with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees' Report, upon which we gave an unqualified opinion on 4th December 2008. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent mis-statements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the charity's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Report of National Youth Agency for the year ended 31st March 2008.

Chantrey Vellacott DFK LLP



Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

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Annual Review 2007–08

The National Youth Agency is passionate about young people and youth work. We believe that young people should have a voice in everything which affects them and that the performance of services will be improved by taking proper account of this voice. We believe young people have the energy and potential to improve the lives of the total community, now and as they grow up.

The National Youth Agency is determined to make sure that those charged with taking forward the exciting and important agenda for children and young people understand the benefits to young people through youth work, and the circumstances in which youth work best takes place.

This annual review details the steps we have been taking towards achieving these aims.

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