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ADVOCACY &

WEST GLAMORGAN PEOPLE FIRST



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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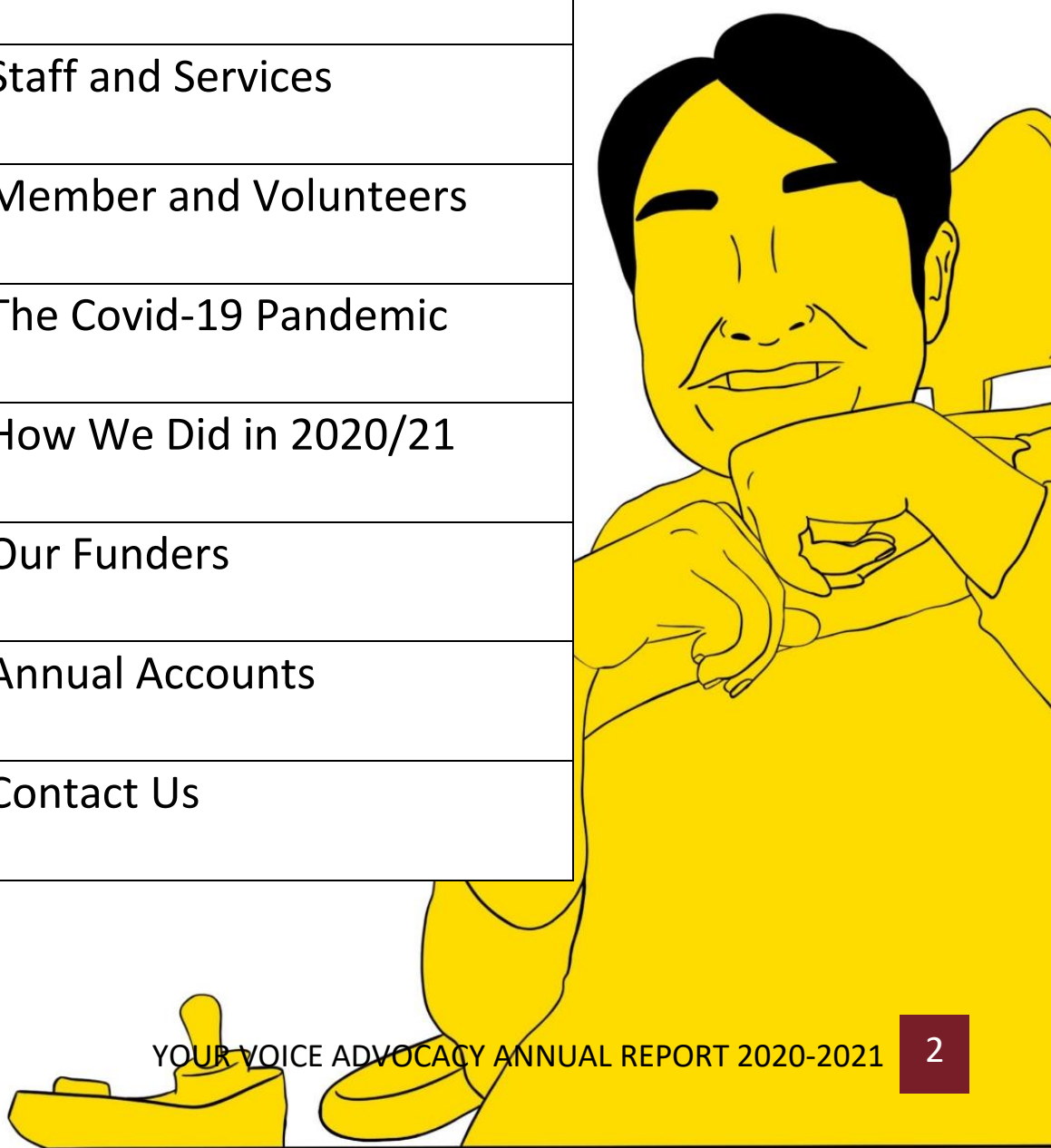


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Foreword 2020



Our organisation has big goals for learning disabled people in the local area.



Our staff and members shone through the pandemic. Everyone that could went online and learnt new skills.



Sandi was at the centre of all our work. Helped by Louise, Neil and a growing number of volunteers.



The sad loss of several members to Covid showed the worse health outcomes for learning disabled people.



We have every reason to be proud of what we did in the past year and look forward to 2021/22.

Bill Williams (Executive Chair)

Our Values



The right of people with disabilities to make choices and understand those choices.



The right of people with disabilities to be valued people in the community.



The staff who work for Your Voice Advocacy.

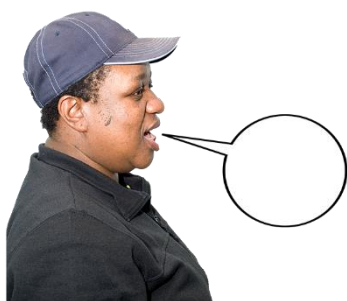


The importance of individuals and abilities in the organisation.

Our Aims



Build up members confidence and support them to take part and connect with others.



Support members to speak about their lives and shape their support and services.



Encourage members to help shape and lead the work of YVA.



Build YVA a strong reputation and let it reach more people.

Trustees



Our Trustees are elected and chosen using rules in the Charity Commission Scheme.



The Trustees talk with the Project Coordinator who oversees YVA day to day.

The Trustees by March 31st 2021:

Carl West Treasurer	Mike Cohen Secretary
Barbara Jacobs Trustee	Eugene Jenkins Trustee
Rick Wilson Trustee	Richard Williams Trustee
Adelaide Morgan Trustee	



During 2020/21:
Aleanna Ledger stood down as a Trustee.



Adelaide Morgan became a Trustee.

Staff and Services



By March 31st 2021 YVA had 4 staff.

Sandi Mitchell Peer Advocacy Officer	Bill Williams Project Coordinator
Louise Peck Development Worker	Neil Williams Development Worker

YVA projects and services include:



One to One Advocacy

Speaking for people with problems in their life.



Peer advocacy

Helping people support themselves and peers.



Social Groups

Supporting people to take a full role in their community and enjoy social events.



Easy-read conversion

Helping organisations make information easy to understand.

Members and Volunteers



In 2020-21 our membership grew to over 130.

We plan to be member led with most of our Trustee Board made of members making decisions.



Volunteers give an important service. This shows most in advocacy where it is important advocates do not work for services.



The pandemic meant we only had 3 volunteers. They gave over 100 hours, mainly running online groups via Zoom.



We plan to employ someone to find and train volunteers, from our members and the community.



The Covid-19 Pandemic

Because of the pandemic staff worked from home, our office closed, and members could not meet from March 2020.



Sandi helped members get food and get on the food parcel register.

Food banks and Tesco Glynneath donated food for members.



Sandi moved activities online.

Members got information and activities to help people cope away from friends and loved ones.



Five groups were meeting online every week by the end of the year.



Members not only learned how to use Zoom but some were running groups themselves.

How we did in 2020-2021

Active Members
2020/21

39



"Thank you for helping me to
talk to people and be
understood."

17



Training sessions
for members



Relaxation
and wellness
sessions held

20

223

Sessions

Zoom
sessions
2020-21

508

Hours

"Now I've got the confidence to speak up for myself"

19

Other
online events
2020-21



"I couldn't have done it without YVA's help - they were amazing!"

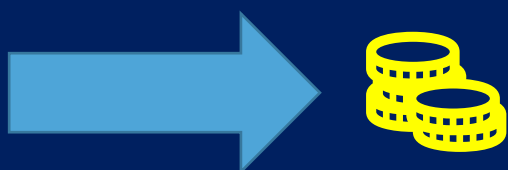
100+

Hours

Zoom sessions
by volunteers
2020-21



How much money
we got this year

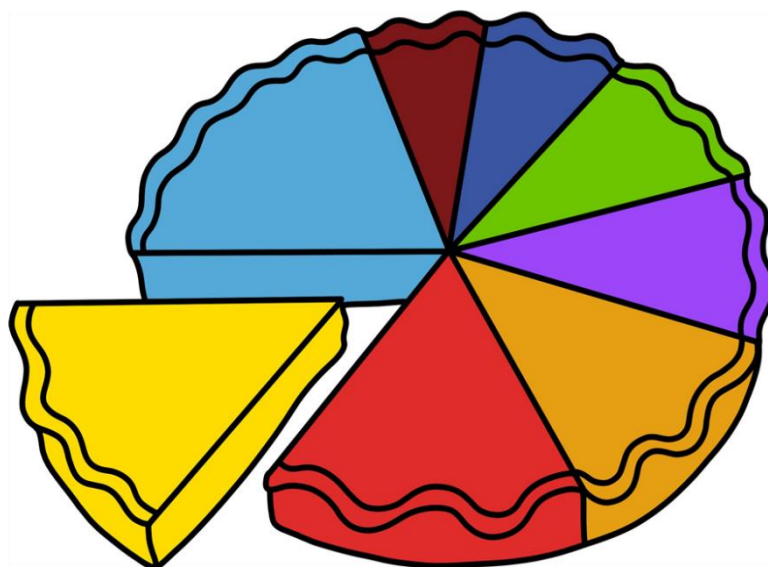
**£98,168**





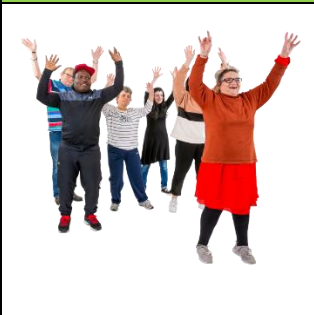



How much money
we spent this year

**£76,127**

"YVA is always there for me and never lets me down."

This pie chart shows the hours for Zoom activities by YVA for 2020-21.



Karaoke	Films	Wellness	Training
			
Other Events	Advocacy group	Arts + Crafts	Bingo
			

Our Funders 2020-2021

Your Voice Advocacy would like to thank all our supporters and funders who have helped us in 2020-21.



FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Wages and salaries	49,363	82,146
Pension costs	810	1,573
Rent	7,960	6,368
Rates and water	616	539
Light and heat	494	487
Repairs and maintenance	228	1,169
Insurance	388	1,083
Other motor/travel costs	326	3,098
Legal and professional fees	120	2,417
Telephone	6,285	5,866
Other office costs	4,528	2,960
Depreciation	970	356
Other interest payable and similar charges	87	142
Sundry expenses	96	135
Staff training	838	1,081
Advertising	539	838
Event costs	0	4,032
	Total	Total
	73,648	111,808



Our financial accounts for 2020/21 show we have more money reserves than the last year.

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