



**YOUR VOICE
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ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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“YVA helped me build confidence to allow me to become a volunteer and to sing on my own at karaoke.

I have developed my computer skills so I can co-host ZOOM meetings.”

Chairperson's Foreword 2021/22



We are proud of what the YVA Team has done this year to work toward our aims.



Members and Staff worked hard through the pandemic to keep YVA going. Sadly some members did not make it through.



With more funding and big projects to come, we plan to have more groups, more staff and an office.



Thank you to all our funders, members, volunteers, staff and Trustees.

This year would not have been possible without you.

Adelaide Morgan (Chair of Trustees)

About Us - 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.

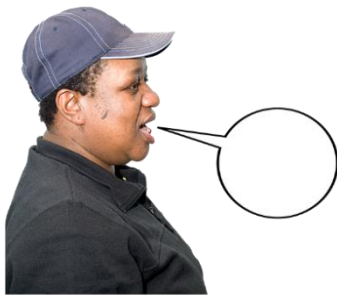


The importance of individuals and abilities in the organisation.

About Us - 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.

About Us - Trustees



Our Trustees are elected and chosen using Charity Commission rules.



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

The Trustees by March 31st 2022:

Adelaide Morgan Chair	Richard Williams Member Trustee
Carl West Trustee	Robert Morris Member Trustee
Eugene Jenkins Trustee	Kelsey Shaw Member Trustee
Rick Wilson Trustee	Lisa Davies Member Trustee



During 2021/22:
Mike Cohen and Barbara Jacobs left.



Adelaide Morgan became chair.
Robert Morris, Kelsey Shaw and Lisa Davies joined.

About Us – Staff



By March 31st 2022 YVA had 6 staff.



Bill Williams
Project
Co-Ordinator



Sandi Mitchell
Peer Advocacy
Officer



Neil Williams
Lived Experience
Worker



Louise Peck
Development
Worker



Marion Lowther
Development
Worker



Alex Hills
Website/Social
Media Officer

About Us – Services



One to One Advocacy

Speaking for people with problems in their life.



Peer advocacy

Helping people support themselves and others.



Social Groups

Supporting people to be part of their community and enjoy social events.



Easy-read conversion

Helping organisations make information easy to understand.



Co-Production Support

For members taking part in the design of Health and Care services and strategies

About Us – Members



In 2021-22 our membership grew to nearly 200.

We aim to be member led and have most of our trustee board be members.



The members get regular newsletters. There are activities, information and articles about members, like our Sight Loss Champion.

About Us – Volunteers



Volunteers give an important service.

Our volunteers gave their time even with limits to what they could do from Covid.



7 member volunteers gave 1174 hours online and in person.

8 other volunteers gave 304 hours.

How we did in 2021-2022

Website and Social Media



Our website was remade YVA logo colours and line drawings of members.



We used Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube because many members prefer Social Media to keep in touch.



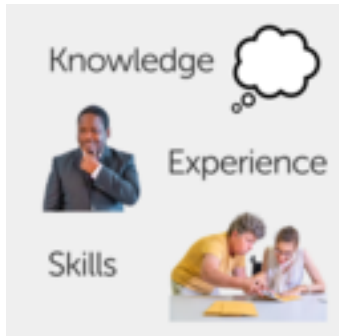
Groups and After Covid

Between 45 and 50 members went groups each week.



From August we could run face-to face groups like Ponty Friends again.

Peer Advocacy



Members gained skills to speak for themselves and others about their needs in a safe space.

This helps education, training and work.



Our Advocacy Group worked together to write policies, take part in research, join interview panels and organise events.

Independent One to One Advocacy



We supported people to get what they were entitled to, like benefits, services or the right housing.



We offered 1 to 1 meetings, support at appointments and writing letters or emails on their behalf.

Easy Read Conversion



Easy Read make services easier to access.
YVA earned £5,000 with this work.



Organisations that used this service:

Community Health Council
Swansea Bay Health Board
South Wales Police
Swansea Council

Active Members
in 2021/22

45



Total group
sessions

284

380
hours of
Easy Read



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

Zoom Hours from **In Person**
929 Member **245**
volunteers



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

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People helped
with Advocacy

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

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

How much money
we got this year



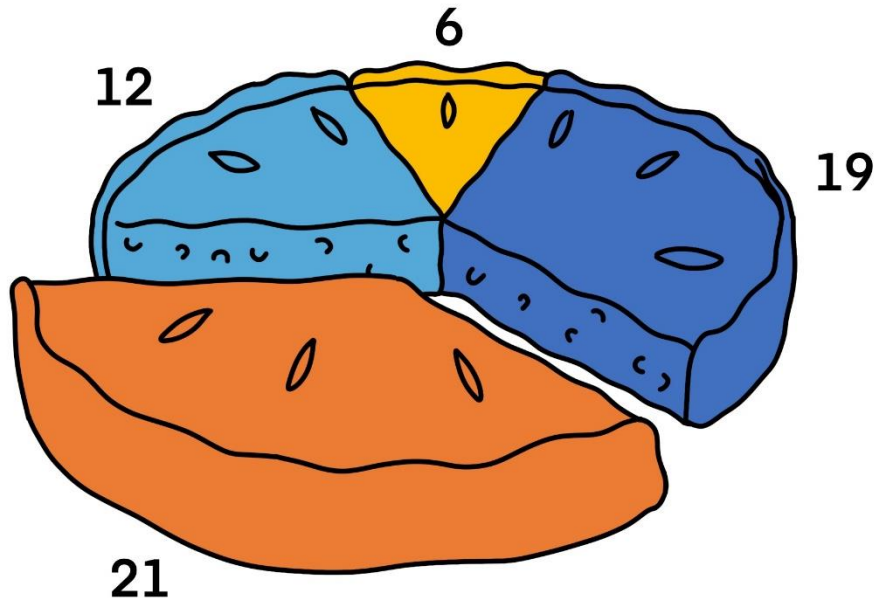
£147,719

How much money
spent this year

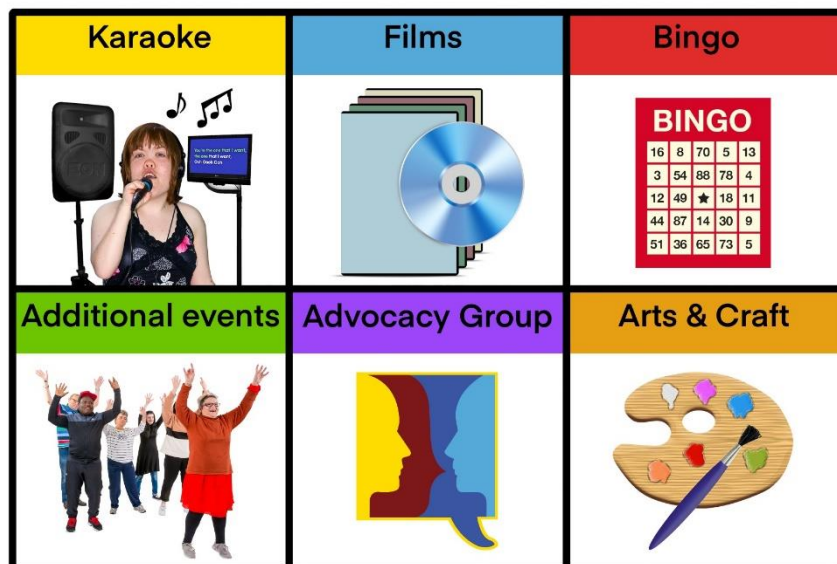
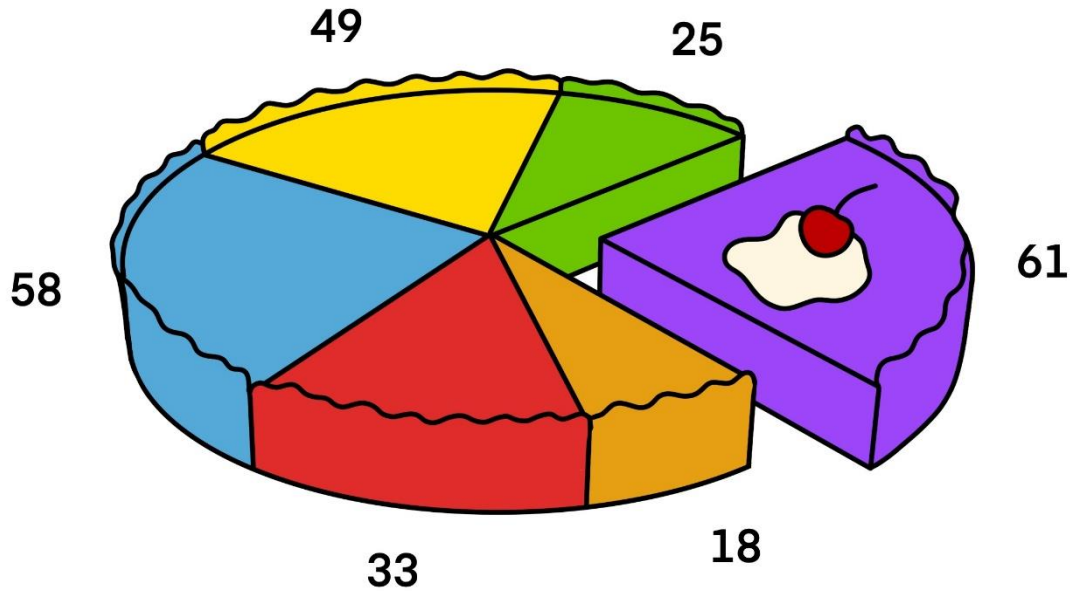


£84,188

Pie chart showing how many in person activity sessions were provided by YVA.



Pie chart showing how many Zoom sessions were provided by YVA.



Our Funders 2021-2022

Your Voice Advocacy would like to thank all our supporters and funders who have helped us in 2021-22.



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University Health Board

Annual Accounts

**YOUR VOICE ADVOCACY PROJECT
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Wages and salaries	58,650	49,363
Pension costs	1,849	810
Rent	1,592	7,960
Rates and water	24	616
Light and heat	–	494
Repairs and maintenance	–	228
Insurance	388	388
Other motor/travel costs	1,443	326
Legal and professional fees	299	120
Telephone	3,249	6,285
Other office costs	7,761	4,528
Depreciation	615	970
Sundry expenses	570	87
Staff training	128	96
Advertising and Publicity	3,148	838
Event costs	1,845	539
Governance costs - accountancy fees	2,574	2,406
Bank Charges	70	56
Expenditure on charitable activities	84,205	76,110

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