**YTEP basic information**

Full name: **Yorkshire Theological Education Partnership**

Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity reg’n: No. 1157739, on 7 July 2014

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Website: <https://ytep.commonawards.org>

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Bank: CAF Bank Ltd, West Malling

Accountants: Forrest Burlinson, Dewsbury

Objects: 1) To advance education for the public benefit in ministerial education and for both ordained and lay members of the Christian Churches; and

2) The advancement of theological and ministerial education and training for those with a personal interest.

Partners: The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Leeds

The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Sheffield

The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of York

St Hild College

The Church Army

Trustees: Tony Robinson, Area Bishop of Wakefield (Chair)

Canon Dr Christine Gore (DBF Sheffield)

Revd Dr Hayley Matthews (DBF Leeds)

Revd Mark Powley (St Hild College)

Revd Jane Truman (The Church Army)

Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield (DBF York)

Centres: Leeds School of Ministry

Sheffield School of Ministry

York School of Ministry

St Hild College

The Church Army

Formal groups: Board of Trustees

Academic Management Team (AMT)

Common Awards Management Committee (CAMC – Board of studies)

Board of Examiners (BoE)

Activities: YTEP is a Theological Education Institution (TEI) which co-ordinates theological education across the whole of Yorkshire on behalf of the three Church of England dioceses in Yorkshire and two other training providers. The programmes offered by the partnership are validated by Durham University and form part of what is known nationally as the Common Awards scheme for theological education.

Staff: YTEP has two part-time employees (both appointed in summer 2016):

Academic Co-ordinator – Mr Martine Somerville

Administrative Officer – Mrs Lynne Gordon-Taylor

Services: On behalf its component Centres YTEP:

* Meets all the academic quality assurance requirements of Durham University, eg. co-ordination of curriculum review and development, maintenance of programme and module definitive documentation, operating a board of studies (Common Awards Management Committee) and Board of Examiners, liaison with an external examiner, conduct of annual review;
* Meets all the student administration requirements of Durham University, eg. student registrations and transfers, issuing campus cards, processing student ‘concession’ requests, co-ordinating APL requests and the administration of the Common Awards Student Survey (CASS);
* Liaises with the Ministry Division of the Archbishops’ Council;
* Maintains a Moodle-based virtual learning environment (VLE);
* Organises staff development.

Relationships: YTEP staff communicate regularly with the following:

* YTEP trustees;
* YTEP Centre Heads, tutors and administrative staff;
* YTEP AMT and CAMC members, including student representatives;
* Individuals associated with YTEP’s linked organisation, the Yorkshire Regional Training Partnership (YRTP);
* External Examiner: Heather Walton of Glasgow University 2014-2017; new appointment currently awaited;
* Durham University’s Common Awards Team (CAT);
* Ministry Division staff;
* Staff of other TEIs;
* Staff of the Mirfield Centre, College of the Resurrection and Community of the Resurrection.

Staff in different Centres liaise with each other directly over, inter alia, the delivery and assessment of modules which they share, students involved with multiple Centres and practical issues with Moodle.

Funding: Each Centre receives tuition fees for its students. For the majority of students these are paid by dioceses or other sponsoring organisations, some of which also make capital and/or revenue grants. ‘Independent’ students pay their own fees. Most of YTEP’s income comes from charges for each student levied on Centres to cover both YTEP’s own costs and the registration fee charged by Durham University. The system of ‘core’ grants from the three Yorkshire dioceses, the Methodist Districts and the URC, which originated with the YRTP, is currently under review. Common Awards reimbursement payments are received from Ministry Division (less the balancing charge for independent students).

Programmes: YTEP offers programmes leading to all ten awards available under the Common Awards scheme, which currently includes 278 modules, 219 at Levels 4-6 and 59 at Level 7. Of these YTEP delivers 119 modules at Levels 4-6 and 32 at Level 7.

Taught programmes with the following target awards are offered by each Centre within YTEP:

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| Centre | Fndn Awd | CertHE (120) | CertHE (180) | Dip HE | BA | Grad Cert | Grad Dip | PG Cert | PG Dip | MA |
| LSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |
| St Hild | ✓ | ✓ |  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ch Army | ✓ | ✓ |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

All awards are titled *Theology, Ministry and Mission*, except the 180-credit Cert HE, which is in *Christian Ministry and Mission*.

Common Awards undergraduate programme delivery was piloted by SBTC in AY 2014/15, with the remaining Centres transferring their students over from programmes validated by York St John University in 2015. The graduate and postgraduate programmes were introduced in 2016 and the Foundation Award in 2017 (although, so far, this is only as a fall-back award, as no students have yet been recruited to it as a target award).

Students: YTEP had 272 students in AY 2016/17, 57 of whom achieved awards at the end of the year. The projected total for AY 2017/18 is 310. 93% are part-time and 61% female. Students’ ages arrange from 23 to 73, 50 being the mean average. 23% are ordinands and 20% are ‘independent’. 44% are on Cert HEs and 9% on postgraduate programmes. 43% are at St Hild College, by far YTEP’s largest Centre and its sole provider of ordination training, principally in full-time contextual form at its St Barnabas Teaching Centre and part-time at Mirfield Teaching Centre 54% are training for licensed lay ministry.

History: In 2014 YTEP was established as a TEI to deliver theological education under the Common Awards scheme, which got underway fully in 2015. It grew out of the Yorkshire Regional Training Partnership, which previously provided an ecumenical structure for lay and pre- and post-ordination clergy training (and continues in existence but with a much reduced level of activity).

Some consolidation has occurred of Centres within YTEP: three diocesan schools of ministry (Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield) have been combined into the Leeds School of Ministry, albeit still with four hubs. St Hild College was formed in January 2017 by the merger of the Yorkshire Ministry Course (YMC, based at Mirfield) and St Barnabas Theological Centre (SBTC, based at St Thomas’ Crookes Church, Sheffield) and now has an additional teaching centre in York. York School of Ministry’s three hubs in Beverley, Middlesbrough and York operate administratively and academically as a single entity, with close collaboration in respect of devolved learning and teaching.

Until 2017 IME 2 provision for curates (BA top-ups and postgraduate programmes) was delivered under the auspices of the YRTP but this has been brought fully into Common Awards, delivered mainly by St Hild College, with YSoM providing some Level 6 module teaching and pastoral support for curates in York Diocese.

Commentary

YTEP is a rich and genuine partnership, with its five constituent organisations each contributing fully not only to the delivery of training but to the academic leadership, management, governance and financing of the CIO. Partner representatives act not only as trustees but as members of YTEP’s Common Awards Management Committee and Academic Management Team. The diagrams on the next two pages set out YTEP’s structure and map how personnel across the Partnership belong to different YTEP and national Common Awards groups, with Heads of Centre and the Academic Co-ordinator the linchpins.

YTEP benefits from relationships built up over more than a decade in the YRTP and active engagement by its people in wider church and theological education networks. The YRTP still has active practitioner groups covering the areas of Education for Discipleship (working with ‘CLAY’ – Christian Learning Across Yorkshire), Continuing Ministerial Development and Initial Ministerial Education (IME 2), which include Methodist, URC and Roman Catholic representatives.

With the long experience of its core academic staff, YTEP benefits from a substantial repository of both subject expertise and sound methods of adult education. As a whole there is an emphasis on contextual training, with all students either studying part-time while continuing in paid employment and undertaking voluntary roles in churches or undertaking full-time contextual ordination courses. It encompasses a wide variety of theological perspectives, with students, who themselves are very diverse in their personal characteristics and ministry aims, regularly expressing appreciation of being exposed to approaches and traditions with which they are unfamiliar.

Martine Somerville

YTEP Academic Co-ordinator

15 January 2018

**YTEP Structure**

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| World |  | YTEP |  |  | Partners |  | Centres | Delivery locations |
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|  |  | Trustees |  |  |  |  | Leeds SoM | Bradford Hub |
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| Charity Commission |  |  |  |  | Leeds DBF |  | Leeds Hub |
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|  |  | AMT |  |  |  |  | Mirfield Hub |
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|  |  |  | Working groups |  |  |  | Ripon Hub |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Sheffield DBF |  | Sheffield SoM |  |
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| Ministry Division |  | CAMC |  |  |  |  | York SoM | Beverley Hub |
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|  |  |  |  |  | York DBF |  | M’brough Hub |
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|  |  | BoE |  |  |  |  | York Hub |
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| Durham Uni CAT |  |  |  |  |  |  | St Hild College | Barnabas TC |
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|  |  |  |  |  | St Hild College |  | Mirfield TC |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Church Army |  | CA Training |  |

**YTEP Personnel and Group Memberships**

Tutors

TEI Reps, Min Div, DU CAT

Min Div, DU CAT, TEI Reps

Student  
Reps

Academic  
Co-ordinator

Non-exec Trustees

Heads

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|  | YTEP Trustees |
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|  | Heads of YTEP Centres |
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|  | YTEP Academic Management Team |
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|  | YTEP Common Awards Management Committee |
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|  | YTEP Board of Examiners |
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|  | Common Awards TEI Forum |
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|  | Common Awards Continuing Implementation Group |
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