



Annual Impact Report 2022

REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

BY CANON PAUL MAYBURY THE CHAIR & PRESIDENT OF LEEDS CHURCH INSTITUTE

I am very pleased to introduce this Annual Report. **Leeds Church Institute is a unique charity**, working with many churches of differing backgrounds and traditions, contributing to theological reflection and practical development through its writing, events and activities.

LCI is a membership organisation and **I'm grateful to the members for their loyalty and imagination** in continuing to support us in multiple ways, but it is the Council and the Staff who "make everything happen" who I particularly want to acknowledge and thank. **Leeds Church Institute is part-way through implementing its five-year plan** and is well on track to deliver its outcomes. 2022 has been an important year of induction of new staff and of setting in place **plans for continued development into the future**.

I am proud of all that has been achieved during this year and I hope you are encouraged by what you read in the following pages. **Please continue to support the Institute** and spread the word so that we can continue to go from strength to strength.



OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

LCI's aims continue to be to promote, advance and maintain religion and education (both religious and secular) in Leeds consistent with the Christian faith as expressed by Churches Together in England.

These aims are pursued in a variety of ways including organising formal talks, seminars, training and other educational activities; resourcing the churches in their mission and ministry through consultancy; research, and the development of specific projects; and supporting the representation of churches and other faith communities in public bodies.

In 2022 LCI continued its work in the city, with churches and people of different faiths through educational initiatives.



ACHIEVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

In 2022, Leeds Church Institute ran a varied and inclusive events, publications, research and media programme.

Through the course of the year:



2,007 PEOPLE
ATTENDED EVENTS



THERE WERE **8,290**
VIEWS ON OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL



1,060 COPIES OF
PRINTED
PUBLICATIONS
WERE DISTRIBUTED



Faith at the Margins

LCI worked in partnership with the William Temple Foundation to produce a series of podcasts 'Staying with the Troubles' exploring inequality in our city. The Foundation's Director of Research gave the Hook Lecture 2022 based on research and theology relevant to this. Leeds Church Institute and Leeds Citizens completed a fifth year of partnership working to amplify people's voices in the city and act for change.



Ecumenical Mission

Working in partnership with churches, denominations and faith-based organisations, Leeds Church Institute addressed issues around Theology and Ecology, Compassion in a Crisis, Later Life, Movement for Recovery and Change, the Church and Sexual Abuse, and Church responses to trauma. LCI supported the distribution and launch of the Leeds Lent Prayer Diary.

ACHIEVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES



Faith and Creativity

The Way Up is Down art installation, created as part of the Art Bursary 2021, was exhibited in four different settings promoting engagement with art and reflection on the experiences of the pandemic. New art and theology initiatives were established around 'Journey to the Manger', 'Food Faith and Unity' and 'Artist of the Month' which will continue to run in 2023.



Faith and Racial Justice

LCI hosted a book launch for *Understanding and Managing Sophisticated and Everyday Racism: Implications for Education and Work*, edited by Victoria Showunmi and Carol Tomlin.

Work continued to support achievement of the Schools of Sanctuary Awards in Leeds Schools and to exhibit the Seeing Asylum photo-voice exhibition about Asylum Seekers' experiences of detention and community.



Premises and Property

The work and activity of LCI continues to be based at 43 The Calls. With significant improvements to the premises, it now functions well as a place of work, meeting and partnership for LCI and its partners Leeds Sanctuary and Leeds Citizens. LCI's previous home of New Market Street was put on the market in 2022 and the sale is expected to be completed in 2023.

FINANCIALS

This is a summary of LCI's financial performance taken from the 2022 audited statutory accounts of Leeds Church Institute (Incorporated). The full accounts are available on request.

	2022	2021	2020
Income	£229,950	£219,506	£233,691
Expenditure	- £385,557	- £335,189	- £396,898
Profit/Loss	- £155,607	- £115,683	- £163,207
Change in value of investment	- £620,839	£678,535	£289,488
Total Profit/Loss	- £776,446	£562,852	£126,281
Total Funds carried forward	£6,101,557	£6,878,003	£6,315,151

Income from investments continued at expected levels, and lease income increased in line with market rates. 2022 was a turbulent year for investments, almost wiping out the increase in value experienced in 2021. Expenditure increased as LCI's five-year plan started to be implemented, including, towards the end of 2022, the recruitment of more staff to deliver the council's objectives. There were also pre-sale maintenance costs for the New Market Street building, and a need to ensure that LCI's new office at 43 The Calls is a safe, accessible and welcoming environment for both staff and visitors.

