

**NEW APPLICATION**

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**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AND 2012/13**

**Applicant's Name:** YMCA Charity Shops Services **Account Ref:** 101153788

**Property Address:** 15 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 2DP

**Registered Charity:** Yes - 212810

**Occupation Date:** 14 August 2012 **NEW APPLICATION**

**Relief Claimed:** Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 14/8/12 – 31/3/13

**Use of Property:** Charity Shop

**Main Objectives:** A Christian charity committed to helping young people particularly at times of need regardless of gender, race, ability or faith.

<b>Financial Situation:</b> As at: 31 March 2011	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	£ 1,070,000.00
	<b>Reserves</b>	6,267,000.00*
	*National Organisation	

**Previous Relief Granted:**

<b>Mandatory</b>	-	0%
<b>Discretionary</b>	-	0%

**Rates Payable:**

Details of Charge	2012/13 £
<b>Full Charge</b> (14/8/12 – 31/3/13)	3,246.78
<b>Less Mandatory Relief (80%)</b>	2,597.42-
<b>Discretionary Consideration:</b>	<b><u>649.36</u></b>
<b>If 5% Relief Granted (2012/13):</b>	162.34-
<b>Cost to NNDR Pool (25%)</b>	40.58
<b>Cost to General Fund (75%)</b>	121.76
<b>Rates Payable</b>	<b><u>487.02</u></b>

**Supporting Information:**

YMCA Charity Shops Services are part of the larger National Association of YMCA's organisation; the premises that they have occupied at 15 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley are used as a charity shop. The charity shop sells mainly donated goods including clothing, books, CDs DVDs and bric-a-brac – currently the proportion of donated goods offered for sale is 98%. The sale of donated goods provides a principle source of income for the organisation.

The main purpose of the charity shop is to raise funds to put into the local YMCA to help the community. In addition, there are opportunities within YMCA charity shops for young people to undertake training schemes to gain NVQs in customer services, business management and wholesale.

Detailed below is the statement provided by the YMCA in support of their application:

“The YMCA is indeed a Christian organisation, committed to helping young people, particularly in time of need, regardless of gender, race ability or faith. We are open to all faiths and those who have none. It is also true that we provide and promote education but this is but a very small part of the work that we do. The main arrears that we work in are :-

- **Housing and Homelessness** :- The YMCA is the largest provider of safe, secure and affordable housing in England providing over 7,000 beds per night. Our accommodation ranges from hostels to move-on flats and is open to all young people. Some YMCA's provide direct access accommodation for people who are sleeping rough, which can also mean helping a young person with addiction, debt, family breakdown which may be the cause of their homelessness. Once these problems have been addressed we then work hard to equip the residents with confidence, vocational and life skills, and help them to move on to independent living. The YMCA is also the UK's largest provider of Foyer accommodation. Foyers link affordable accommodation specifically for homeless and disadvantaged young people between the ages of 16 to 25 with opportunities to access training and employment.
- **Citizenship & Personal Development** :- YMCA programmes help to stimulate and challenge young people, enable them to find a sense of achievement, explore ideas and issues which affect their lives, and acquire skills to cope with a variety of real life situations.
- **Skills and Education** :- In this area we help people develop the social, personal and vocational skills that are essential for increasing employability and finding and keeping a job.
- **Parenting and Family** :- The YMCA believes that the family, in all it's diversity, is the best place for a young person to grow and thrive, and takes a proactive approach to building and strengthening family relationships. When family relationships break down, the effects on children and young people can be devastating. Family mediation is an important part of our work, helping parents and young people address issues of conflict and building an understanding between family members. YMCA projects encourage positive understanding between parents and their children through finding common ground, providing support, advice and training.
- **Money and Work** :- The YMCA gives young people advice and support on money matters to help form good financial sense. We are a major provider of vocational training for young people, with a special emphasis on those facing disadvantage. Our particular strength in this field lies in applying our skills and experience to engage with and work along side young people in a supportive and enabling environment. YMCA training centres are key in offering young people vocational training, learning programmes and work placement opportunities.

- **Sport, Health, Exercise and Fitness** :- The YMCA is committed to the promotion of healthy living in mind, body and spirit. We are the largest voluntary sector organisation providing high quality sport, health, exercise and fitness programmes in England. We are also a major trainer of fitness instructors, with London Central YMCA being the largest fitness training provider in the country.
- **Crime and Safety** :- Through its youth work programmes, the YMCA offers a wide range of opportunities that help reduce the risk of young people turning to crime and that also helps decrease the likelihood of young people being the victims of crime.
- **International** :- The YMCA in England is part of a global organistaion which has a presence in 122 countries. Y Care International is the international relief and development agency of the YMCA movement and is working in 30 countries across the world.

Our charity shops also provide a vital service to the community and to the planet with regard to recycling. Over 98% of the stock we sell is donated and would otherwise end up in land fill. We also work very closely with merchants to recycle plastics, cardboard, electricals etc. helping local Councils to achieve their recycling targets.”

**Comments:**

None