

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE NETWORK

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I am particularly grateful for CYC-Net, not just the knowledge within the website, but the family and the community that has connected because of its vision.

Kathleen Mulvey, Scotland



CYC-Net Board of Governors CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



The World's Child and Youth Care Network

I am delighted to bring you the Annual Report of CYC-Net and to highlight the way it continues to support children and young people, staff, students, researchers and volunteers from across the world. The way that CYC-Net has constantly adapted to remain relevant and required for the international community is a testimony to the commitment, expertise and insight brought to the work, particularly by the Chief Operating Officer, Martin Stabrey, and researcher, administrator and general all-rounder Carina Lewis. To produce such a consistent flow of material and present it in an accessible and interesting way on such a small annual budget is quite remarkable. On behalf of the worldwide readership I would like to thank them for the ongoing quality of their productions and for the hard work and dedication they bring to the task.

Measuring impact is one of the challenges charities face today and often the more specialised the work the harder that is. CYC-Net is providing the underpinning information and knowledge from a wide range of contributors using an open-source approach to ensure that as many people have free and unrestricted access. The purpose is crystal clear – to make the lives of children and young people, their families and the wider community better. This is community building – starting at the very roots of the daily life experiences of human beings from all sorts of backgrounds and cultures, rich and poor, rural and urban, and providing help and support from everyday experts.

It is human connection that is at the heart of the work that CYC-Net does – and perhaps that is one of its distinguishing characteristics. Most online resources collate and distribute information, sharing knowledge about a field of work or interest. CYC-Net seeks to add insight and wisdom through the personal stories, reflections and observations of people steeped in the experiences of both the work and relationships that go to make up effective child and youth care work.

Of course, this all happens because of the contributions that come from around the world – and to all those who do this, thank you. And to the Board Members thank you for their work in adding an extra perspective. A special thank-you to my predecessor Leon Fulcher who served as board chair for a decade. His continuing work and support are valued by the international community.

CYC-Net continues to have new opportunities to increase its readership and usage as well as its coverage. With the rapidly evolving use of social media and online learning it must be nimble and responsive – a hard ask of just the two people that staff it. It is also being done with a tiny budget and continuing to raise funds and generate income to keep the organisationally financially viable. To all our current supporters we thank you and encourage you to maintain and develop your contributions and seek assistance from others. It has been said that 'If you think education is expensive, try ignorance'. CYC-Net provides a cost effective and successful way to support child and youth growth and development.

Best wishes,

Graham Bell





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Discussion Group Members
(as at 31 March 2019)

Web Site Page Views

947 639

1949

External web links to CYC-Net

CYC-Net App Users

1217

9017

Consecutive months CYC-Online journal published

Individual users during the year

278 445

236





CYC-Net is an important resource that brings together students, practitioners, academics and even policy makers, whether via dialogue in the discussion groups or the exchange of ideas in the monthly journal, CYC-Online. It also hosts an extensive repository of accessible, practice-oriented literature and links to other relevant CYC-related information. CYC-Net is making a considerable contribution to the professionalization of Child and Youth Care, internationally, as well as providing forums for interrogating what this actually means – for the field and for children, young people and their families.

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EDITORS REPORT



It has been our pleasure to bring another twelve issues of monthly journals to readers over this past fiscal year. Each month is a new collaboration including at various times founding editor Thom Garfat in Canada, associate editor Mark Smith in Scotland, assistant editor Janice Daley in Canada, coordinator of all things Martin Stabrey in South Africa, and myself in California.

We are extremely grateful for our regular writers:

- Kiaras Charabaghi (Ryerson University, Canada)
- Jack Phelan (Grant MacEwan University, Canada)
- Hans Skott-Myhre (Kennesaw State University, USA)
- Doug Magnuson (University of Victoria, Canada)
- Tara Collins (Ryerson University, Canada)
- Aurora De Monte (Fleming College, Canada)

Kiaras, Jack, and Hans have contributed to nearly every issue this past year and we appreciate the extra time and dedication it takes to write so regularly.

Special note of thanks to former Chair of the Board of Governors Leon Fulcher (New Zealand) who has sent us a special 'postcard' for each issue dating back nearly to the inception of CYC-Net.

Over half of the articles featured this past year were from new or first-time writers. We value these voices and are glad to see so many willing to share their perspectives and experiences.

Six issues this year were special topic issues. This is more than in any past year and these themes included:

- The first few years (with guest editor Jack Phelan)
- Radical youth work (with guest editor Hans Skott-Myhre)
- Characteristics of Relational Child and Youth Care (featuring an updated version of the 25 characteristics of care)
- Belonging for all (a special issue on disabilities by guest editor Janet Newbury)
- A celebration of twenty years of *CYC-Online*
- Young people who have changed us (with guest editor Grant Charles).

The fact that CYC-Net remains open access to readers around the globe is encouraging. There's no gatekeeping through subscriptions or external editorial restriction from investors. It's a voice for the field of Child and Youth Care by the field of Child and Youth Care.

Thank you for reading with us this year, and for your support to make this great volunteer effort happen.

James Freeman





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Report of the CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



In January 2018 we welcomed our new CYC-Net Board of Governors Chairperson, Graham Bell, who previously held the position of CEO at Kibble Education and Care Centre in Paisley, Scotland. Our previous Chair, Dr Leon Fulcher, has agreed to remain of our Board of Governors, representing the Asia-Pacific region. Graham has slotted into the role seamlessly having previously served on our Board as a member.

The year has been a busy one for CYC-Net. Preparations are in full swing for the hosting of the 4th CYC World Conference in Durban, South Africa. CYC-Net will be co-hosting this event with the National Association of Child Care Workers in South Africa (NACCW) as well as UNICEF. The conference, as is usual with South African hosted conferences, promises to be a massive event in the field of child and youth care with around 1500 delegates from around the world expected to descend on Durban in July 2019. CYC-Net were also the regular co-hosts of the annual Unity Through Relationship conference in Dublin, Ireland in November. This annual event has grown from strength to strength and the November 2018 conference was the best attended event we have had. Future events will look to build on the success of the November 2018 conference.

Installations of the CYC-Net mobile apps continue to grow. And after a slow start after our transition of our discussion groups to Facebook, the user base has grown significantly. Users participation has been very encouraging with nearly every discussion group post resulting in robust engagement.

We are also encouraged by the support shown for our publishing section, The CYC-Net Press. Many of the texts offered on the CYC-Net Press platform have now become prescribed works at academic institutions, and our two journal offerings, *Relational Child and Youth Care Practice* as well as *CYC-Online*, are both viewed extensively.

CYC-Net remains, and always will remain open source to the end user. Unlike other similar organisations, CYC-Net receives no public funding. Public funds are the backbone of other organisations like CYC-Net. We however rely solely on the generous support of our loyal funders who recognise and value the contribution CYC-Net makes to the Child and Youth Care profession. As is usual, I again want to express my deepest gratitude and respect to all of our financial supporters and those who give freely of their time and expertise to assist CYC-Net.

Martin Stabrey





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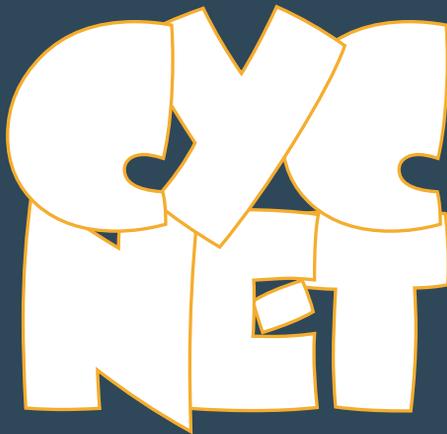
as at 31 March 2019

INCOME	ZAR 1 351 057	EXPENDITURE	ZAR 1 350 855
Academic subscribers	125 677	Accommodation	27 562
Advertising	188 011	Bank Charges	14 073
Association & Organisational subscribers	565 520	Cleaning and Consumables	4 100
CYC-Net Press (RCYCP subscriptions and text book sales)	336 889	CYC World Conference	2 560
Individual subscribers	134 960	E-mail discussion groups listserv membership fee	22 319
		Webs/App/Social media maintenance and coding (CYC-Net, RCYCP, CYC-Net Press)	592 007
		Postage, Packaging and Stationery	17 883

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	ZAR 60 422
Goodwill	50 000
Stock of books	10 220
Cash and cash equivalents	202





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