

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE NETWORK
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*CYC-Net is ... quite possibly ...
the most impactful social innovation
in the field for 30 years.*

Dr Kiaras Gharabaghi

Dean of the Faculty of Community Services
Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada



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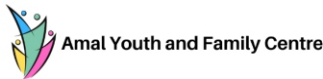
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CYC-Net Board of Governors CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Another year has passed, and it has been a pivotal one for CYC-Net.

Our mission has remained the same - to promote and facilitate reading, learning, information sharing, discussion, networking, support and accountable practice amongst all who work with children, youth and families in difficulty. To that end, we continue to provide the largest open-source library of child and youth care (and related) material in the world. The site is used daily by practitioners, managers, students, academics, and others, with thousands of visits per day. Our Facebook discussion group continues to be active.

The CYC-Net Press continues to publish new books, many of them used as textbooks in post-secondary child and youth care programs. The CYC-Net Press also publishes Relational Child and Youth Care Practice (www.rcycp.com). These publications are a valuable source of revenue for CYC-Net. In the past year, new publications included Aspects of Relational Practice (Jack Phelan and Thom Garfat) and Relational Arts-Based Teaching and Learning: Engaging Mind, Body and Soul (Gerard Bellefeuille, Kerry Heaney - Dalton & Rebecca Stiller).

In 2024, CYC-Online hit the 25-year mark. Such a remarkable milestone - the publication of a monthly, open access journal for 25 years! This has been possible through the contribution of so many practitioners, educators, trainers, and others connected to the child and youth care field. We extend sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to CYC-Online since its inception and extend a special thank you to our editors and regular columnists.

Our Webinar Learning series continued throughout this year, offering informative presentations on a variety of topics while also supporting CYC-Net financially. This would not be possible without our partnership with the Association of Children's Residential and Community Services (ACRC). We offer a huge thank you to ACRC's Executive Director, Kari Sisson (also a CYC-Net board member) for her continued support of this initiative. We also express sincere appreciation to all the speakers who have dedicated their time and expertise in support of CYC-Net.

CYC-Net is a charitable organization overseen by volunteers. We rely heavily on donations and sponsorship for survival. This year, due to our tenuous financial structure, we experienced financial difficulties and were forced to slow down operations for a couple of months. Thanks to the quick and generous responses from numerous individuals and organizations, we were back to full operations within a couple of months.

We are working on securing more sustainable models of funding, while also staying true to the original vision of the founders (Thom Garfat and Brian Gannon) that CYC-Net would be fully accessible to everyone. Hopefully by this time next year we will fully self-sustaining.

As always, I would like to thank the individuals who keep CYC-Net operational throughout the year: The editors of CYC-Online, Dr. Mark Smith, James Freeman, Janice Daley, Dr Shemine Gulamhusein, and Dr Rika Swanzen and our regular columnists, Dr Kiaras Gharabaghi, Dr Hans Skott-Myhre and Dr Leon Fulcher.

Thank you, as well, to all members of the Board of Governors for their continued contribution. We have a diverse international board that provides valuable guidance and direction for CYC-Net.

Finally, the enormous contribution of our Chief Operating Officer Martin Stabrey must be acknowledged. Martin's job has been particularly challenging in the last year and yet, in spite of the obstacles, he has remained committed to ensuring the success of CYC-Net. We are extremely fortunate to have such a skilled, talented and dedicated individual at the helm.

Dr. Heather Modlin





HIGHLIGHTS

Discussion Group Membership

(as at 31 March 2025)

Annual Web Site Page Views

661 830

3017

External web links to CYC-Net

CYC-Net App Users

331

14 764

Consecutive months CYC-Online journal published

Individual web users during the year

188 504

313



Report of the CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Last year I referred to CYC-Net as being in a holding pattern. This year has proven to be quite the opposite.

During the first quarter of our financial year we experienced the loss of a quarter of our budgeted annual income as regular organisational sponsors diverted funding to internal projects or were themselves under income pressures. The result has been that CYC-Net has experienced its worst funding crisis since its establishment nearly thirty years ago. Few non-profit organisations can survive the effects of a sudden and significant loss of its annual income budget. CYC-Net is no different. The organisation has halted all development initiatives until further notice, with remaining funds directed entirely on running costs. We have since been working on long-term strategies to mitigate the ongoing effects of this income loss, while being realistic that funding for non-profits around the world are under increasing strain given changing political and economic regimes.

In my report last year I also made mention of the worrying increase in closures of CYC academic programs. This has continued, and even increased during the last year. This is an extremely worrying situation for the field of Child and Youth Care, and speaks to a real lack of foresight and investment into the future of the field. Closure of academic programs also has a knock-on effect on regional professional associations with reduced levels of membership negatively impacting association activities and the important work that they do in support of local initiatives.

And through all of this, CYC-Net continues to grow its resource offerings. Our professional journal, CYC-Online has now been published for 313 consecutive months, our Facebook and X platforms are updated daily, our subscription-based journal Relational Child and Youth Care Practice has increased its subscriber base, our webinar series in collaboration with the ACRC continues, and we continue to co-host the annual Unity Conference in Dublin, Ireland in November.

More than ever, I pay tribute to the dedication of those who have voluntarily given freely of their time and expertise (and funding) during an especially difficult period for the organisation.

Thank you.

Martin Stabrey





INCOME STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2025

INCOME	ZAR* 1 189 916	EXPENDITURE	ZAR* 1 189 667
Academic subscriptions	169 810	Bank Charges	15 045
Association sponsorship	47 922	Cleaning and Consumables	20 400
CYC-Net Press	457 634	Cloud Subscription services	82 200
Individual sponsors	25 920	Coding and Server Management	215 645
Organisational sponsors	414 550	Electricity	83 662
Special Events (Unity Conference)	18 320	Postage, Packaging & Stationery	1 320
Webinars	55 760	Printing	1 955
		Rent Paid	132 000
		Staff costs	624 000
		Travel	13 440

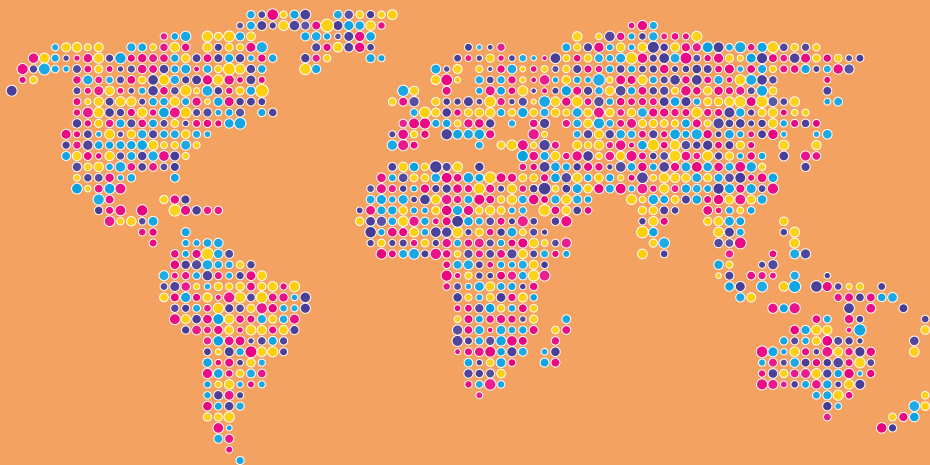
BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31 March 2025

ASSETS	ZAR* 156 139
Goodwill	152 000
Stock of books	3 890
Cash and cash equivalents	249
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	ZAR* 104 530
Reserves	104 139
Long Term Liability **	52 000

* ZAR = South African Rand. CYC-Net legal registration is held in South Africa, thus reporting currency is ZAR.
For US\$ equivalents, divide amounts by 18.8 (annual average ZAR/US\$ exchange rate).

** Long Term Loan (CAD\$4000) from Board of Governors Chair Dr. Heather Modlin.



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