Our 2023 Gender Pay Gap Report covers the period 5.4.23
Introduction

What is the gender pay gap?

GENDER PAY uses pay to measure how organisations are providing equality of opportunity, using pay as the best proxy for seniority. The gender pay gap shows the difference in average (mean) and also median earnings between women and men. The figures contained in this report have been calculated using the methodology stipulated by UK legislation.

EQUAL PAY highlights the pay differences between men and women who carry out the same jobs, similar jobs, or work of equal value. As such, no inference can or should be made about equal pay using gender pay gap information.

About YCL

YCL is committed to addressing workplace barriers to equality and providing all employees with equal opportunity. This is reflective in our company values:

Values

- **Trust**: We will place trust in you to do your job and do it well
- **Respect**: We will respect you and expect you to respect your colleagues and customers
- **Unique**: We are all unique and diverse and we embrace this
- **Enjoy**: We strive to make work an enjoyable place, you should too!

YCL is required by law to publish an annual gender pay gap report and this report is for 5 April 2023.

As a company we are proud to reveal that our mean gender pay gap is 3.13% and median pay gap is 1.02% and we believe that our company values and approach to recruitment, training and development and pay structure has helped us to achieve a lower than average and industrial norms gap.

We are pleased to say that YCL’s pay gap compares favourably with that of other similar organisations and in a lot of cases is better.

As a company we are always looking to improve and we want our gender pay gap to be lower or remain as low over the coming years. We will continue to annual publish our gender pay gap figures. Most importantly we actively encourage our colleagues’ ideas and contribution on how we can foster diversity and equality within our company.

The Data

We welcome the opportunity to report on our gender pay gap and pride ourselves on being an open company. I can confirm our data is accurate and has been calculated according to the requirements and methodology set out in the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

Harvey Dowdy
Director
Understanding the data
To help explain that data it is important to understand our company. We have a diverse range of departments including:

- Campus Nursery
- York Conference
- Catering and Hospitality
- Retail Services
- York Sport
- Design, Marketing and Print
- York Science Park Limited

Measuring the Pay Gap
Under the UK government new gender pay gap regulations employees in Great Britain with more than 250 employees are required to report their gender pay gap. Under the regulations there are two ways to measure the pay gap.

- **Median Pay Gap**
  The Median represents the middle point of a population. Therefore, the median pay gap is the difference between the employee in the middle of the range of male wages and the middle employee in the range of female wages.

- **Mean Pay Gap**
  The mean represents the average. Therefore, the mean pay gap is the difference between the average hourly rate of pay for women compared to the average hourly rate of pay for men within the company.
Our Pay Gap

The mean and median gender pay gap – based on hourly rate of ordinary pay in accordance with the regulations.

It is really important to us that every colleague is recognised and rewarded appropriately.

Bonuses

9.68% of females this year received a bonus compared to men at 1.08%. Bonuses this year were limited again due to the continued recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic.

The mean and median bonus gender pay gap and the portion of males and females receiving a bonus payment in accordance with the regulations is:

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<th>Gender</th>
<th>Mean gender bonus gap</th>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>70.33%</td>
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Gender gaps by Pay Levels

As required by the regulation we have split our relevant paid colleagues into four quartiles based on their average total hourly rate of pay to show the gender distribution for each quartile.

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<td>Lower</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>23%</td>
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The data illustrates our mean and median hourly gender pay gap at the snapshot date, 05 April 2023. Our mean gender pay gap shows that 3.09% of males are paid more than females.
**Our Plans**

Whilst YCL’s pay gap compares favourably with that of organisations both across the whole UK economy and within the sectors we operate, this is not a subject which we are complacent and are committed to doing everything that we can to reduce the gap.

We commit to the following:

- Continue to support personal and professional development through performance reviews. To continue to encourage uptake of apprenticeships.
- Carry out staff engagement surveys. Our survey was undertaken in October 2022. Feedback from the survey took place during 2023. Our next survey will be in 2025.
- To continue to discuss Gender Pay Gap at YCL’s remuneration committee.

**The Future**

At YCL we want to ensure all our colleagues have the opportunity to fully develop their career. We support colleague career progression and recognise that we commit to maintaining our positive gender pay gap.