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All We Can begins formal partnership with youth relief and development charity Y Care International

All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, has begun a formal partnership with Y Care International from 1 September 2021. United by their Christian faith, shared values, and commitment to a locally-driven partnership approach to community development, this new arrangement will allow both charities to achieve greater impact in their work to tackle poverty, inequality and injustice.

The aim of this new partnership is to see potential fulfilled in a greater number of marginalised and excluded communities across the globe. It will also allow for collaboration during humanitarian disasters, and provide a sustainable, secure future for Y Care International as an organisation.

Originally established in 1984 as the international aid and development department of YMCA England, Y Care International became an incorporated charity in 2005. The charity remains affiliated to the global YMCA movement, and works closely with YMCA entities and other youth-focused organisations to support international, youth and community focussed development and emergency programmes.

In line with All We Can's partnership approach, which recognises the unique strengths and assets of each organisation, the terms of the partnership mean that Y Care International will remain a separate, independent charity with a combined team fulfilling all of Y Care International's services. Both charities will retain their individual missions and charitable purposes, and Y Care International will continue to be a key member of the global YMCA movement. The charity's staff will become part of one combined team with All We Can, and join them at their offices in Marylebone.

All We Can's Board of Trustees are fully supportive of the partnership, and have become trustee directors of Y Care International. Additionally, the four nations of the UK will be represented by three national YMCA trustees: YMCA England and Wales, YMCA Scotland and YMCA Ireland. President and Co-founder of Y Care International, Terry Waite, will remain a Trustee and President for the organisation going forward.

Graeme Hodge, Chief Executive of All We Can and Y Care International, says, 'At the heart of this development is our core shared vision: to help more people living in vulnerable and excluded communities across the globe see their potential fulfilled. We have had the pleasure of getting to know Y Care International over the past couple of years, sharing All We Can's partnership approach and exploring opportunities for collaboration. This development is the next step in that relationship, and represents a deepening commitment to effective partnership.

Our shared vision is to see Y Care International flourish, develop its inherent assets and strengths, fulfil its charitable mission, and serve more young people and communities across the globe. That is why, driven by the principles of our partnership approach, Y Care International will remain a separate charitable organisation, maintaining its vision and identity. We are delighted to welcome Y

Care International into the All We Can family, just as we look forward to being closely associated with the YMCA family around the world, and are excited to be working together going forward.'

Terry Waite - author, humanitarian, co-founder and President of Y Care International - says, 'Y Care International is delighted to join together with our friends and colleagues at All We Can, so that together, we can continue to support young people to flourish.

This development enhances the potential for Y Care International to expand its work – ensuring that young people who are marginalised can continue to develop their skills, access trainings and employment opportunities, and see their potential fulfilled in all areas of their lives.'

Outgoing interim Chief Executive of Y Care International, Carolyn Miller, says, 'It has been a delight to work together with All We Can– we have learnt much from their locally-led partnership approach, and the great synergies between our work, values, and approach to development combined with our experience with global YMCA partners will ensure that this partnership is a success.'

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Notes for editors

1. Live or pre-recorded interviews can be provided by:
 - a. Graeme Hodge, All We Can and Y Care International Chief Executive
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 - c. Steve Adams, All We Can and Y Care International Public Engagement Director
2. For more information, please visit ycare.allwecan.org.uk
3. All We Can is the international development and emergency relief organisation of the Methodist Church. Rooted in the Christian faith, All We Can works through partnership alongside those most impacted by disasters, poverty and injustice to enable flourishing and resilient communities.
4. All We Can is the operating name of The Methodist Relief and Development Fund, registered charity number 291691.
5. Y Care International is the international relief & development agency of the YMCA movement in the UK and Ireland. Y Care International creates opportunities for vulnerable young people to help themselves out of poverty by finding jobs or setting up businesses.
6. Y Care International is a charity registered in England and Wales Reg. No. 1109789, Company Reg. No. 3997006
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8. All We Can's name should always be used in full and not abbreviated.