

DIRECTORY OF READY-TO-GO CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECTS



TOGETHER WE CAN TACKLE POVERTY

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Church Urban Fund is about Christians working together to tackle poverty, transforming the lives of society's poorest and most marginalised. We want to see all Christians, in every church and every community, tackling the problem together through the giving of time, money, action and prayer.

We believe in the importance of the relationships that Christian workers form with the poorest and most marginalised. We provide direct support and resources to Christians working with the poorest and, through them, to the poorest themselves.

In partnership with dioceses throughout England, we create local joint ventures to form relationships with people in the most deprived areas. We reinforce the efforts of Christian workers by improving their access to resources in the form of money, information and expertise. By bringing Christian workers together to share thinking, training, and best practice, we equip them with practical tools and ideas they can put to immediate use in their own communities – creating a more sustainable response to poverty.

We raise wider awareness of poverty in England by conducting research, holding conferences and sharing stories of the work already being done by Christians and the lives being transformed.

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Would you like to start a community development project at your church?

Are you feeling daunted and don't know where to start?

One way to begin tackling specific challenges faced by the poorest in your community is with the support of a social franchise. This is a national organisation whose approach has been tried and tested, and who will partner with you in setting up a 'Ready-to-Go' project at your church.

How Church Urban Fund can help

Before beginning a Ready-to-Go project at your church, Church Urban Fund may be able to provide you with local advice and development support through our local Joint Venture workers. They are present in several dioceses across England, with more being established.

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Please see our website to find out how to contact your local worker.

In this directory

We've compiled details of national organisations who:

- have a passion for helping churches be more effective in tackling poverty in their community
- can give you the tools you need, as well as advice and support throughout the whole process of setting up an initiative in your local area.

Each organisation has provided details on the benefits of the project to your community and church, what services they offer and what contributions the local church needs to make.

The advantages

There are many advantages in partnering with a national organisation to set up a community project:

Projects start sooner

Churches can hit the ground running with established procedures, promotional material and governance structures. There will be existing monitoring systems (and often specifically designed computer templates/packages).

More effective

Rather than starting from scratch, you can access the experience, best practice and learning from established organisations that have already gone through the process.

Reduces isolation and shares good practice

Running community work can be isolating and tiring. These organisations have networks (through annual conferences and e-newsletters) that bring project workers/church leaders together to share learning, common problems and to re-energise one another.

Less risky

These project models are established with clear protocols. You are not in it alone. If you face issues or problems, you have somebody at the end of a phone who can advise and support you. Consequently, it is easier for church leaderships to manage.

Adaptable

Finally, this partnership is not the same as becoming a local branch of a national organisation. These projects are owned and run by local churches and so have a high degree of ownership. Consequently they are successful at accessing the enthusiasm, finances, volunteers and prayer of local people.

Some questions before you start

What are the most important needs in your area?

What work is already going on in your area? Is new provision needed, or could you support other groups who are already addressing the need?

Can you work with/share resources with other local groups or churches to start something?

What resources do you have to offer? How will you find enough volunteers, space, equipment, and funding?

How will you keep this work going in the long term?

If you would like help in addressing these questions, please contact your local Church Urban Fund Joint Venture worker for advice and support.



PROJECT SUMMARIES



DEBT AND MONEY MANAGEMENT

Christians Against Poverty

Your church can partner with Christians Against Poverty to provide a debt counselling service or money management course for your local community. *More details – page 6*

Community Money Advice

CMA can provide you with the support and training you need to run a money advice service and meet the needs of local people whose lives are blighted by debt. *More details – page 10*



EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING

Spear

Spear is an interactive six-week programme for 16- to 24-year-old unemployed young people. It addresses the causes of underachievement, such as the absence of motivation, life skills and qualifications. *More details – page 12*

SAFE Choices Course

SAFE has been delivering statutory programmes and supporting churches for 17 years. SAFE works with those facing barriers including worklessness, depression and social deprivation. We bring hope and changed perspective, and help people to move forward. *More details – page 14*



FOODBANK

The Trussell Trust

Starting a foodbank is a great way to help those in crisis in your own community, by providing three days' worth of nutritionally balanced food and support. *More details – page 16*



HEALTH

Parish Nursing Ministries UK

A church or group of churches can appoint a Parish Nurse, developing a service that is complementary to NHS provision. The nurse could offer personal health advice, and promote the integration of spiritual care with physical care. *More details – page 18*

HOMELESS

Depaul Nightstop UK – Emergency accommodation

Nightstop is the provision of emergency accommodation for single homeless 16- to 25-year-olds exclusively in the homes of approved volunteers. *More details – page 20*



STREET LIFE/CRIME

Street Angels

Street Angels works in towns and cities across the UK generally on Friday and Saturday nights offering safe places and safe people to those who become vulnerable in any way. *More details – page 22*



Street Pastors

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue. *More details – page 24*



YOUTH

StreetSpace

StreetSpace is an initiative by Frontier Youth Trust that works out in the community to support churches develop quality relationships with young people and to grow relevant expression of church. *More details – page 26*



TLG

TLG helps churches to work with young people who are at a crisis point in their education, are at risk of exclusion or have been excluded from school. *More details – page 28*



Worth Unlimited

Worth Unlimited is a national Christian charity working with Christians in local communities to set up projects with marginalised young people seeking to build hope, unlock potential, and realise worth. *More details – page 32*



COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Eden Associates

Eden Associates partners with local expressions of church in under-privileged urban communities through teams of people, many of whom have relocated to live in the area. *More details – page 34*



Christians Against Poverty

CAP Debt Counseling Centre



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Christians Against Poverty is an award-winning, national debt counselling charity working in partnership with local churches across the UK. CAP provides top quality debt counselling and practical support in a way that enables people to experience and respond to the love of Jesus.

Start of organisation:

August 1996

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

190+

Brief description

Operating a CAP Centre enables your church to engage with the poor, disadvantaged and socially excluded on your doorstep. It is an amazing opportunity to express God's love in action – meeting people's practical needs by helping them with their debts, while also providing the love and support that's needed to lead those interested into a life of faith.

Expected results

This would depend on the number of sessions a centre is open for. One session is equal to half a day and Centre Managers typically work a minimum of four sessions a week. This would enable the centre to see four new clients a month.

Advantages to church

A relevant outreach tool tackling one of today's biggest social problems.

Social action and evangelism hand-in-hand.

Partnering with an award-winning Christian charity.

Services provided by national organisation

- Training for all of the centre managers and debt coaches
- Debt counselling is centralised and covered by our insurance
- A national phone number through which appointments are booked.
- Centralised client payment system so all clients' debts and bills can be paid in one simple payment
- Access to central client hardship fund to support clients in emergency situations
- Specialised insolvency support to help clients with bankruptcies, IVAs or debt relief orders
- Specialised evangelism support
- Press and media training

Financial cost to church

Option 1 - £6000 minimum contribution to CAP per annum. Paid in monthly direct debits. CAP provides all of the debt counselling allowing the centre manager to focus on practical and spiritual support.

Option 2 - £2000 minimum contribution. Local centre takes on the upfront debt counselling, which includes working out a budget and negotiating with priority creditors. This means the centre manager would spend more time with clients but would see fewer clients than option 1.

Operating a volunteer centre would not require a salary to be paid, but if a salary is required, this would be paid by the church.

Non-financial requirements for church

Office space – desk, phone, computer.

Prayer and support team (including support workers) – min. 12 people.

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Christians Against Poverty

Money Management



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Start of organisation:

August 1996

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

1000+

Brief description

CAP Money is a three-session, DVD based, money management course, which teaches people how to budget, save, and gain more control over their finances. It is a resource that we make available to churches, to use both within their congregation and community. Based on biblical principles for wise financial management, the course is a fantastic tool that enables churches to reach out to their local community, while engaging in one of the most pressing issues in our nation today: personal debt.

Expected results

Course numbers can vary in size. This is the decision of those running the course (money coaches). They can be anything from one or two people, to 30 or 40. However, we would recommend that money coaches run a course for the number of people they are comfortable with.

Advantages to church

A quick, easy and inexpensive way for churches to start reaching out to those in their community who are in financial difficulty.

Services provided by national organisation

CAP Money Plus. This is part of the CAP Money package, and is an internet-based system which money coaches can refer delegates to if their situation requires it, i.e. they are in debt and need more help than basic money management. Delegates are then able to access the CAP account and caseworkers etc to pay off their secondary debts (credit cards, store cards, unsecured personal loans, and overdrafts). This is a great tool for those needing a guiding hand, but it is not supposed to replace the holistic service that a centre offers.

Financial cost to church

£45 per person trained. This includes 10 delegate workbooks, publicity materials, full training and ongoing support.

Non-financial requirements for church

A venue for the course, although it could be run outside of the church. Volunteers to provide refreshments, although the number of these would depend on the size of the group.

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Community Money Advice (CMA)



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

If you want to establish a money and debt advice service for your community, CMA can provide you with all the support, guidance and training you need to run a free, face-to-face service, which will effectively meet the needs of local people whose lives are being blighted by debt problems.

Start of organisation:
2003 as a registered charity

Number of churches/
groups currently supported:
120

Brief description

CMA provides you with the legal and operational framework for running an effective advice centre, plus a range of benefits, services and direct support, in the context of a national community of advice centres.

Expected results

CMA's view is that 'success' comes with helping each individual in need, regardless of numbers, but the average, 'mature' CMA centre has a 'live' caseload of 40-60 at any given time; repaying clients' debts, teaching clients how to manage their money for the future, relieving the stress and fear that indebtedness creates.

Advantages to church

The CMA model allows the flexibility to work according to resources available and the local community need, while having the support and credibility of being affiliated to a respected, national organisation.

Services provided by national organisation

We provide recognised adviser training, including specialist courses; policy and procedure formats approved by the Legal Services Commission; a free phone Adviceline for advisors; case management software; regional support managers; free and automatic membership of AdviceUK.

We provide a range of web and paper based resources to support your work - from sector news, to guidance on local fundraising, to in-house training courses. Through our support managers, regional meetings, and national annual conference, you can meet others and be part of an extended community with a shared vision.

Financial cost to church

Joining CMA costs (@ 2012) £975, with an annual renewal fee of £475.

Our two part (two day) Generalist Debt Advice Training course costs (@ 2012):

- £40 per head per day (phpd) for CMA members
- £70 phpd for non-members
- If you have more than eight people to train, our trainers will come to you (no travel costs for your team or organisation).
- Training for statutory or non-charitable organisations is charged at a rate of £100 phpd (@ 2012)

CMA's Setting Up a Debt Advice Centre booklet includes a breakdown of likely total costs: typically up to £3,000 to set-up from scratch, and approx. £1,000 to £1,500 pa thereafter (this includes the CMA joining/annual fees detailed above).

Non-financial requirements for church

Full requirements are detailed in CMA's Setting Up a Debt Advice Centre booklet. Key requirements:

- The commitment to follow through (a client may be with you for up to 5 years).
- A minimum of 3 members on the team, including an administrator, and may include support workers. The average in a CMA centre is currently 8.
- A welcoming 'meeting' room in which to see clients, and a secure office space for administration work. The CMA model and guidance can also apply to a home visit service.
- The support of the leaders/ministers if you are a church or faith group; people committed to giving prayer support; and possibly financial support.
- CMA affiliates must comply with all current legislation pertaining to debt advice practice. Their service must be unconditional and completely FREE to clients.

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Spear

A Resurgo Trust Initiative

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Spear is a project of Resurgo Trust which exists to galvanise neighbourhood transformation in London and beyond. Spear's vision is "to ignite a 'vision of the possible' in unemployed young people, to build their confidence and ability to affect life-changing choices; and to develop their leadership potential within the local community."

Start of organisation:
2004

Number of churches partnered with:
2

Brief description

Spear is a highly interactive 6-week course which addresses the most common causes of underachievement, such as the absence of motivation to consider opportunities, life skills, and job search skills; and the need for information, advice and guidance, qualifications and opportunity.

Expected results

Each Spear centre works with up to 90 young people a year. Of those who graduate from the course 75% are still in employment or training one year later.

Advantages to church

Resurgo offers churches the opportunity to engage with disadvantaged young people not in education, employment or training by using their tried and tested award-winning materials and its unique coaching expertise to establish relationships and see lasting change in their community.

Services provided by national organisation

Resurgo has adopted a 'joint-venture' model with partner churches whereby the charity fully commits to a partner centre. Resurgo provides not only the necessary materials to run the programme. It also provides recruitment, training, line-management and on-going support to ensure the programme is run effectively and through adopting an appropriate culture to create long-lasting relationships with local young people.

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Financial cost to church

The one-off start up cost to the church in setting up a Spear programme is around £20k.

The ongoing running costs of the programme are £82k per annum. These are direct costs rather than charged through Resurgo Trust.

Resurgo Trust provides support to churches in raising this funding from outside of the church congregation.

Non-financial requirements for church

The church will need to provide a bright training room, office space for three staff and back office support for the Spear team.



SAFE

Choices Course

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

SAFE has been delivering statutory programmes and supporting churches for 17 years. SAFE works with those facing barriers including worklessness, depression and social deprivation. We bring hope and changed perspective, and help people to move forward.

Start of organisation:

1995

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

7

Brief description

SAFE offers an innovative Choices course - a holistic programme based on cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and vocational support to help people to move forward and into employment. This is currently delivered as both an adult and a youth programme, and has become the focus of SAFE's work.

There are Choices courses for school age (year 10-11), youth (16-18 NEET), 18-25, 25+, which can be delivered in partnership with your church.

The course is two days a week for five weeks. There is an extensive manual with vocational and CBT strands. The content has been developed from 17 years experience and evidence of its outcomes has been shown by university clinical trial. It involves group and individual work, fun, shared lunches, is very relational and aims at all academic levels.

Expected results

- Engagement - each course will have approximately 8-12 participants.
- Mental health – significantly improved mental health with lower levels of anxiety and depression.
- Employment - this may be quick or may take some time. It depends on the degree of difficulty and barriers of the people you are helping.
- Flourishing and resilience - there is increased confidence and self-esteem, making a huge difference to the quality of daily living.

We have had remarkable results from school courses with almost all SEBD students re-engaging in school, going on to GCSEs and college.

Advantages to church

The church reaches out relevantly to their local community, meeting real needs.



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This is a proper evidence-based intervention that has a huge impact on needy people.

While the course is delivered deliberately as a secular course, it is an opportunity to build bridges, befriend people, and invite them to further activity.

Services provided by national organisation

SAFE provides very comprehensive facilitators manual and candidate manuals. The process is clearly mapped out, ensuring quality of provision and ease of use for non-professional facilitators. There is ongoing development of materials.

SAFE equips facilitators. It is necessary to thoroughly equip local facilitators. SAFE provides two days off-the-job training, looking at theory and background to the course. There is extensive on-the-job mentored training, with observations leading to accreditation.

Financial cost to church

Ongoing costs: include course manuals (around £120), cost of venue, stationery and training equipment (around £400), travel and subsistence (meals around £400 per course) and salaries if any local staff are employed.

Training the facilitators: It is essential to be accredited to run Choices. This is a one-off cost. Costs depend on the number of days training required, but support is at £200 per day typically.

Non-financial requirements for church

- Venue for training.
- Equipment for course including DVDs, flip charts, projector, sound system etc (full list available).
- Lunches and refreshments.
- Volunteers: each course needs two facilitators, lunches, set up, admin, sometimes additional learner support, post course coaching, and prayer support.



The Trussell Trust

Foodbank

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

A Christian charity, restoring dignity and reviving hope by launching life-changing community based projects at home and overseas.

Start of organisation:

Charity: 1997
Foodbank: 2000
Network: 2004

Number of churches/
groups currently
supported:

**270 foodbank
projects launched as
at October 2012**

Brief description

A foodbank is a simple and unique concept designed to help individuals in crisis by providing free emergency food for three days (10 balanced meals), which is the period we assessed as the minimum time it takes for the appropriate welfare agencies to be in a position to assist. This period can be extended if necessary. Food is collected from the public as they shop at supermarkets, churches, local groups and schools, and this is 'banked' in a store. Food vouchers obtained from frontline care professionals and others working in the front line of poverty, are exchanged for emergency food at a foodbank centre cafe manned by caring volunteers.

Expected results

Established foodbanks can expect to feed up to 3000 people a year, depending on the size of town or borough supported. Clients have the opportunity to share their experience with trained volunteers who can signpost them to additional services to break the cycle of poverty and change lives. Befriended clients often volunteer with the foodbank and find they are loved and valued and so many come to Christ.

Advantages to church

The Trussell Trust provides:

- A foodbank operating manual on CD. This will include all the flowcharted processes, forms and guidance necessary to set up and run a food bank
- On-site training for selected project staff and volunteers, based on the manual, to prepare them to open the foodbank
- Additional project support or training at later stage to eliminate areas of difficulty or to walk through particular processes, and also a helpline service
- A web-based online data collection system
- A social enterprise project to help fund the foodbank



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- A free foodbank website and professionally-designed, publicity material templates for standard look and feel resources (banners leaflets etc)

This ensures a very high probability of a successful project run by people with little experience, but a good degree of motivation.

Services provided by national organisation

- Co-ordination of the foodbank Network to share experience, best practice, and encouragement
- An annual quality audit of your foodbank procedures and guidance on development, providing a written report for your trustees
- An annual conference
- A web-based network forum to share information, fundraising ideas etc

Financial cost to church

Churches are expected to make a donation (currently £1500) towards Trussell Trust expenses supporting your project and a small annual donation towards the ongoing costs of the network support. Local project costs vary depending on the need to pay staff (P/T) and rent warehouse, cafe area.

Estimated annual costs range from £10k to £18k including the donation above.

Non-financial requirements for church

- Small office with IT and telephone
- Food-store/warehouse –size of double garage in year one
- Cafe area – enough for three tables with four chairs, and small kitchen/coffee making area
- Initial team of about 12 volunteers, some with particular skills like fundraising, admin, coordination etc
- As a community project we envisage this being provided by partnering with other local churches



Parish Nursing Ministries UK

Health Ministry

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

A Christian charity, restoring dignity and reviving hope by launching life-changing community based projects at home and overseas.

Start of organisation:
2004

Number of churches/
groups currently
supported:

78

Brief description

PNMUK is a small infrastructure organisation with the purpose of promoting, developing and resourcing the practice of parish nursing in the UK. Churches are encouraged to appoint registered nurses to lead a health promotion ministry with the congregation and community. S/he may work anything from four voluntary or paid hours a week to fulltime. Training, professional support, expenses and an annual contribution to the national organisation are paid by the church. Accountability is to the church and the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Professional supervision is arranged.

Expected results

A nurse working four hours a week records an average of 400 significant interventions in a year. Around half of these will include prayer or discussion of faith, and at least one third of the interventions are likely to be with people who do not attend church.

Advantages to church

This is an extremely effective way of building bridges in the community; increasing the church's links with other third sector activities and health providers in the area; improving the health of local people and encouraging them to use their gifts to engage with the community in volunteering; providing additional support to existing pastoral care teams; and helping people discover spiritual resources and the gift of prayer at a point of need. The church may already have the resources in the form of nurses in its membership. They just need the training, commissioning and willingness of the church to share in this ministry.



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Services provided by national organisation

PNMUK offers:

- Information-sharing meetings with churches and ministers
- The initial preparation of one residential week's training for registered nurses
- An international certificate and badge once they have completed a portfolio of practice
- Ongoing national and regional study days for the nurses
- A regional coordinator who may be contacted for ongoing advice
- Resources for documentation and policies
- Quality standard guidance for church projects
- Monitoring of research and evaluation
- Liaison with other national bodies interested in health
- International links with Parish Nursing around the world.

Non-financial requirements for church

- A volunteer support team of six to eight people that meets about every two months
- At least 'hot desk' office space and a room for private conversations. Access to a computer and printer (for downloading resources, not for keeping records) stationery and separate mobile phone
- A line-manager
- Access to some but not necessarily all staff meetings
- A lockable filing cabinet for sole use by the nurse



Depaul Nightstop UK

Nightstop Emergency Accommodation



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Umbrella body for the development of new, and support to existing, accredited Nightstop services.

Start of organisation:

Established in 1987 merged with Depaul UK in 2007

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

Currently 40 accredited Nightstop services

Brief description

Nightstop is the provision of emergency accommodation, in the homes of approved volunteers, for young people aged 16-25 years old who are homeless. Each Nightstop service sets up as an independent body, or adds the provision of Nightstop to existing services, and agrees to work within quality standards and accreditation criteria of Depaul Nightstop UK, with its support.

Expected results

Across the UK last year 9463 Nightstop bednights were offered by volunteer hosts to over 3000 young people who were homeless. Some services operate with 3-4 hosting 'families' while others have over 40. The use of Nightstop depends on partnership working with local agencies, and what alternative services are locally available.

Many Nightstops offer a range of additional services to young people such as: Supported Lodgings, Crashpad, mediation, preventative education, befriending services and support young people newly managing their own tenancies.

Advantages to church

Nightstop offers a way of involving community members in providing a very hands-on service to local young people who are homeless.

Basically there is a volunteering role for everyone in a Nightstop service, including hosts, telephone contact people, drivers, administrators and fundraisers.

Services provided by national organisation

Depaul Nightstop UK offers support setting up and running a service. It provides resources such as policy documents, a training pack for volunteers, and advice on all operational and governance matters. Each Nightstop has a designated Depaul Nightstop UK Support and Development Manager.

Nightstops can meet each other at regional forum meetings and annual conference, and there is a regular newsletter and email information.

A free database is available to support the collection of local statistics and the management of Nightstop information.

Depaul Nightstop UK will ensure all services operate to national standards, providing reports on Quality Standards Assessment visits and suggestions for improving practice.

Financial cost to church

Some Nightstops have a small budget to cover basic expenses only, while others employ several staff and have budgets of several hundred thousands of pounds. Each specific case would need to be discussed to ascertain a realistic budget for a Nightstop service.

Nightstop could fit comfortably alongside existing services run by a church and may cost very little extra to operate. It is worth exploring partnership working with other agencies/ local authorities where the cost and supply of resources can be shared.

Non-financial requirements for church

The biggest non-financial resource is the volunteers needed to run the service. Office space and equipment may be available within existing church resources at little or no extra cost.

It may be possible for the church to find other local partners who can supply the money to pay for staffing and to cover staff and volunteer expenses etc.

Alternatively a group of churches together may wish to fully resource a service between them to cover all the relevant parishes.

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Christian Nightlife Initiative Network



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Street Angels works in towns and cities across the UK generally on Friday and Saturday nights offering safe place and safe people to those who become vulnerable in any way. Street Angels was pioneered in Halifax and the Christian Nightlife Initiative Network supports other towns that run independent Street Angels projects.

Start of organisation:
25 November 2005

Number of churches/
groups currently
supported:

Around 100 across UK

Brief description

Street Angels and similar projects work in over 100 communities across the UK and meet whatever needs are encountered such as, in Halifax:

- Helping homeless people who come to Angels Rest, our Fairtrade Café or who we meet on the streets to access support
- Helping those who are using the night-time economy who may become vulnerable – eg young people who have too much to drink, those who have had their drinks spiked
- Providing referrals to other agencies (eg pregnancy advice, drug and alcohol services)
- Working with the police and other agencies to ensure violent crime is reduced in the town centre
- Providing a safe presence in the town centre on busy nights

Expected results

Often Street Angels launches at the request of the police who recognise the impact faith communities can have on the wider society.

Street Angels provides real help at key times and helps address issues of binge drinking, violence, or sexual assaults that are commonplace in many towns and cities.

In many of the towns and cities where Street Angels and similar projects run, violent crime is generally reduced and the town moves from a binge to better culture.

Advantages to church

The project shows the Christian faith in action and that the church has an interest in assisting the vulnerable in our society at a time (9pm – 3am) of most need.

It is a good example of partnership working between church, police, councils, various agencies and volunteers, within and outside the faith.

Services provided by national organisation

The Street Angels – CNI Network offers support and resources through its web site www.cninetwork.org.uk. Towns wishing to launch Street Angels or similar projects can freely copy these resources. The Help and Ideas booklet covers all areas such as insurance, training, etc.

Paul Blakey is available via email or telephone to chat to other towns and projects and will consider visiting to speak to groups of churches about Street Angels and to answer questions.

Also search Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network on Facebook and Twitter.

Financial cost to church

In Halifax, Street Angels costs around £8,000 - £10,000 per annum to run (excluding Project Manager costs). Initial costs include high visibility jackets (we encourage sponsorship to cover the cost of these), CCTV radios / mobile phones, insurance, use of premises and training of volunteers. We encourage churches to work together with other churches on running Street Angels.

Non-financial requirements for church

People! Volunteers are needed to run the project – in Halifax we have around 45 on the database with around 15 who commit weekly and a further 10 who commit at least monthly. Street Angels ideally work in teams of three on the streets and three at the café base.

A café base is a good idea – somewhere safe near to the town centre club and pub scene, which is open during the hours of operation (e.g. a church).

Other requirements include someone to support the volunteers, to administer CRBs, to recruit and train volunteers, to look for funding, and to link people with police, PubWatch, council, etc. A Project Manager would ideally take care of all this.

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Street Pastors

Ascension Trust



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Street Pastors is a Christian network, overseen by Ascension Trust. Street Pastors work in local communities, partnering with churches and agencies to train and equip Christians to listen, care and help their communities, usually on Friday and Saturday nights.

Start of organisation:
1993

Number of churches/
groups currently
supported:

950

Brief description

Street Pastors was started in Brixton by Rev Les Isaac OBE in 2003, as a response to gangs, crime and violence in local communities. Street Pastors is a Christian network, working in partnership with Ascension Trust.

The aim of Street Pastors is to provide a Christian presence on the streets in order to listen, care and help. Street Pastors offer care and support to patrons of the late night economy, from city centres to local villages. Street Pastors is a wide, inclusive movement, with Christian volunteers from many backgrounds. Street Pastors is currently active in more than 250 locations throughout the UK, with in excess of 10,000 volunteer street pastors trained since 2003.

Expected results

Individual street pastors undergo a rigorous recruitment process and complete a high quality 50-hour training course. Street Pastors assists over 3,500 people in local communities each weekend, including those suffering from age, ill-health and disability by providing counselling and support, and being a reassuring presence in the night-time economy.

Street Pastors signposts those in need to local agencies, who can provide on going help. Many street pastors have the opportunity to share their faith, as they seek to meet the spiritual needs of local communities.

In areas where Street Pastors operates there have been substantial recorded falls in crime, and increased feelings of security and community. Since 2003, Street Pastors has enjoyed strong support from local churches, police, councils and senior politicians, including Boris Johnson and David Cameron.

Advantages to church

Ascension Trust has a proven track record of developing strong partnerships between church, police and government, and Street Pastors is seen as a gold standard in citizen patrols. Street Pastors uses Home Office and Scotland Yard approved protocols, and enjoys strong support from the Church.

Services provided by national organisation

Ascension Trust provides comprehensive support, including extensive materials; regular email updates; training conferences; and access to expert assistance on legal, policy, HR, financial, accounting, reporting, operations, training, uniform, IT and web issues.

Financial cost to church

To become a street pastor involves 50 hours of high quality training and a uniform, provided for £300. Ascension Trust provides its services to every local Street Pastor group in proportion to the funding raised locally.

Non-financial requirements for church

Normally, four church denominations are required to set up Street Pastors. A minimum of 12 volunteers is needed before training can commence to ensure the sustainability of the project and wellbeing of the volunteers.

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StreetSpace

An initiative of Frontier Youth Trust



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Frontier Youth Trust (FYT) is working with young people at risk towards justice, equality and community. We are a Christian network dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God. Based upon our direct experience of youth work and research we also support, resource, inform, advise and train those working with and on behalf of disadvantaged young people. FYT believes that the most effective youth work is built upon Christian principles.

Start of organisation:

FYT: 1960
StreetSpace: April 2010

Number of churches/ groups currently supported:

38

Brief description

We support local churches and projects to engage young people locally, helping to get the project underway, providing policies, training and ongoing support. We share our knowledge and intend to grow relevant expressions of church with marginalised young people, which we call “church on the edge”.

Expected results

Local projects can contact 200 plus young people in the community, with outcomes including:

- Increased engagement of at risk young people
- Provision of safer opportunities for young people to grow
- Development of healthier ways of living including sports opportunities, reducing risks of substance and alcohol abuse, promotion of healthy eating and sexual well-being
- Reduction in antisocial behaviour
- Increase in the positive contribution young people make to local communities and their sense of citizenship
- Opportunities to transform local environments
- Increased community participation in local democratic processes

Advantages to church

StreetSpace has been written up by DEMOS –the leading think-tank - as a model of good practice in community work and engagement.

Local expressions –Street-based youth work responding to local needs and consulting young people. Projects can be established as distinct StreetSpace projects; as partnership projects where the local church/ group maintains much of its own identity; or simply supported and mentored.

Employment of a unique tried and tested methodology – comprising defined stages for effective detached work and mission in the community.

A national community of practice and network – where support, training and supervision will be offered and learning, good practice and innovation shared.

Services provided by national organisation

- Access to the StreetSpace Network, Logo, ID cards, branding and being part of the national movement (this may help with funding)
- A start-up pack, with comprehensive policies, procedures, and publicity information
- Coaching/ mentoring or non-managerial supervision of the project leader, three times a year
- Advanced training & materials in year two
- Helpline and impartial advice –face to face, telephone and email
- Training provision –one event per year, further training available through negotiation
- Online community of practice and face-to-face network eg annual conference network event, FYT newsletter
- Consider project exit strategy and/ or further development
- 10% discount on FYT resources
- Access to: Frontier Camps for young people, StreetSpace website and your own email address, reductions in Millets and Blacks stores, insurance

Financial cost to church

£500 per year plus travel

Non-financial requirements for church

Volunteers (minimum two) or paid staff. Local support/ prayer group.

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TLG

Early Intervention Centres

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

TLG is a Christian charity that works with children and young people who have been excluded from school, are at risk of exclusion or are at crisis point in their education. Our vision is to help by combining education with personal development. We address behavioural difficulties and the issues that have put a young person in crisis. Our purpose is work with those who are missing out not only on an education but, more often than not, a childhood.

Start of organisation:

Established in 1987 and registered as a charity in 1998

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

7 early intervention centres

Brief description

TLG works in partnership with local churches across the UK to set up early intervention centres for children attending primary school. Churches will identify a co-ordinator and a number of volunteers in their church who have a heart for mentoring children who are struggling in their education. The church partners with a local school and sends these volunteers (mentors) to the school to work with pupils for an hour a week of behaviour coaching. Each Early Intervention Centre will provide help and mentoring to children across the country on a one-to-one basis. Alongside this TLG will offer training and ongoing advice and support for the church partner.

Expected results

Each centre can have a maximum of 10 mentors per co-ordinator. Each mentor will work with one child for an hour a week.

Advantages to church

TLG wants to inspire the local church to invest in their communities through working with their local schools. The Early Intervention Project was created to support primary school aged children struggling with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

The project aims to build strong and trusting relationships between schools and churches which can lead to the church being able to conduct more activities in the school.



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Services provided by national organisation

Churches can attend church leader days or visit existing centres to gain a better understanding of how our centres work. The National Support Centre (NSC) provides all support, training for co-ordinators and volunteers and guidance in setting up and running the centre. This includes fundraising, administration support and development. The centre becomes part of TLG and is constantly in contact with NSC.

Financial cost to church

The initial cost for the partner church is £1800 a year which is £150 a month. TLG will directly fund half the costs through regular giving and there are even grants available to support the church towards funding the cost of the Early Intervention Centre.

After a year, when the annual audit has been completed the cost is reduced. The partner church costs would be £100 pcm and again this is matched by TLG through regular giving. Although some intensity of support is reduced TLG still provides up-to-date support to the church partner and the volunteers.

Non-financial requirements for church

A heart for working with children who are struggling with their education and wanting to engage with their local community. A willingness from volunteer mentors to give an hour a week and for the church leadership and volunteers to be committed to the Early Intervention Programme for one year.



TLG

Education Centres

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

TLG is a Christian charity that works with young people who have been excluded from school, are at risk of exclusion or are at crisis point in their education. Our vision is to help teenagers that are growing up in some of the toughest circumstances. By combining education with personal development we address behavioural difficulties and the issues that have put a young person in crisis. Our purpose is work with those who are missing out not only on an education but, more often than not, a childhood.

Start of organisation:

Established in 1987 and registered as a charity in 1998

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

10 education centres

Brief description

TLG works in partnership with local churches across the UK to set up education centres for young people who have been excluded from schools and/or are at a crisis point in their education. Young people are referred from their school and come to a TLG centre to continue their education in a different environment. Three members of staff work with up to nine children at a time with an aim to build relationships with the young people and work with them to achieve GCSE equivalent accreditations. The achievements of the pupils are celebrated with friends and families at graduation ceremonies. There are also opportunities for pupils to engage with after school activities such as football clubs, music and faith-based residential visits where they can deepen relationships with staff and other pupils. At the end of their time in the centre we aim to see young people back in their school, or in further education, training or employment.

Expected results

TLG helps 450 young people per year. Each centre provides classrooms to educate up to nine pupils per classroom at any one time. At the end of their time with the centre, we would wish to see the young person move back to school, to further education or into training or employment. Currently TLG has a 92% success rate of this being achieved.

Advantages to church

This is an opportunity for the church to invest in young people in the local community who are in need of education, personal support and spiritual guidance. This project opens the door for the church to be at the forefront of challenging one of the UK's largest problems. Through working with young people the church has a pathway to engage with a much wider set of community issues. Local communities are crying out for support and this project



gives the church opportunities to help in situations such as family breakdown and substance abuse which may otherwise be closed off.

Services provided by national organisation

Churches can attend church leader days or visit existing centres to gain a better understanding of how our centres work. The National Support Centre (NSC) provides all support and guidance in setting a centre up and running the centre. This includes fundraising, administration support and development. The centre becomes part of TLG and is constantly in contact with NSC.

Financial cost to church

Every centre is different but there are some common features. Each centre building needs to be brought up to Ofsted standards. This costs roughly £30,000. The centre also needs to account for the provision of salaries for the first year for at least three members of staff. NSC works in partnership with the church to raise the funds from grants, fundraising and NSC support. The church is not expected to raise this money by themselves or without support.

Non-financial requirements for church

A heart for working with excluded young people and the local community. A willingness to open an alternative education school. The church will need space for a 60sqm room with ancillary toilet, medical room and small office.

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Worth Unlimited

Community Youth Work



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Worth Unlimited is a Christian charity and social enterprise primarily set up to work with young people in the UK suffering from the effects of poverty and deprivation. Across the UK we are developing partnerships with local churches and community groups to work with young people. Our aim is build hope, unlock potential and realise worth in every young person we work with. We have a clear and bold ambition to see young people once "written-off" by society becoming activists for transformation within their own community.

Start of organisation:

Established in 1997

Number of churches/
groups currently
supported:

30

Brief description

We build long-term grassroots relationships, deliver effective programmes, support young entrepreneurs and develop local partnerships. The majority of our staff and volunteers live in the neighbourhoods where they work and experience directly what it is like to live on an estate dealing with issues of poor housing stock, schools with low achievement levels, high crime rates and a wide range of other issues.

Expected results

We build the foundations for a sustainable project through detached work, strategic planning, identifying partnerships, and providing creative forums for young people to express their views. Workers and volunteers then engage young people through for example creative arts, digital media, bike clubs, sports activities, girls groups etc. We work with young offenders, those excluded from education, long-term unemployed and those at risk from engaging in destructive behaviour.

Worth Unlimited is also an enabling organisation helping communities themselves to support young people. We provide accredited youthwork courses, training for young social entrepreneurs, and develop redundant buildings into community hubs involving young people.

Our community projects vary from working with over 750 young people a week to less than 30. Some are small single estate-based work led by sessional staff and volunteers, to well-established branches with turnovers in excess of £100,000 per annum.

Advantages to church

Our menu of programmes includes World Worth Living In (an OCN accredited personal and social development programme), Hope Academy (working with young people

at risk of exclusion and young offenders), That Reading Thing (literacy programme), Mentoring, Thrive Youthwork Training (up to Level 3), Romance Academy (Relationships programme), Creative Arts workshops, Sports and Fitness programmes, Gardening projects, Youth Social Enterprise Academy etc.

We can provide resources that enable Christians/churches to establish a long-term project. The local project can then become part of a wider learning community across the country.

Services provided by national organisation

In general terms through our branch structure we can offer training, insurance, governance, charity status, social enterprise set up, legal advice, audited accounts, payroll service, management and supervision, programmes menu, strategic development, best practice and learning community, wider networking, fundraising support.

Financial cost to church

To become a Worth Unlimited Branch involves a flat 10% charge of income from the local project to cover the services provided above.

If your church is in an area of high deprivation we can look to partner with you in developing a sustainable youthwork project with a package of support that starts with a FREE consultation visit. For more details on this, get in touch.

Non-financial requirements for church

We work with local projects to ascertain the needs for the development of that local project.

We would expect there to be some subsidy for hire of premises, a team of committed volunteers, some evidence that local church members act as community anchors and an understanding of local issues.

Office space would be desirable but not essential.

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Eden Associates

Community Transformation

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION

Eden Network: transforming communities from the inside out.

Eden teams live long-term (minimum five years) as an incarnational Christian presence in the most challenging neighbourhoods, sharing the problems of those growing up there, becoming their friends and helping them to become disciples of Christ.

With roots in the council estates and inner city communities of Greater Manchester, Eden now has regional hubs in Greater London, Yorkshire, Humber and the North East.

Start of organisation:

September 1997

Number of churches/groups currently supported:

23 established Eden partners (churches).

Brief description

An Eden Partnership is a close working relationship with a church. The partner makes an annual contribution of £3,500, giving them unlimited access to all support and resources. Strict criteria apply to become an Eden Partner.

The Eden Associates Network offers more churches a looser relational involvement, enabling them to access a wide range of support options, on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis. They can access resources developed through 15 years of work in deprived areas, train alongside experienced Eden leaders, participate in network events, and receive personal coaching and long-term support.

Expected results

Some of the reasons groups enter into a relationship with the Eden Network include:

- Get better at reaching urban youth
- Become more effective at making disciples, or grow and advance local church
- Become more 'professional', and develop a more tangible vision and strategy
- Enlarge the local team numerically
- Become more sustainable
- Connect with other urban ministry groups
- Become more attractive to funders or gain greater credibility

Advantages to church

A church can benefit from a living two-way relationship with a recognised and respected organisation with 15 years experience in urban youth and community work.

The help Eden offers is broadly grouped into:

- Strategy and planning
- Motivation and training



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- Sustainability
- Administration and policy
- Leadership development

Services provided by national organisation

- Video and online training resources
- Operations manual
- Strategy workshops for leadership team
- Policy development and project management tools
- Annual national conference, team leaders training residentials, and monthly live 'formation' evenings (training and prayer)
- Email and phone support
- Experienced coach for team leader
- Page on national website
- Funding guidance

Financial cost to church

Eden Associates pay 'per item' with lots of goodies offered at free or heavily subsidised rates.

Eg: Formation evening costs around £10 a head, conferences £50 a head, Team Leader residentials £200 (full board), Safeguarding Guidance Info with DVD £20.

A full list is online: eden-network.org/associates - click on the 'Relating to Eden' document that you can print off.

Non-financial requirements for church

Commitment to seeing transformation in deprived urban community, expressed through some - if not all - team members choosing to become resident in the target community.

