

Written Country Reports - International Forum 2015

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Fusion Ghana

1. GOAL -TO ESTABLISH A SELF-SUPPORTING LOCAL MISSION MOVEMENT TO BRING JUSTICE, MERCY AND COMPASSION TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR COMMUNITIES IN GHANA, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

2. to continue to train, support team members for effective mission work

3. we hope to work on the different parts of the work: administration, Vision and mission

Fusion center in Yendi will provide training and capacity building to local volunteers across Ghana so they can contribute to the well being of their community. Again, the center will serve as a catalyst that facilitates the growth of networking of friends and associates across the country. It also aims to serve the community by providing lodging at low cost to tourist, missionaries and travelers

Fusion Ghana’s main commitment is to expand the work to other regions in the country which includes the Greater Accra(Tema), upper west region (Wa), Brong Ahafo region (Sunyani), Northern region(Tamale main)and other places. Currently the work in Tema is up and going with

about 20 team members led by **Kate and Henry** with the support of **Jonathan and Ed** who have



taken part in foundation in the past.

1 .Action- The process of mission will be our main resource, prayer and research.

Programs that we are running:

Figure 1

Yendi Ernest, Martha and Daniel are taking leadership in the accommodation facility in Yendi, and its doing great, we also have Amos,Joshua in the community of Kpasantado and Natangu who were part of the leadership training last year and also were present last month to take part in the short school of mission.

TEAMS;

There are about 20 team members in Yendi currently, these includes, Ernest, Joshua, Amos, Abigail, Kwami, Francis Bonako, Daniel, Martha, Mercy, Elizabeth etc. The will all together be running Kids club in Natangu along side with festivals.

SPORTS FOR HOPE:

The sports for hope program are still ongoing with renewed enthusiasm. The boys volley ball team was the national Milo game champion whiles the girls were runners up.

There is also hand ball and table tennis that is happening in the Yendi center/

MISSION/PILGIMAGE;

We are working towards a pilgrimage to Ghana next year, hopefully in August or September

CELEBRATION:

We thank God for the many people who have been train and hope that they will commit themselves to the work for the next one year

THANKS

Thanks to Australia for allowing Dave and Jo to come to Ghana in spite of the work load that you have, we are indeed very grateful for your generosity.

CHALLENGES;

Division, lack of trust

Fusion Nigeria

Centre Name : Nassarawa - Kaduna

Country: Nigeria

Person compiling report. Nentawe Gomiyar

Date; 19/10/15

Overall vision / goals for the work: To become a self-supporting centre raising resources locally and offering support to other centres across Africa.

Team Members and what they do:

Benard Titus – Asst Team Leader and Projects Manger

Promise Adams – Nentawe – Coordinator Praying Mothers Network

Alex Phillips – Tournament Coordinator

Danjuma Duniya – Festivals/Kids Club Coordinator

Irmiya Dashira – Asst Tournament Coordinator

Matthew - Ground Manager

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering:

Nassarawa Community in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State

The team in Barnawa area led by Eddy still trying to figure out what God is asking them to do.

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

Children;

Kids Club

Primary School Football tournament

Youths;

Praise Night

Community development training

Mothers

Praying Mothers Network

Summary/key Plans for the next 12 months:

7th edition of the Primary Schools football tournament – Kaduna City wide (32 schools)

Quarterly Praise night events

Festival outreaches to Kudendan, Kabala, and Kurmin Mashi

Enterprise development

Fund raising Concert in the UK with 2face in February 2016

Team Life and rhythms:

Two highlights from the year.

- 25 young people came to faith and over 50 rededicated their lives at the inaugural praise night on 24th July 2015
- 3 high level Engagement meetings with the Ministers, youth leaders and Sunday School teachers, and women fellowship leaders in Nassarawa that have led to the beginning of the Praying Mothers Network.

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team:

- The challenge of raising resources towards the 2015 tournament – about £10,000 is the budget for the Kaduna city wide edition
- The enterprise project key outcome from the 2014 training in Ghana – no funds yet to support that.
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South Africa Report – Derrick Trout

2015 started off promising ,it felt as if all our planning & training was coming together , fusion SA over the years has really struggled to break through the mould of the past. I recall the time in 2008 when communities & churches where eager to receive us. The very first festival we had in guguletu where over three hundred of the community's kids & grownups came out. & when we had the first SA pilgrimage what a huge adrenalin boost that gave me . I still recall our first day trip, community braai ,talk & tucker ,devotions & so many foundation courses. Over the years we connected with so many South Africans so many communities, so many churches .

So where & what have we been doing in 2015, we focused on the Athlone community the progress in the grasmere are has really taken of , working through my church has proven both tough & rewarding . Most of the work that we initiated in this community is still going strong. Currently the grasmere community now have a civic committee, weekly seniors group, winter soup kitchen, grade 9-12 classes for high school drop outs & a church that is open five days a week .

Work at the local high school (Ned Doman) has seen the bulk of our students in our program in their final school year .Looking back after four years ,We have achieved a great deal in this school and have managed to stay active thus far despite the fact that we have no team. I believe that this program has the potential to be more effective for our community high schools, in the 4 years that we have been there we've seen the behavioral change in students , We've seen teachers reaching out & asking our assistance ,students wanting to know when our next day trip is & students in our program becoming leaders of respective school body's . The success of this program rests on 6 - 12 matric students wanting to do volunteer work in the school next year . Most of these young people have done foundation with us & has been peer leaders on our school programs . I believe that through this program we are not only able to sustain work in this school but could kick start work by fusion in other schools across our community . Please pray that God makes a way for us to support these young people financially . The work in our veggie garden continues & we are working on expanding it with some financial support from our agricultural department. With this growth we hope to support the schools feeding program as well as the local community soup kitchens all through the year.

The year has also allowed us do training with another school in the area (Regina coeli primary school). The two ladies that we trained run the feeding program at the school & the work they did had no significance to them or the students . On my last visit to the school about two weeks ago ,the principal thank me for what we have done for the ladies & the value they now bring to the school , he also see fusion as playing a similar role in his school as we do in Ned Doman high.

In conclusion .2015 brought about a ray of challenges , being unsuccessful with the school camp ,loosing team , to striking out on pilgrimage again at the last minute , to losing communication with principal of Ned Doman high school. So despite all our challenges God has been faithful . Please pray for God to strengthen my faith to continue finding ways to keep the work going .

Thank u for the opportunity
DA Trout

Fusion Indonesia Report

Centres of operations: North Sumatra (Medan and Rantauprapat), Yogyakarta, Bali, Sumba

Person compiling report: Rose Braun and Roselina Rumahorbo

Date: 19/10/2015

Overall vision / goals for the work:

To see the Kingdom come in North Sumatra, Yogyakarta, Sumba, Bali – the whole of Indonesia, by:

- Building a self-supporting local mission movement
- Working in partnership with others with a Kingdom heart
- Bringing Justice, Mercy and Compassion to transform communities one at a time.

Team Members and what they do:

North Sumatra: Rantauprapat - Roselina, (Leadership – working on the establishment of Legal entity, support and influence of the vision and mission of local candidate for leadership) Doni. Responding to need (e.g. Program in local Christian school Supporting people to come to Foundations

Medan – Magdalena, Purnama. At present rounding up a group to come to Foundations in Java in November.

Java: Yogyakarta. Daniel. Anggit. Supporting Yudha in running the Foundations course. Kingdom cell

Bali: Esther. Various programmes with kids. English study in preparation for getting a teaching qualification.

Sumba: Frengki. Step. Pieter. Rafael. Youth Sumba movement.

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering:

In North Sumatra there is a strong Christian heritage alongside the prevailing Muslim political power. (Close to Aceh) Muslim political influence is strong as in Java. Christians very aware and careful of the legal and political sensitivities. Strong traditional Batak clan culture. In Java, many small poor, rural villages.

In Bali, Hindu is the dominant religion. There is more religious tolerance but it is still illegal to make converts from people of another faith. Many poor communities in the midst of western businesses and wealth.

Sumba – poor (Pockets of extreme poverty with a strong animistic tradition with a Christian history that means many churches but mostly n institutional and liturgical. Employment possibilities are low. Traditional power and influence stronger than Indonesian government that results in corruption and misuse of resource that would help the island develop. Many unemployed young people involved in banditry.

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

Not a lot of local programmes happening at the moment in Sumba and Java. (A leadership and support deficit) There is a bit of a pause as the local legal entity is established and as people put their efforts into fundraising for local team to come to Foundations. Foundations seen by local leaders as a means of building capacity and firing up vision again.

North Sumatra – kids club, lessons at schools, making the legal entity.

Java – not really a fusion team as such there. Daniel supports other Fusion team, especially Sumba as he is able and he and Yudha are preparing the Foundations course

Bali – Esther runs regular kids programmes and partners with others to do “mission” visits to poor villages (health professionals and kids programs)

Sumba – the Youth Sumba Movement is in a bit of a hiatus with key leaders losing momentum. (Pieter is a key leader and has had a premature baby and then a car accident) They see the need to have a leadership capacity building strategy to build others around that can support the core leadership

Summary/key Plans for the next 12 months:

- Foundations course in Java in November (regathering and equipping team)
- Leadership meeting with key leaders from the 4 centres to decide on how the Legal Entity will be done. (e.g. goals, roles and values)
- Establishment of mission cells in Yogyakarta that do ongoing ministry in local villages
- Sessions in schools based on Foundations (Rantauprapat)
- Regular prayer and team meetings.
- Establishing the legal entity.
- Esther entering University to gain a TESOL degree that will help in her goal of establishing a school in North-east Bali
- Rantauprapat – Roselina would love to see the growth of Hospital visitation, English clubs, expanding the ministry to Kalimantan.
- Team training
- Regional celebration says (Festivals)

Team Life and rhythms:

No regular rhythms - meetings and prayer tends to be program based.

Two highlights from the year.

Esther's visit to Australia – started her training momentum

Sessions in schools in Rantauprapat

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team:

Establishing the legal entity

Building leadership capacity. (A time and resource challenge)

Building a national leadership perspective and fellowship rather than just local.

Fusion India

Centre Name: Fusion YCS India, 2015

Country: India

Fusion work in India spread across the South in Hyderabad and Kainyakumari, Sagar and Delhi in Central North and Nagaland and Manipur in the North-East India.

Person compiling report: Koko Lamkang

Date: 17-10-2015

Overall vision /goals for the work:

Empowering the Body of Christ to do Mathew 6:33, bringing transformation in the community by acting as an agent of influence through building trust and developing relationship with both Christian and non-christian communities where we live and work.

Team Members and what they do:

Shel – Pioneering Fusion Manipur – Running kids program with his local church and providing tuition for young people, connecting with local councillors for possibility of govt funding grants, etc.

Khular – Pioneering Fusion Sagar – looking after a monthly English medium Fellowship, Sagar University Campus.

Dayakar – Building networks with local churches and running Kids Club. Fusion Hyderabad

Jerome – Run Vocational Bible School annually in partnership with local churches and a kids club.

Frankie – Work with a Music Insitute, helping Fusion India in Foundations training and taking care of Shalom Hostel weekly Bible study and prayer meeting at the moment in Koko's absence.

Pankaj – Doing is graduation in Delhi university simultaneously doing his civil engineering correspondence. Used to helps with Kids Club in Lodhi Garden and Weekly Bible study.

Henry – Looks after the overall management of Shalom Hostel.

Bengam – Assist Henry in overall management of Shalom Hostel. Helping with Cooking at the moment as our Cook has decided to quit.

Abhay Singh: Work as an ITian in Berlin, Germany. Willing to support in whatever capacity he can.

Advisory Board Members: Rev. Nyan Odyou, Founder Director of Golden Crown Education and Musical Centre and Ps. Wesley John, Bethesda Church, Hyderabad.

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering: Both Christian and non-christian – Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, etc - by nature. Working amongst kids in communities and youths in University and communities and amongst Pastors and Christian Leaders.

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

Delhi: Campus Youth Ministry – Shalom hostel conduct a weekly Bible Study and Prayer meeting with the inmates. And a monthly Dinner Nite inviting wider students community – the number of attendance often ranging from 40-50 students in total. We have a Kids Education Program running three days a week. And an ongoing growing networks of Pastor group which culminates in a once a month meeting called the Leaders Study Group.

Sagar: A monthly Fellowship and an ongoing connection with the Campus community of Sagar University and around.

Hyderabad: Ongoing weekly Kids Club and networking with the local pastors.

Kainyakumari: Annually Vocational Bible School plus ongoing Kids Club.

Manipur: Ongoing kids program with local church and tuition for young people and building connection with local district Councillors.

Summary/key Plans for the next 12 months:

1. Launching of Hope Centre in Chandel, Manipur (Koko's project) in January 2016.
2. A Musical Concert with visiting Team from the States in Feb @ New Delhi with local network churches.
3. Two Foundations – one in Dimapur – First week of July '16 and another one in Hyderabad – last week of November '16 (if Ps. Wesley and his church can host us)
4. Leadership Training for church pastors and Christian leaders in partnership with our network churches. Launching it in Delhi and if demand rise will do a "Macedonian Call" tour.
5. Guest House Project in Gurgaon city located in the outskirts of South Delhi in collaboration with our partner the Silk Road Catalyst (SRC) based in South Carolina, USA.

6. Fusion YCS India Conference in July and first week of December 2016
7. A probable visit to Paotina taking a few key leaders mainly from North East with the intention of setting up an intentional model village in Dimapur.

Team Life and rhythms: Each group doing well. But the need to come together physically once or twice a year becomes an important and urgent need now.

Two highlights from the year: Foundations in Dimapur and New Shalom Building

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team: Not having a clear structure and Fund raising for the work remains a challenge.

Fusion Poland

Centre Name

Fusion Polska

Country: Poland

Person compiling report. Ela Podlecka

Date; 17.10.2015

Overall vision / goals for the work:

- reaching our local community with God's love manifested in a practical way (social support, skills training, material help, Gospel, healing, deliverance etc.), leading people to faith in Christ and to the freedom of the children of God, discipleship

Team Members and what they do:

Core team:

Reini and Estera Stadlbauer – main leaders: vision, finances (fundraising) prayer, teaching, practical help

Ela Podlecka – vision, finances, accounting, research, translations // on her way to -> marketing/PR

Tomek Podlecki – transport, practical help, day trips, Royal Rangers

Agnieszka Swiezy – organization, administration of events

Konrad Swiezy – teaching, festivals

Edyta Kata – theatre performances, café management during events, other practical help

Grzesiek Stralka – practical help, transport

Benia and Bogdan Jaguszewscy – leading the women/couple/meetings, prayer, photos, helping Agnieszka with some organization stuff

Gosia Ferens – cooking during events , second-hand-shop leader

Michal Klimek – website, recording, PA, festivals

Asia Klimek – worship, work with kids, festivals

Jedrek and Aneta Górni – Royal Rangers, festivals, day trips, practical help

Milosz Procner – worship leader

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering:

- Legnica: local community of a small town (94.000 citizens) – especially two very poor city districts
- Poland: impacting lives of people from all Poland (participants of the camps)

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

- festivals for kids&families from poor areas -> targeting a KidsClub
- second-hand “shop” for poor people (to be moved to Fusion facilities by the end of the year)

- discipleship programmes (FollowUp, Discipleship Camps, Team&Community Building Trainings)
- Meetings for Women / Couples -> integration, evangelization, defining community needs
- Royal Rangers (Christian scouting programme for kids)

Summary/key Plans for the next 12 months:

- finish renovation of Fusion facilities
- establish a healthy church-community for new believers
- overcome legal obstacles for starting a KidsClub
- multiplication of Discipleship Camps vision

Team Life and rhythms:

- every second Friday: open meeting with Bible teaching, prayer etc.
- every second Saturday: open meeting with prayer and street outreach
- every second week (or more often when needed) Fusion core team meeting

Planned: once a month an open meeting for all Fusion members and volunteers – prayer, sharing vision, training, FAQ, helping with personal challenges related to cooperation with Fusion etc.

Two highlights from the year.

- Discipleship Camp August 2015
- additional room facilities (already renovated)

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team:

- finances!
- relationships' depth (Core team)
- relationship with our church elders
- finding an effective way to enable a cooperation between Fusion and local churches

Fusion Y&C UK

Centre Name Whitley and National

Country: UK

Person compiling report. Claire Bankole, Marty Woods and Andy Prosser.

Date; 17th Oct 2015

Overall vision / goals for the work:

Together we help shape culture that releases and equips others to find and live their God-given story.

Team Members and what they do:

Claire Bankole National Coordinator and Whitley Team Leader

Marty Woods Network Developer – based in Croydon

Anika Parker Community Liaison Worker – Whitley

Skye Leon Youth and Young Adults Links Worker- Whitley

Jenny Woods Community Worker – Croydon

Des Figueiredo – Team Leader Balham Associate Centre

Gordon Ewbank – Team Member Wheatley Associate Centre

Dan and Danni Evenhuis – Team Members Wheatley Associate Centre

Lorne Campbell – Team Leader Witham Associate Centre

Keith Meredith – Team Member Witham Associate Centre

Annie and Graham Douglas – Team Members

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering:

Preston and Leyland – described later

Croydon – Described Later

Whitley – A community we have fallen in love with – amazing, courageous people living complex and challenging lives. We have been here now for 18 months. lower socio-economic community with endemic low aspiration and poorly achieving high schools. Total of aprox 4500 households.

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

Whitley:

Supporting local youth leaders and schools workers both with implementation of specific programs and strategic planning.

Facilitating a process for developing a Whitley – wide youth mission strategy with all youth leaders and schools workers.

Supporting local churches in effective community mission – both with implementation of specific programs and overall strategic mission planning.

Actively engaging with community agencies and networks, responding to requests for involvement.

Intentionally being present in the community – eg working once a week from the local café.

Dealing with Depression course.

National:

British Pilgrimage of Hope – helping young adults engage with their narrative in the context of the redemptive narrative threads in British history – How God uses Small Groups of Friends to Change the World.

Heritage to Legacy – facilitating a round table and strategic planning to input into the current dialogue around British Identity and values.

Associate Centres – making these relationships solid with clear expectations of all parties.

Formalising partnerships with Greater European Mission, Messy Church and Neighbourhood Prayer Network.

Engage 2015 also a partner this year for the Rugby World Cup – helping churches engage with this opportunity for community engagement and mission.

International:

Supporting and being blessed by Fusion Albania and Fusion Cape Town. Through running foundations and regular phone connection.

Producing BTH

Claire continues to be part of FIDG.

Summary/key Plans for the next 12 months:

Whitley – Continue developing and implementing strategy based on our research findings eg: Foundations with two or three local churches using it as an optional home group for their congregants.

Pilgrimage of Hope with more UK pilgrims.

Establishment of Fusion Croydon team life.

Growth of National Team Life and more team members from Associate Centres involved.

Team Life and rhythms:

Whitley / National

Weekly Prayer Morning and Support Development

Daily Morning Prayers

Monthly Community Prayers

Monthly Community Supper

Monthly National Team Prayer day

Two highlights from the year.

Christine Goodwin – a young person from Whitley who came on the Pilgrimage and underwent a significant journey with God – wonderful to see her find her call and passion!

Renee Austin Harvey – our first GEM intern joined us for 4 months and is currently raising a support base to return to us full time and long term next year.

Integrating into the community of Whitley.

Developing our relationships with Associate Centres – Balham and Witham, especially through the Pilgrimage.

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team:

Finances – both for team and the work.

We need a finance administrator and a general administrator.

Croydon

Centre Name Croydon

Country: UK

Person compiling report. Marty

Date: 17/10

Overall vision / goals for the work:

Support and encourage the growth of mission of the local churches using a “Transform Croydon” strategy.

Develop a Fusion work around the community at Old Lodge Lane with the possibility of a community and training centre.

Strengthen the rhythms in the life of our local team.

Team Members and what they do:

Jenny Woods – networking the street, writing Street Party resources, involved in local church outreach and helping with Festivals across the country plus hospitality to many visitors.

Marty - Local networking, broader London networking through the London Mission Collective, UK wide networks through Festivals, sports network and youth plus Europe oversight and global networking particularly with Festivals.

Patience- a good friend of Fusion connecting again to help us grow the local work

Steve and Tami Harrington, Abby and Tiffany – our new team members who arrive mid-November to join us. Main role will helping with the local work in Croydon with Fusion and London co-ordinator of GEM – Greater European Mission.

Oli O’Neill is moving into the area and wants to join the team. A former student of our training.

Description of community/communities in which the team is ministering:

Croydon, the largest borough of London has over 400,000. It is currently going through very significant re-development. The level of unity of the churches is quite remarkable and Fusion is helping facilitate this through our involvement in Transform Croydon that has 240 Churches signed up.

As well we are partnering with a Church in the south of Croydon at Purley in a deprived estate. We have support from the local council to build a community centre and accommodation for interns from Canada and the US.

Work and programs taking place for each target group:

Festivals and community outreach training across the country

Street parties vision casting and training for the Queens 90th birthday celebrations – big here!

Helping network across the borough especially with traditional churches.

Growing Kingdom cells

Help grow a sports strategy with the ISC contribution.

At Old Lodge lane community we are working with the pastor, Nick on Research, about to help with a third Kingdom cell and currently exploring building a community and training centre. We are about to bring our fourth team in to help with a Rugby and Light Festival next week.

Team Life and rhythms:

Prayer

About to start weekly Community teas – one week in East Croydon – the other in the south at Purley.

Two highlights from the year.

“Silent Night” Carols at Crystal Palace last December. Over 1000 people on a wet and cold night. People in tears especially as the great, great grandson of the Kaiser apologised for what he did in declaring war on 1914. Felt it was one of the most significant moments I have ever been a part of in our time here in the UK.

The second has been Jenny’s work in our street Nursery Avenue that we are sharing nationally. As well as an annual Street Party/Big Lunch we have a Christmas party in a nearby hall and this year she added a Street Cinema on the side of a house. It has meant that we have made many friends in the street and after 5 years see an amazing level of social capital. People for meals, dog walkers, our visitors staying the night in locals houses.

Main challenges being faced at the moment in the work and team:

Getting our team functioning together particularly with the Harringtons shortly to arrive.

We want to create functioning rhythms in our life together.

Getting the Churches of Croydon together for Transform Croydon – everyone owning it – not just the active churches.

[Preston and Leyland](#)

Centre Name Preston and Leyland

Country: UK

Person compiling report. Andy Prosser

The Fusion Preston Centre is staffed by Andy Prosser who splits his time between the youth & community work and managing two social enterprises – a charity shop and a web, graphic design and printing business.

The main programmes delivered by Andy and teams of local volunteers are as follows:

Talk n Tucker – Leyland

This is very much a partnership between Fusion and Wellfield Church – and Anglican fellowship in the heart of a poor area of social housing known as Broadfield.

The team include Andy, Diane Barnard (a long term and committed Fusion volunteer), Mark Simpson (Pastor at Wellfield Church) and Geoff Craig (youth & community worker for the church).

Last year it was decided that the youth café run in the same venue “The Base” which is a small community centre run by a Christian project called The Leyland Project should close.

The church felt it had run its course and that they wanted to take the local kids on more of a bible based route.

Having got to know the kids over 3.5 years (we had over 80 kids on the books) we agreed and replaced it with a Talk ‘n’ Tucker.

It’s fair to say that it’s been a slow start but some of the kids very challenging circumstances and so in many ways this is no bad thing.

We have around kids on the books now with an average of 6 or 7 coming most weeks.

Some of the kids have never seen a bible before and don’t know the very basics so we’re starting from scratch.

We do feel we are building a safe place and it already feels like family. We have lots of fun with the games and share lots of highlights (and 'Tea-lights' if they have more than one to share!). Some of the young people have a short attention span so the study is kept short and punchy!

On the odd occasion we have had trouble with teenagers outside wanting to disrupt things. We do our best to engage them positively but not always successfully and on 2 occasions we've had to call the police. We're very aware of the great needs in the area and we're thankful that the church and the Leyland Project also do a great work in the area.

Engage - Preston Youth Café

Following a 4month research project, delivered by Andy in 2012 and commissioned by St. Matthew's church in partnership with Preston Christian Action Network. One of the clear findings was that there was a lack of youth work in the area of Fishwick and St. Matthews (the poorest part of East Preston – which is in the top 5% poorest wards in the UK).

In addition 4 Churches had closed in the area in the previous ten years and so there was also a distinct lack of spiritual input generally across the local families and no youth workers at all serving the area be they church or council based. A third finding was that, whilst sport was well catred for, there was nothing for young people in the area of the arts.

Given these findings it was proposed that a youth café be started, that the church endeavour to employ a youth worker and that a video arts project be run as a pilot.

We're pleased to say that the frist two are in place the arts project is due to start in November (see next section).

The youth café has been running for over 2 years now (it feels like 5!) and has reached out to a great number of local young people with over 90 kids on the books and 15 – 20 coming most weeks.

In addition to Andy, we have a great team of volunteers of mainly older ladies plus a couple of experienced youth workers – Heather (church staff - now on maternity leave!) and Esther – a recent addition.

The team currently include: Andy, Heather, Nancy (a church elder), Jackie (the vicars wife), Anne, Mark (Anne's son), Nina (currently off sick and sadly battling with cancer) and Esther. Peter Nunn the vicar usually calls in at the end for the debrief, prayers (and any left overs from the cooking session!!).

In the early days we were working with older teenagers but they were very chaotic and disruptive at times.

We have since lowered the age limit and now have a calmer and committed bunch of young people aged 9 – 13 coming most weeks with a handful of older ones.

Our strategy behind this is that as they get older, they will own the positive Kingdom culture we seek to build and that we will have more success with older age group.

Many of the yp turn up early to help set up and we share highlights and pray before the café formally starts. It's been great to see how readily the kids have accepted our faith and take part in the prayers (quite a few go to the local Catholic school so I guess that helps).

The café includes table top games, xbox, crafts, card games (we all love playing "spoons") and the highlight for most of the kids is cooking / baking which we do every week!

We feel that, with enough volunteers a Talk 'n' Tucker would be a good next move as many of the kids are curious about our faith and have asked profound questions at times.

Video Arts Project on Poverty

The Church Urban Fund granted Fusion £1900 to run a video arts project. The aim is for the YP to write and record a song on the theme of local & global poverty and then choreograph it and produce a pop video. The project is in the final planning stages and will launch on the 7th November running through to February next year where we will have a grand launch event where the young people will present the video and also a making of video showing how it was put together. Fusion are working in partnership with St. Matthews church, Terry a catholic youth worker and a lady called Karla who coordinates a government youth volunteering programme called The Challenge for the NorthWest of England.

We will have a professional portable recording studio+ engineer and hopefully a film company helping out on the technical side. My colleague Dave will be helping them with promotion and graphic design.

Breakouts

We have run 4 Breakouts in the last year, the best one being in Liverpool on the theme of Trivial Pursuits! We've found they aren't quite ready for them and struggle with a full days programme so they're currently on hold. They also take a whole heap of planning and Andy's time is limited now that he's part-time.

Charity Shop

The charity shop based in Andy's home town of Leyland has been open for close to six years now. It has consistently funded a Fusion office space upstairs and helped with funding some of the programmes as well as employing two part time staff. Diane Miller has been staff since the beginning and is absolute star working long hours (her choice) to keep it the best charity shop in town (of which there are 7!). Many customers comment that it looks more like a boutique than a charity shop! We recently re-fitted 6 of the slatted boards which were getting a bit worn and tired. The shop has been through a tough phase in the last year and one point we were close to closing the shop and would have done if it wasn't for the fact that the staff both volunteered to reduce their paid hours (we were humbled by their generosity!) I'm pleased to report that the last four months have been much better, we have a small surplus now and we're able to pay the staff full wages again!

Enterprize Web Design & Print

Andy has done web design in his "spare" time for many years, however in 2012 he met Dave Atherton a graphic designer who came on the British Pilgrimage. Consequently in 2013, they set up a social enterprise providing web design graphic design, social media management, Facebook & Google advertising campaign management and print services.

The business is now in its third year and is picking up some significant business. Dave currently has a full time job and only works for EWDP one day a week.

The ultimate aim is for Dave to quit his job working for a local newspaper and work full or at least do more hours for Enterprize.

The aim of the social enterprise is to be an investor in people whilst being kind to the planet and to plough profits back into local youth & community work (primarily in the North of England). You can find out more on their website at: www.ewdp.co.uk on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ewdplimited> or on twitter <https://twitter.com/EWDPLtd>

Thanks!

Andy

