

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
10th September 2021



**We are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter filled with
News, Events, Training and Funding information.**

All sections have updates in this edition!

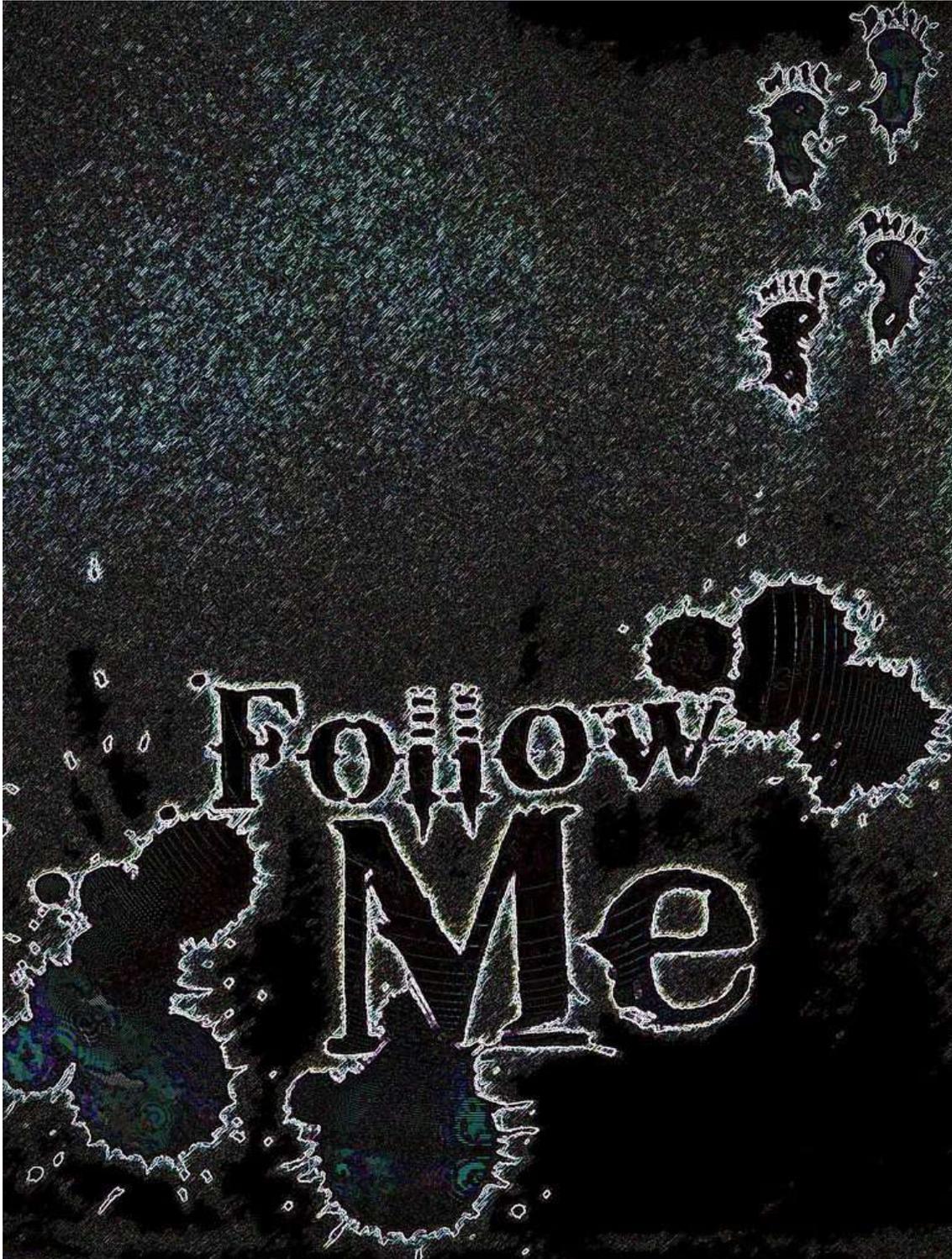
**We're here to encourage and support you
in our shared Christian mission across Fife.**

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Jesus said, 'Come, follow me'...
'And I will make you fish for people'...
- Matthew 4:19

News



Field of Hope: Launch of Really Wild Welly Church

Story via Church of Scotland website

A farmer has cut out the word "Hope" in a field the size of four football pitches brimming with hundreds of thousands of sunflowers.

Claire Pollock of Ardross Farm in Fife undertook the ambitious task to create a maze in a stunning sea of yellow flowers on the banks of the Firth of Forth at the behest of Rev Douglas Creighton, minister at East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans.

He said his congregation wanted to recognise the promise of better days ahead and the "Field of Hope" is a "spectacular" celebration of the amazing community spirit that people across the East Neuk of Fife showed one another during the COVID-19 lockdown.

"During the lockdown, Christians turned to God and Christ the Son for inspiration and hope while supporting one another and their neighbours.

"Focusing on the Parable of the Sower, the idea is if we plant good things in fertile ground then it will grow and become something really fruitful."

Mr Creighton said the congregation would also be launching a new intergenerational project called the Really Wild Welly Church in the "Field of Hope" on Saturday at 10.30am.

It is aimed at encouraging people of all ages to seek a fresh appreciation of God's creation and will be held outdoors once a month.

"It is an opportune time to launch this new form of worship outside ahead of COP26 in Glasgow in November," explained Mr Creighton.

"As we enjoy the bees, ladybirds and wild flowers, we all need to think about ways of better looking after God's creation.

"Our hope, generally, is that these community projects show people that church is much more than just gathering in a traditional building on a Sunday morning."

Read the full story - <https://bit.ly/2WV3NGe>



Afghanistan Refugees: Acorn Aid at Crossgates Church

by June Miller

Acorn Aid Scotland is a small charity based in Crossgates Church, founded by Brian and June Miller in 2016. Both are members of Cowdenbeath Trinity Church. The chairman of the charity being Rev. Arthur Christie.

Acorn Aid (Scotland) mission statement is to assist families and population affected by war, civil unrest, natural disasters and poverty.

Therefore when we heard about the plight of the Afghan people, Brian posted on Facebook that we would be collecting clothes, shoes, toiletries, and toys over the period of a week.

On day two the post had been seen by 60k+ and by day three this rose to 95k+

It was intended to open Trinity Church, Crossgates for donations between Mon 23rd - Fri 27th August. And we had hoped to receive approx one tonne of donations.

However, by Wed 25th, we had received in excess of 35 tonnes, and as our sanctuary and hall was at capacity, we closed our appeal.

Volunteers worked tirelessly Monday to Friday to sort and bag the donations, which also included blankets, bedding, 12 prams, 12 buggies, travel cots, car seats, nappies and wipes. Half of which was then stored on the premises, and the other half stored in a 20foot container, supplied by a local haulage company, who came to our aid.

Williamson Haulage kindly delivered the 20 foot container to FVA in Glenrothes on Tuesday 31st August. Meanwhile it took us 7 hours and 6 van trips to clear the donations we had in Crossgates.

Acorn Aid Scotland thanks Trinity Church, Church Place, Crossgates for the use of the premises. Also to the many volunteers who assisted in any way to make this project a success.

The response to our appeal far exceeded our expectations, with donators travelling from as far away as Aberdeen.

Donate to our Crowdfunder to raise funds for Afghan families coming to Fife after fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.



Funds will be used to purchase items that haven't yet been donated.



Click the link above to donate or visit www.fva.org/crisis for more information.



Fife Voluntary Action (FVA) is coordinating this effort on behalf of all agencies in the Fife Partnership.

FIFE VOLUNTARY ACTION HAS LAUNCHED A CROWDFUNDER CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AFGHAN FAMILIES COMING TO FIFE.

We're encouraging Fifers to help raise funds for Afghan families coming to Fife. All funds will be used to buy items, which have already not been donated, to support families.

If you'd like to donate, please visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/donations-for-afghans-coming-to-fife

For information on how/where to donate goods, please visit www.fva.org/crisis or call on [0800 389 6046](tel:08003896046).

[#AfghanCrisisFife](https://twitter.com/AfghanCrisisFife)

Opportunities



Fife in Community Dundee (FiCD): Community Development Worker (Faith Communities)

Over the past 11 years FiCD have worked with many faith communities across Dundee, supporting them to develop new and exciting initiatives to tackle poverty in local communities, building on the incredible assets already in the community.

We are excited to be looking for a Community Development Worker who will continue this work alongside faith communities in Dundee with the added opportunity to develop new connections with faith communities in the surrounding areas (**including Fife**). This is a fixed-term post which is currently funded for 6 months.

Hours of work: 21 hours per week.
The starting salary is £25,812 (pro rata)

Normal working hours for this part-time post: Actual hours will be spread over no more than 4 out of 7 days, generally within Monday-Friday, working days will be agreed with the Director. There may be some evening and weekend work so flexibility is required.

Location: Although normally we are based within Kirkton Community Centre, Derwent Avenue, Kirkton, Dundee, due to Covid concerns all FiCD staff are continuing to work from home with some office based time allocated each week. This will continue to be reviewed by the Director and the Trustees and changes agreed with the staff. The Community Development Worker will be expected to travel across Dundee to engage with local faith communities.

Engagement with faith communities in surrounding areas will be online.
Probationary period: 3 months probationary period.

About Faith in Community Dundee: We are a local anti-poverty organisation working in partnership with local grass roots projects, faith communities and statutory/third sector bodies to tackle poverty in our local communities. We take an asset-based approach recognising the incredible skills, abilities and potential within local communities and supporting people to develop meaningful responses that will mitigate the impact of poverty and inequality. We currently lead on the Food Insecurity Strategy for Dundee, working with over 25 food projects in the city of which 14 are delivered by faith communities.

Experience required: We are looking for someone who has initiative, experience and energy, who understands the importance of faith communities in tackling poverty in local communities and has a passion for working alongside people to develop new and exciting initiatives.

Further information:
The application pack, with further information about this post, is available to download at:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1jqt0xJgxbIYqvaI7qIP35vOeErE...>

Please email completed applications to office@faithincommunitydundee.org

Closing Date: Midday Wednesday 15th September 2021

Interviews will be held on Thursday 23rd September 2021



Fife Presbytery Administration Assistant

Hours: 10-12 hours per week

Rate: £12 per hour

Fixed Term: 6 months initially

Closing date: 1 October 2021 but we are hoping for an immediate start date.

Main purpose of post: To provide administration support for the Mission Director and the Board of Mission.

The launch of the Fife Presbytery Mission Plan Roadmap and consultation has identified the need for additional clerical assistance to support the Mission Director and the Board of Mission in managing the administrative requirements to deliver the Mission Plan.

Main Duties

- Providing administrative and secretarial support for the Mission Director, dealing with correspondence, website enquires and managing a busy electronic diary of appointments.
- Organising and maintaining relevant databases to collate and process mission planning responses from congregations.
- Acting as Minute Secretary to the Board of Mission, drafting agendas, numbering and formatting papers to a strict format. Assisting colleagues to ensure that business arising from minutes is dealt with effectively and timeously.
- Coordinating meetings, to include papers, venues, delegates and travel arrangements as required.
- Assisting with the preparation of a Mission Plan newsletter and update, maintain and develop the Mission Plan webpage.
- Developing a knowledge and understanding of the work of the Board of Mission to enable the postholder to act as first point of contact, ensuring prompt and appropriate responses to written and verbal correspondence and queries.
- Demonstrating a commitment to ongoing personal development and training.
- Undertake additional duties as required.

How to Apply CV's and expressions of interest should be sent by email to Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk or by phone on [07999 349587](tel:07999349587)

For further information please contact Neil Campbell the Mission Director by email: Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk

Events



Fife Presbytery ACORN Groups

Following our recent Talking Mission, Fife Presbytery is initiating 3 ACORN Groups which are open to all.

ACORN gives us a way to share our faith and encounter God by praying daily 'Lord who do you want me to connect with today?' then meeting with others weekly or fortnightly for an hour to report back and notice God at work.

Groups will take place on Zoom as follows:

Mon 7pm: 20th, 27th Sep + 11th Oct
Wed 12.15pm: 29th Sept + 6th, 20th Oct
Thurs 10am: 16th, 23rd, 30th Sep

If you would like to join a group, please email fife@churchofscotland.org.uk and you will be put in touch with your group facilitator. (Anyone can join in with ACORN - if you are housebound or isolating you can make phone calls or connect online; if you are incredibly busy, learn to find God at work in the busyness!)

If you are interested in participating but these dates don't suit, or you would like more information, please contact ailen.christie@churchofscotland.org.uk.

You can find out more about ACORN here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be

And listen to some personal experiences here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBG4qTzIreQ>



Talking Mission: COP26 with Rev Dr Martin Johnstone

Hosted by Church & World Task Group

7.30pm, Tuesday 28th September 2021, via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96973458120pwd=azE5SHJWZUI4TVU0QUdkNHdEOWIKZz09>

Meeting ID: [969 7345 8120](https://zoom.us/j/96973458120pwd=azE5SHJWZUI4TVU0QUdkNHdEOWIKZz09)

Passcode: 589353

With COP26 fast approaching, Martin Johnstone in his role as Glasgow Churches Together Ambassador to the summit, will share his thoughts on why addressing climate change is part of the mission of the church and how churches can get involved in COP26.

The purpose of these monthly online gatherings is to develop an understanding of contextual mission across our new Presbytery. A 20-30 minute talk with a missional focus followed by an opportunity for questions, reflection and discussion. These events are open to all across the Presbytery. Booking is requested to aid with preparation. For those unable to attend the event will be recorded and available to view via the Presbytery YouTube.

Previous Talking Mission:

Paul Haringman, Inverness Presbytery: Mission Development Worker, about ACORN movement, available via:

<https://youtu.be/O8lcbMFVBv4>

Rev. Peter Neilson reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of the Church Without Walls report, available via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQJl2Q1od1U>

Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, Chair of the Assembly Trustees, on the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps* available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>

Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, discussing the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the General Assembly, available via:

https://youtu.be/_Si0xIqy4r4



Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys

Save the Date: 10.00am, Thursday 30th September
at Torbain Parish Church, Kirkcaldy.

Continuing to work with Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys* as we explore together how we can support youth work and youth workers across our churches and Presbytery.

The next in-person gathering is planned for 30th September to develop ideas and support to the next stage. Open to all - all are welcome.

To help arrange hospitality it would be helpful if you could indicate your attendance via email to fife@churchofscotland.org.uk FAO Lorraine



Get involved: www.challengepoverty.net

#ChallengePoverty #NowIsTheTime

Challenge Poverty Week

Challenge Poverty Week is designed to show that a society without poverty is possible, and to showcase solutions we can all get behind. That's why each year, united by common values of justice and compassion, hundreds of organisations in Scotland take part in the week.

Getting involved is easy and there are lots of different ways we can make a difference. The Poverty Alliance provides all the resources you'll need to help you plan, promote and deliver your activities. You can [view all their resources](#), including activity toolkits, lesson plans, letters to MPs and MSPs, and more. More graphics and suggested social media content will be shared closer to the week.

The Poverty Alliance offers meetings with any organisation, big or small, that would like to get involved - just contact suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org. Register your interest to be sent all resources directly to your inbox. Why not also add what you're planning to do to the Challenge Poverty Week [activity calendar](#)?

For more information see: <https://www.challengepoverty.net/>



Eco Scotland: Praying for COP26

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, join us for an hour of prayer and encouragement to get involved.

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, hear how you can get involved – and look forward to Net Zero carbon and a Just, Green Future.

Hosted by Eco Congregation Scotland's Glasgow network join us for an hour of encouragement and prayer as we prepare for COP26 and the actions we might take to show our care for creation thereafter.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month for an hour from 4pm on Zoom.

Thursday 7th October, Thursday 4th November.

For more information and to register, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/praying-for-cop26-and-beyond-tickets-156226631059?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>



Fife Work Place Chaplaincy

Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland aims to meet people where they are - in the setting of their daily working lives. A chaplain's main purpose is Christian service, simply because people matter irrespective of their status or position. A chaplain is available to ALL staff.

Could you be involved in this rapidly expanding area of Christian service?

For those interested, or involved in workplace chaplaincy:

Where? *Venue TBC*

When? Wed 27th October – 7.00pm to 9.00pm

The session will include:

- The role and structure of Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland
- What is workplace chaplaincy?
- An introduction to further training
- How do chaplains operate within organisations?
- How do chaplains promote individual and corporate wellbeing?

For further details or to book a place contact:

Liz Mackie

Administrative Assistant

liz.mackie@wpcscotland.co.uk

[07702 876345](tel:07702876345)

Training



Church of Scotland ASCEND

Ascend is the training, support and development centre for all those involved in ministries across the Church of Scotland.

For all the latest training and support information see:
<https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/events/>

Festival of Preaching

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The Festival of Preaching will look a little different this year. To make the sessions as accessible as possible during this time of pandemic, the full programme will be streamed online.

Book a ticket to watch live from anywhere in the world, and use the live chat function to pose questions for our speakers and connect with other delegates. You will also be able to join the conversation on Twitter with [#preaching21](https://twitter.com/preaching21).

Not able to watch live? A festival ticket gives access to all the session recordings to watch at a time to suit you.

The first day of the festival - Monday 13 September - will be livestreamed from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

Choose to join us in the church to watch the Monday programme in person. There is no additional charge for this. Simply book a seat reservation alongside your main festival ticket.

There are some measures in place at St Martin's to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading. [Find out more about these on the festival website.](#)

The Tuesday programme is online only.
For more information and to book see:
<https://festivalofpreaching.hymnsam.co.uk/buy-tickets>



Cairn: APEST 5Q

Wed 22, 29 Sep, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Oct (7-8pm)

5Q is the capacity to see the APEST dynamics (apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, shepherding and teaching, given by Jesus to the body of Christ in Eph.4: 1-16) in the largest and deepest way possible. We can see APEST as a key to unlocking kingdom potential and purposes in disciples, leaders and organisations. APEST is not a badge, excuse, box or silver bullet, it is a framework and lens for us to see Jesus at work in us and others and to release kingdom potential.

We would like to share with you the opportunity for a transformative journey that will involve deepening your own discipleship, strengthening your leadership, as well as developing the capacities of your church or organization.

The Introduction to 5Q Course has four key topics. These focus on

APEST foundations - the theology and framework for the Fivefold ministry

APEST leadership - being equipped as a leader and creating leadership pathways for others to release their leadership potential

APEST organization - creating mature organisations where every leader and team plays their part and the systems and structures work together to pursue collective goals

APEST movement - unlocking multiplication in disciples, leaders and teams

5Q training encourages participants to study and learn on 3 levels - personal, leadership, and organizational. In each of the four key topics, the training will raise 5Q awareness and activation. The 6-week coaching gives an APEST overview led by an experienced practitioner, within an environment that gives participants direct input, discussion with peers and others on the journey, as well as some work for participants to apply in their own context.

The 5Q Introduction Course is designed for any leader who is at "first or early stage engagement" with APEST. Participants may have only read the 5Q book or be relatively new to the discussion. It provides a stimulating environment to receive initial input, as well as an intentional process to enable first steps in engaging with, understanding, and applying APEST.

The cost is £150 per team (up to 5 people), £50 per individual

For more information and to book see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-5q-tickets>



Fresh Expressions Autumn Gathering

29th - 30th Sept

The "E" Word

"There was part of me that secretly felt evangelism was something you shouldn't do to your dog, let alone your friend." Rebecca Manley Pippert

Join us as we do a 'deep dive' on the part of the fresh expressions journey that many of us struggle with. What is it about evangelism that makes us feel uncomfortable? Are we unsure whether the gospel really is 'good news'? Is there such a thing as 'ethical' evangelism? What might a 21st century approach to sharing Jesus look like?

Be part of the conversation as we explore these and other questions together...

For more information and to book, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-e-word-tickets>



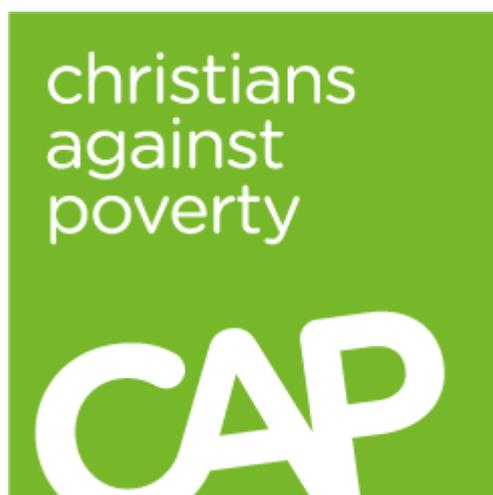
Growing Others is a great opportunity to develop coaching skills

Run by our friends in FX, Forge, Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.
This is being run as a set of 4 workshops on 3 separate occasions over the coming year - at a cost of £55:

October 2021 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157059103005>

Feb 2022 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157072759853>

If you or those working with you / supporting you are interested in this, but funding is an issue, please get in touch Steve Aisthorpe, Church of Scotland Mission Development Worker (Pioneering) via saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk



CAP MONEY COURSE

CAP have got a number of in-person and online money course training sessions over autumn that will equip you to help those in your community who may be struggling financially. The CAP Money Course is a video-based budgeting course which has helped over 50,000 people avoid financial crises and become better stewards of their money.

For more information, see:

<https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/cap-money-course>



Huddle

A place to find support, be equipped & grow in your leadership calling.

At Cairn we believe in the importance of investing in what matters and that is you.

We all know that leadership is not easy... we need support along the way and that is what huddle is about.

Often as leaders we function in spheres where we are leading, where we are looking to get the best out of others, and aiming to release potential in our leaders, teams and organization but often forgetting to invest in ourselves. Huddle gives the opportunity for you to have that investment and gives you the opportunity to find support, be equipped and grow in your leadership and calling with a group of peers on a similar journey as yourself.

You can choose from three streams of Huddles;

- The Pioneer Ministry Huddle, for those in a frontline, missional context either planting a church, new mission initiative or similar pioneering environment
- the Established Church Huddle, for those in a more established form of church but looking to adapt and grow missional expressions
- The Spiritual Formation Huddle, for those seeking to find a better balance in ministry life that brings fruit, rest and spiritual growth.

For more information and to register interest see:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAFs8t9uP_3SQo2RpYRrqW5HRksnwkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc_cid=dca9fd29da&mc_eid=1b04172065

Resources



Church of Scotland Resources and inspiration for those working with Children and Youth

Do you serve your church in the area of children and youth, either as a volunteer or paid worker?

Maybe you currently have few or no children in your congregation but are looking for a fresh approach?

Maybe you're involved in particular ministries, such as: early years or toddler groups; engagement in schools; youth work; Sunday groups; uniformed organisations; Messy Church; holiday clubs, equipping ministry across a number of congregations, or something else?

Maybe you have a particular concern or area where you'd appreciate some input, such as: ways to develop faith; supporting good mental health and well-being; how to deliver intergenerational worship; focussing on specific areas (awareness of LGBTQ+, climate justice, etc.); engaging with the Global Church; engaging with politics; approaches to outreach; how to develop from a context of few or no children, or something else?

The central departments of the Church of Scotland are here to resource and inspire you in your ministry. Through a range of provision – online, resources and events, all tailored to those serving in children and youth ministry, we seek to enable you to:

- Explore new resources/ideas/expertise/stories/information/questions
- Feel equipped to undertake your role(s)
- Contextualise resources/ideas/thinking to your local situation
- Develop disciples, grow young leaders, and reach more children and young people with the Good News
- Help shape your local church for the benefit of children and young people

If you would like to receive information on provision that can help to resource and inspire you in your ministry with children and young people, then please let us know your contact details and areas of interest in our short questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/bbcqhMEgWW>

We will then add you to a database specifically for this purpose, and endeavour to tailor information to your needs.

Any questions about this questionnaire, and children and youth ministry in general can be sent to the dedicated email address: childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk

If you have a safeguarding query please contact your congregational safeguarding co-ordinator or safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk



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You can access the library here:

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/NorthernMissionCentre/pioneerlibrary>



The Chosen: Season 2 Now Available

The Chosen is the largest crowdfunded media project of all time.

A multi-season series about the life of Christ based on the gospels.

The Chosen can be accessed and watched for free online via <http://thechosen.tv> or via The Chosen App.

Funding

Church of Scotland Small Grants Scheme

Church of Scotland Small Grant Scheme is now open for grants of up to £1k: See:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/small-grants-fund>

SCVO Funding Scotland

Funding at your fingertips

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free online search engine. From small grants to funding for big capital projects, we can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community.

See: <https://fundingscotland.com/>

KFC Foundation

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for projects which empower disadvantaged young people in the UK to fulfill their potential. The funding is being made available through the KFC Foundation and is available to local charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs and associations that have a turnover of less than £300,000 which have a local KFC restaurant in their community.

See: kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants

Childs Charitable Trust (UK)

The Childs Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, supporting Christian UK registered and excepted charities and organisations both in the UK and overseas. During 2017 the Trust awarded grants to 81 different organisations all based in the UK but operating in more than 100 different countries worldwide. Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories:

- Youth - the trust looks to support projects working in schools and with vulnerable and disengaged young people in the UK. Supported activities may include RE Lessons; School Assemblies; Lunchtime/After school clubs; Evangelism; Personal Development Programmes; Homelessness Prevention.
- Outreach - the trust works to share the gospel of Christ by supporting all aspects of Christian outreach both in the UK and overseas and can fund, for example, Church Plants; Overseas Mission; Training in Evangelism; Chaplaincy.
- Society - the trust believes people of faith bring a valuable contribution to social action and justice and support initiatives that have a positive impact in their society. Grants could support, for example: Counselling; night shelters; alcohol/drug rehabilitation; homelessness; or prison/ex-offenders work.
- Education - the trust supports initiatives involved in all areas of Christian education including Bible Translation; Media Initiatives; Bible Colleges; Literature; Apologetics.

The primary focus for grants allocated in 2021 will be on those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2021.

See: <https://childscharitabletrust.org/>

The Weir Charitable Trust

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to the Weir Charitable Trust for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to:

- Sport i.e. encouraging and increasing public participation in sport
- Health i.e. the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture i.e. supporting heritage through participation projects
- The advancement of animal welfare
- Recreational Facilities i.e. the provision or organisation of recreational facilities that are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and are available to members of the public at large.

See: <https://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

Grants to Help Older People Lead More Fulfilling Lives

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

See: <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk>

People's Postcode Trust Opens for Applications

The People's Postcode Trust has re-opened its grants programme and will award grants on a monthly basis until October 2021. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust makes grants to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the following themes: • Improving mental wellbeing • Enabling community participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality • Improving biodiversity & green spaces • Enabling participation in physical activity • Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability • Increasing community access to outdoor space Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000, other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to support both project and organisation core costs. The funding is available for 12 months. To be eligible to apply, organisations will need to have an annual income of below £1 million with preference given to those with an income of below £500,000 per year. The Postcode Community Trust will operate on a monthly basis. On around the 1st of each month, applications will open, and organisations will be able to submit their request for funding until the maximum number of 150 has been received until the 1st October 2021.

See: <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk>

AllChurches Trust

AllChurches Trust like to fund projects that demonstrate an impact on people and communities. Applicants should include clear (and where possible, measurable) outcomes for projects and demonstrate how they will ensure sustainability beyond our funding. It's also important to show how additional funding support will be sought to enable the project to be completed.

Our open grants normally fund capital projects and equipment, not salaries or running costs, with the exception of our transformational and Hope Beyond programmes. In most cases, we give a small percentage of the project cost as this enables us to say yes to more worthwhile causes, although we do occasionally give larger grants.

See: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund>

National Church Trust

Funding available for Scotland's cash strapped churches and chapels
A range of grants are available from the National Churches Trust

Churches and chapels in Scotland needing funding for urgent repairs and maintenance are being encouraged to apply for grants from the National Churches Trust.

In 2021, the church support charity expects to allocate more than £1.5m to churches and chapels throughout the UK. Any church, chapel or meeting house in Scotland that is open for regular public worship can apply.

See: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/funding-available-scotlands-cash-strapped-churches-and-chapels>

Scotland's Churches Trust

Scotland's Churches Trust helps sustain and support Scotland's places of worship through a range of grants, bursaries, advice and support.

Scottish Churches Trust offers grant support to help with:

- restoration projects in the repair of buildings and windows
- cost of routine preventative maintenance
- organ educational awards
- support towards organ concerts

See: <https://scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/>