

Preventing Trouble With Your Police

'There is a huge amount of activity which, whilst not directly connected to policing, will make a significant contribution to steering individuals away from troublesome activities'.

Offenders – Can you work with those providing a network of care to ex-offenders coming out of prison or those still in prison? For example, Youth For Christ's Reflex scheme delivers accredited programmes to young people in custody and in the community with skills, confidence and opportunities they need to overcome the barriers they face in order to reach their full potential. www.yfc.co.uk.

Urban and detached Youth Work – Can you meet with young people on the streets and develop relationships? See (1) Youth for Christ. www.yfc.co.uk (2) Frontier Youth Trust's work with young people at risk www.fyt.org.uk . (3)The Message Trust www.message.org.uk Working with the hardest to reach young people in schools, local communities and prisons in Greater Manchester and beyond. One of their projects is Eden. www.eden-network.org Eden's mandate is to go to the most challenging urban areas and share God's life-changing love in words and actions. Eden teams choose to live in these communities long-term, sharing the problems of those growing up there and helping them with their needs. To date, The Message has planted 20 Eden partnerships in 6 cities involving well over 300 people who have heard God's call to become 'downwardly mobile'.

Education – The Lighthouse Group (TLG) is a Christian charity that works with young people who have been excluded from school, at risk of exclusion or are at crisis point in their education. Their 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. www.tlg.org.uk . Oddments Theatre Company www.oddments-Theatre.co.uk take drama to churches, schools and prisons.

Sport and Leisure Activities – to prevent Anti-social behaviour by young people. See Audit Commission report www.audit-commission.gov.uk/hangingaround . World Sports Ministries www.worldsportsministries.com serves churches to impact Communities.

Uniform groups –) Initiate or support groups such as Scouts, www.Scouts.org.uk , Guides www.girlguiding.org.uk , Boys Brigade www.boys-brigade.org.uk .

Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme – Initiate; get involved. www.dofe.org

Working with refugees – Can you offer support, advice and resources to those on the margins? www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Preventing Terrorism – CPA fully supports [CONTEST](#) the Government's Counter Terrorism, in particular internal and external Prevent agenda initiatives to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism, and engage with other organisations to prevent the radicalisation of people in our Communities). The church can build links with other faith groups on areas of mutual benefit and publicly stating our position from a biblical point of view on violent extremism.

Foodbanks. <http://www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects> Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. We partner with churches and communities to open new foodbanks nationwide. With over 170 foodbanks currently launched, our goal is for every town to have one.



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Domestic Violence Counselling - DV accounts for between 16% and one quarter of all recorded violent crime in England and Wales and one in four women will be a victim of domestic violence in their life time. Statistics like these show that domestic violence is a big issue and is happening in our local towns and villages. It is a very hidden crime and an average of 35 assaults happen before the police are called. This is due to many reasons, including the victim being ashamed about what has happened or they could be trying to protect their partner as they think it will not happen again.

E.g. **Focus Counselling** www.focusbath.com is a Christian counselling service that operates from St Michaels Without Church in the centre of Bath, linking with key agencies. Areas of work are Domestic abuse, depression, sexual abuse,, bereavement, stress, eating disorders, couple counselling, relationship problems, life crisis, and lectures.

Debt Counselling – Can you provide a forum of advice on money management?

E.g. Christians Against Poverty- a national UK debt counselling service www.capuk.org
Alternatively join non Christian agencies already working in this area.

Fundraising – Coordinate fundraising in your local church for relevant projects e.g. The Liverpool Accommodation project providing intensive support for young people 16-18yrs of age to help them live independently in their local community. www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Mentoring – get alongside a young person and help them through e.g. Mentoring Plus – youth crime prevention project where members of the public volunteer to mentor a young person for a year. www.mentoringplus.net . School mentoring schemes- listening to students struggling at school. Accompanying Project-spending time with a youngster each week who may be struggling staying in schooling www.bathyfc.co.uk

Prison and Community Chaplaincy –work alongside prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families, offering practical, social, relational and spiritual support within prison, through the gates and out in the community. www.ccfj.org/whatcanido/chaplaincy.html
www.communitychaplancy.org.uk

String of Pearls Project www.stringofpearlsproject.com support families of loved ones who are or have been in prison. Sowing Seeds Ministries www.sowingseeds.org.uk work in Prisons, Schools and Churches, working closely with the community to aid offenders, ex-offenders and drug addicts to a better way of life.

www.langleyhousetrust.org works towards the fulfilment of its vision of a crime-free society where no-one is unfairly disadvantaged or excluded because of their past. As a Christian charity, they seek to work with those who are at risk of offending, or have offended, establishing positive foundations so that they can lead crime-free lives and become contributors to society.

Prison Chaplaincy - visiting offenders in prisons.

Peacemaking – be a peacemaker e.g. neighbour disputes, local mediation services.

Parenting Support. e.g. help for single mothers. www.careforthefamily.org.uk
www.dpyk.org.uk 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' and www.parenting.org.uk both help parents to provide the best environment for young people to thrive and make good life choices.

Personal Safety – help efforts at promoting personal safety e.g. the work of Suzy Lamplugh Trust www.suzylamplugh.org This is a national charity committed to raising people's awareness of Personal Safety and helping them to avoid becoming the victim of violence and aggression. We believe that everyone should be able to go about their lives without fear. See the Trust's work with the Metropolitan Police on 'Swap a Knife For a Life' campaign www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj89w-DEMD4



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Housing for homeless. www.greenpastures.net Buy modest properties to provide accommodation for homeless people who may be either sleeping rough, or in unsuitable temporary accommodation. We then partner with local churches and homeless support groups to furnish and equip homes with everything tenants need. Our partners then create volunteer care and support teams to help tenants re-adjust to “normal life”.

Eg. Inside Out project Inside-Out exists as a response to the practical needs we encounter within our local community, and as a means of connecting those who want to give with those facing hardship who live on our doorstep. (Like Genesis).

3-4 referrals a day from police and social services etc [Inside Out](#)

Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the sale, transport and profit from people who are forced to work for others against their will. This trade in human life is taking place on a vast global scale and is the world’s fastest growing crime.

Eg.1 ‘Unchosen’ www.unchosen.org.uk is an anti-trafficking charity promoting human trafficking film campaigns nationwide. Through film, documentaries, interviews and Q&As, working closely with Unchosen raises awareness about domestic servitude, forced labour, child and sex trafficking happening here in the UK.

Eg.2 ‘Hope For Justice’ www.hopeforjustice.org.uk are also raising awareness and are available to speak to churches, organisations etc.



RELEASING THE CHURCH TO END HOMELESSNESS

