## CICS Chairs Report September 2022 - August 2023

We started the year with a Vision Day and Daphne, one of the trustees, asked the question 'do we know what schools are needing in this post covid world?' As the trustees were challenged by this question we thought the best way was to ask them!

CICS set up The Partnership, a group of those who were or could be working in schools / colleges across the Borough. Out of that group we decided to employ a Researcher whose role would be to approach the leadership of every High School in Calderdale to have a conversation around what involvement they would like from the CICS, The Partnership and the local church.

Thanks to funding from the Family and Social Welfare Council from the Diocese of Leeds by March we commissioned Robert Fox, who had recently retired as head of Longroyde Primary School in Brighouse, as our Researcher (and at the end of the year Project Manager to continue development).

Amazingly, and beyond our expectations, many of the High Schools were very open to involvement from CICS, The Partnership and the local church. New ways of involvement were requested and the challenge became how to respond promptly to all of these new open doors!

The end of the school year and into the current year was about putting in place the people and structure to meet these new invitations. Faith Panels were organised (one at a few days notice) where local Christians would be questioned about their faith, the difference faith has made and inspired them to set up various projects and businesses. Chilli Tuesday, free meals for Calderdale College students and staff, planned alongside involvement at freshers fair and mental health and wellbeing awareness days. Opportunities to attend lessons were taken, Christian based youth work in Sowerby Bridge started to be planned to meet requests from young people in local schools.

Beyond this new work our amazing existing workers have continued to go above and beyond time and again. Chris, Sarah and Sophie offer mentoring at a school in Brighouse helping dozens of young people navigate the complexities of life reducing the need for over stretched statutory services with months long waiting lists and meaning issues are dealt with before they become major and life changing. Nancy and Joan in Todmorden and Sowerby Bridge working in different ways in High Schools and running Open The Book in several Primary Schools. Our amazing team of It's Your Move book distributors, from church communities across Calderdale, who connect with schools and young people during the transition from Primary into High School.

The planned 20th celebrations of CICS in 2020 never happened (which means that our planned fundraising didn't either) but this year has become a year of laying the foundations for the next 20 years. Thank you to all who pray, donate, volunteer, are trustees or work for CICS in whatever capacity. The future is exciting with new opportunities and potential.

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| For the period <br> from | Sep-22 | To | Aug-23 |
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|  | Unrestricted funds <br> to the nearest $£$ | Restricted funds <br> to the nearest $\varepsilon$ | Endowment funds to the nearest $£$ | Total funds to the nearest $£$ | Last year <br> to the nearest $£$ |
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| A1 Receipts |  |  |  |  |  |
| Individual donations | - | - | - | 7,087 | 8,441 |
| Church or group donations | - | - | - | 4,290 | 5,391 |
| I'ts Your Move Donations | - | - | - | 1,537 | 1,661 |
| BHS mentoring paymts | - | - | - | 7,416 | 4,698 |
| Gift Aid Income | - | - | - | 1,310 | 7,340 |
| Grant | - | - | - | 5,000 |  |
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| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | - | - | - | 26,640 | 27,531 |



A3 Payments


