

Who are Unlock?

Unlock are a vital resource, enabling the Christian life to be accessible and open to everyone - particularly those from urban areas.
Andrew Davey
Church of England
Board of Social Responsibility

how...

Donations from our supporters fund 88% of our work - they are vital to help us continue to develop & produce Bible study materials, workshops and consultancy. We work with all denominations.

who...

Unlock is a Christian charity that has been around for over 30 years. It exists to help churches in inner city and outer housing estate areas respond to the challenges that they face in their areas.

walk...

As well as raising half the money we need to fund our work each year, our sponsored walk is an opportunity to see at first-hand the potential (and the problems) of a number of urban churches.

The circular route visits seven church checkpoints from a variety of denominations

Members of each church community are encouraged to be available to welcome walkers, and a factsheet is provided.

We hope that as a result of each walk practical links will be forged between urban and suburban churches

support...

Your donations in 2002 meant that we could:

- send out over 500 packs
- produce 2 NEW packs
- start developing our community audit pack

you are a part of our work, because you help to fund it!

Unlocking real life stories of urban people

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ

Releasing life-changing skills and confidence



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God cares about our day-to-day struggles, and we want to help churches to share that Good News.

please support us if you can

The Unlock London Sponsored Walk No.20

Brixton Market

Sat 3rd May 2003
Brixton · Stockwell · Kennington · Camberwell

COSMETIC
020 7737 27

don't forget:

- An A-Z of London (if you have one)
- A small donation for each church (50p)
- Checkpoints are open 9am - 5.30pm
- A snack (food is available on the route)
- We walk whatever the weather!
- Pray as you walk!

The 20th Unlock Sponsored Walk

Originally, to celebrate twenty walks, we planned a route around Brixton today. As the route has developed it now visits the very heart of Brixton (with its market) and also Camberwell (with its busy centre and Camberwell Green).

As is so often the case in cities these two places are quite different and distinct, though they share similar features (good and bad), lively diversity and social problems. Both appear from the outside to be teeming, chaotic places, but it would be wise for us as outsiders to look carefully before we reach conclusions, or move on from the 'chaos' to our own more comfortably ordered patterns of thinking and living. Particularly with regard to race relationships we should both avoid over-emphasis on the historical fact of the 'Brixton race riots', and also the facile assumption that the area has moved forward into a 'vibrant multi-cultural diversity' - the truth is probably less clear-cut.

Housing is a major feature. As you walk ask yourself if you have ever seen such a range of residences packed into a couple of square miles? Different styles, sizes, standards and sectors - how does anyone afford to buy property here? There are many signs of "gentrification" - a deliberate council policy to arrest the bad effects of the large council estates. It has become a desirable place to live for people with the choice, adding to social diversity - council and housing association tenancies are in great demand.

Another intriguing feature is the number of voluntary organisations (particularly religious ones) that have their offices in this area - perhaps they were here before property prices soared - see how many you can identify as you walk!

We shall be calling at seven 'checkpoints', which are all Christian faith communities. Amid such chaos and diversity, how important is it for people living in the area to find meaning, identity and belonging through these communities?

How to get there...How to get there...How to get there...

Convenient access points by rail:

1. Herne Hill station - between checkpoints F & G
Thameslink - Bedford, Luton, St Albans and Sutton
Connex - Orpington, Sevenoaks, Maidstone and Dover line
2. Brixton station - between checkpoints C & D
Some Connex services
3. Vauxhall station - for Waterloo / South Western
trains. 20 minute walk or No.36 bus along
Harleyford Rd to Camberwell New Road - between
checkpoints A & B

By tube:

1. Kennington - Northern Line, on walk route
2. Oval - Northern line, 10 minute walk to Camberwell
New Rd, between checkpoints A & B
3. Brixton - Victoria line, on walk route
4. Stockwell - Northern & Victoria lines, 10 minute
walk to checkpoint C

By bus:

Our route passes through Camberwell Green and Brixton centre - both are served by numerous bus services



Advance notice:
Walk No.21 - 24th April 2004
Book the date now!

