

Unlock 2020 UPDATE

My name is Sharon and I became the Unlock Development worker in Cardiff in December 2018.

I am currently working with two charities, TAVS is a community centre run by my church supporting vulnerable people in the community, and Caru Am Byth (*"Love is forever"* in Welsh) offers outreach and support to sex workers in

Cardiff. I am setting up a women's space including Unlock activities in both charities, twice a month at TAVS and once a month at Caru. I also touch base with the women outside of the sessions through voluntary work and outreach.

The sessions provide a safe

space where we can get to know the women and journey with them through providing hot food, little treat bags, space to reflect and focus on themselves and manicures and hand massages (which I see as a reflection of Jesus' washing the disciples' feet).

God has been so good in leading us and providing for us, including a little seed money for the TAVS group allowing us to supply food and buy nice little treats for the women. We are hoping that as we progress we will be able to build up a little budget of available finance.

The work at TAVS is called *"Bloom"* and is based on Isaiah 35:1-2 - *"The desert and the parched land will be glad, the wilderness will rejoice and blossom"* - this is our heart for the women and the vision and hope we have for the work that God will do. We held a vision and prayer meeting for the volunteers prior to starting the sessions (there are 3 other volunteers besides myself). Two women came to our first session at TAVS. Alice visits the centre with her somewhat dominating husband. She comes out of her shell and *"blooms"* when she is on her own, so we were praying that she would come and have space to herself where she can build up her confidence. The Friday before the session her husband got angry with TAVS and left saying he wouldn't come back. Alice obviously left with him and we

were disheartened. We prayed about it. Then at 5.30pm on the evening of the session I opened the door and she was there waiting! She came in and ate with us and read through a little booklet of scriptures that we put in her gift bag. She seemed touched by this as well as by a hand massage I gave her. We gave her some left over brownies to take home - we hoped they might sweeten her husband up a bit! It was so good to be able to serve and bless the women in these ways. In our next session we will be doing an Unlock activity looking at connection to God and decorating

HITTING THE STREETS

hearts and prayers to put up on a hanging vine. Alice wants to come again and a few more women are also showing an interest so we are hoping for a few new ladies to bless next time.

The sessions with Caru Am Byth have taken a little longer to get going - there are currently two women who are interested in attending the sessions and one of them has some friends she

wants to bring along. Both women are former sex workers, one from the streets and the other from the parlours, so God has blessed us with an open door in both areas of the work. Women in these situations are often very broken with chaotic lives. This was a bit disheartening at first. Yet I take courage and faith from the fact that often it is the work that is the hardest to get going that proves the most fruitful. The important thing is that the women have a real interest so the rest will come in due course and in God's timing

Both groups have separate prayer cover consisting of volunteers already connected with the charities. We also have a wider group of prayer supporters who receive prayer updates every three months or so.

Finally, I have been very blessed with a great Unlock Local Team made up of supporters from both charities and God is working in many ways between us as both charities are joining and working together in light of the Unlock work.

God prepared the soil so well ready for the Unlock work that we are now doing here in Cardiff. I feel very blessed to be able to work with Unlock to journey spiritually with these women and bless them. Unlock have also been very supportive. I have a mentor from the Unlock board who used to work with sex workers so that has also been an encouragement and support. I feel very looked after in my work and very blessed to be working with Unlock and with God to reach out to these vulnerable women. I am excited about what the future holds for them and what God wants to do and will do in their lives.



SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT UNLOCK-URBAN.ORG.UK

YOU ARE INVITED TO



BLOOM - TAVS WOMENS SPACE

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COMMUNITY AND FRIENDSHIP

WEDNESDAY 11th + 25th SEPTEMBER -
5.30PM TO 8PM

UNLOCKING LIFE BEHIND THE WALL

A familiar face was on the front cover of the Church Times newspaper in May.

Phill James, the Unlock worker for Byker and Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, was interviewed as part of a feature on the Church's work in the area. The article was born out of the Church of England's recent debate on the importance of Urban Estate ministry at their General Synod, where they made a significant commitment to have a Church presence in all urban estates around the country. The Churches in Byker were mentioned as part of that discussion as examples of communities that, though fragile, have had a real impact on their surrounding areas especially through their work with children and young people.

2 years ago the Churches in Byker and



Walker partnered with Unlock and employed Phill to work with a few groups on the fringe of the Church. Phill was already involved in the work of the Churches and the article describes how he arrived in Byker after undergoing major surgery that affected his throat and shook his confidence. *"I stopped shouting at God and blaming God . . . and I came here,"* he recalls. *"I love being with the community and people."*

The Churches have greatly benefitted from Phill's time as an Unlock worker, through his gentle presence and his passion to be with *"folk on the ground who might be afraid to come into church"*. Though his time as an Unlock worker has come to an end Phill still plans to remain in the area and continue some of the work he has started.

WHAT I GOT OUT OF BEING AN **UNLOCK** WORKER AND HOW IT HELPED ME WITH MY NEXT ROLE



My time working with Unlock at Town End Farm was an amazing experience and one that will stay with me especially in my new role as Children & Families Missioner in the Diocese of Newcastle.

A big part of my role as discipleship development worker for Unlock was to connect the estate community with 'church', walking alongside the folk of Town End Farm, Sunderland, a large estate with not a great deal

of 'church' presence, helping them to realise their gifts and talents, find new skills; helping them to grow in confidence and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, by listening to them, walking beside them, helping them and showing them the love of God through Jesus.

It was a wonderful journey, not without its ups and downs and twists and turns, but with the help and support of the Unlock team and the North Wearside Parish it helped me to realise my gifts and talents and helped me to grow in confidence, enough for me to apply for the role of Children & Families Missioner in the Diocese of Newcastle Upon Tyne, something I probably would never have considered had I not worked with Unlock.

All that I learned from Unlock and my time in Sunderland has helped me greatly with my new role. It is not too dissimilar, just in a much bigger parish with several estates, connecting the community with 'church', reaching out, helping people to grow in confidence, discover their gifts and talents, learn new skills, meeting people where they are, while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, showing them the love of God through Jesus.

I love my job. I give thanks for it every day. It is a joy and a privilege and I give thanks for Unlock, for all that they do to grow God's kingdom here on earth.

Jacqueline Atkinson



BIBLE WOMEN AT LARGE

The Bible Women spent Lent & Easter at St Lawrence's Heanor in Derbyshire, where they attracted a good deal of interest and generated plenty of community engagement and discussion with their range of controversial Bible stories.

Then they travelled to Merton in London for the Unlock Walk where they attracted a good deal of interest. Along the way they have picked up a Pick and Mix range related ideas which we are developing into an Unlock resource pack which will explain how they came about and give people activities to use alongside the display. This can be added to over time as more activities are developed. It will also outline the Unlock learning cycle and encourage people to try it out for themselves.

The Women, and the resource pack are now available to churches who want



Bible Women at Large



A set of six long banners, including cartoons of 87 women from the Bible, alongside women who have changed history with their stories; are available for churches to borrow, along with a resource pack to help you make the most of having them in your neighbourhood.

To book please contact the Unlock Office
01142939060 office@unlock-urban.org.uk

to borrow them in exchange for a donation that will at least cover costs. As well as providing churches with an engaging outreach tool they will serve to raise awareness of Unlock and its approach to Bible engagement.

Having the Bible Women banners on display creates a unique opportunity to connect with your local community.

The images and stories of the women create connections with many aspects of human life and the lives of local communities.

One church created a participative community event which they called 'The Place of Women' to which all sorts of local organisations were invited as contributors.

What they brought to the event was not necessarily Christian but their displays sat alongside the Bible women and each threw light onto the other, with each attracting more different people into the space where they could encounter the Bible Women and their stories. Not



being overly prescriptive about what organisations brought to the event was deliberate - we wanted to leave people free to interpret the theme and engage in whatever way seemed most relevant to them.

The 'Place of Women' was so popular that the church decided to keep the displays up for two full weeks (rather than the 4 hours originally planned) so that more people could come and see it.

Alongside this was a Sunday sermon series highlighting the stories of some of the women on the banners - including those whose stories rarely appear in Sunday lectionary readings.



LIKE JONAH – SPAT OUT BY THE WHALE

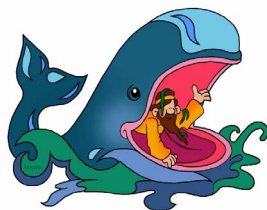
Some of you will recall that for the last 18 months or so we have been devoting some of our energy to exploring the possibility of partnering with the Estates Evangelism Group in order to access significant additional funding from the Church Commissioners as part of the Renewal and Reform initiative. I wrote about it last year under the title 'Swimming with the Bigger Fish'.

Well that didn't work out! We are delighted that our friends at National Estate Churches Network have been able to secure some funding but sadly it wasn't possible for that to include anything much for Unlock. Are we downhearted? Well, to be honest, we are a bit.

Like Jonah, we have been spat out by the big fish. And like Jonah, we need to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and listen carefully to

what God is telling us to do and where and how.

We have always been prepared to push gently at doors that are ajar, trying to see where God will lead us next. We continue to reflect and pray and we remain convinced of the value



of what we do, as do many people in the world of Urban Mission in the UK, but again and again we are told how valuable our work

is by people who are not actually prepared to support it financially.

Our valuable work doesn't just happen - it has to be worked at and it has to be funded. It would be really good to find a few more people who are willing to put some financial resourcing behind our work, so that we can keep our focus on what we do best, rather than having to use up so much time making sure it is funded.

Dawn A Lonsdale – Unlock Chief Officer

**UNLOCKING REAL LIFE STORIES OF URBAN PEOPLE
REVEALING GOOD NEWS OF THE DOWN TO EARTH CHRIST
RELEASING LIFE CHANGING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE**

LONDON WALK

SHINING A LIGHT IN MERTON, MORDEN & WIMBLEDON

BY JENNY BLAKE

Below is a list of church groups who have sent in their sponsorship for the 2019 walk, listed in order of the amount raised. Once again a very big thank you to everyone, whether they appear on this list or walked on their own, for all the sponsorship they raised. We do so value every single contribution, large or small, as they play such a significant part in maintaining our work.

St Mary's Church, Hadlow, Kent
St Luke's, Bricket Wood
Benefice of Aldermaston & Woolhampton
St Andrew's, Sidcup
Merrrow Methodist Church, Guildford
Oakridge Baptist Church, High Wycombe
High Cross Church, Camberley
St Matthew's Church, High Brooms,
Tunbridge Wells
East Plumstead Baptist
St Peter ad Vincula, Wisborough Green
Crofton Park Baptist Church
Park Street Baptist
Sharnbrook Churches Together
Ashurst Drive Baptist Church, Ilford
Dagnall Street Baptist

The Avenue Methodist Church, High Wycombe
St John's, Moulsham, Chelmsford
St Ann's, South Tottenham
Chiswell Green URC
Maidstone URC
St Mary Magdalen, Sheet
St Paul's, Hook
Welling Methodist Church
Treeton Baptist Church, Rotherham
St Andrew's, Chelmsford
Hutton & Shenfield Union Church
St Paul's URC, Croydon
St Mary's Church, Ash Vale
Raynes Lane Baptist Church
St Paul's, Camberley
St Andrew's, Goldsworth Park
St Gregory's, Sudbury
Abbey Centre Baptist Church, Northampton

Many of these churches appear on the list year after year, whilst it is good to see that one or two new ones are appearing, particularly when people move on to pastures new and take the inspiration of the walk with them. Some old faithfuls have been doing the walk for most of the 36 years it has been in existence and others are continuing their financial support although

they are no longer able to walk. We would all love to see more younger people participating in this event which is the life-blood of Unlock in terms of its fundraising. As usual walkers very much appreciate the wonderful mix of checkpoint churches as well as discovering new areas and places in London. A lot of people also really appreciated the opportunity to see the Bible Women which Siggy in Sheffield has been drawing and encouraging people at her coffee morning to colour in.

As well as sponsor forms being available, it is now very easy to collect your sponsorship on-line by creating your own Virgin Giving page, enabling you to promote the walk through social media or e-mail and collect sponsorship from people at a distance. It is very straightforward to set up and full details are available on our website. Details of all you will need for the next walk are circulated at the end of January, and also published on the website. Congratulations to Mary Ellwood of Croydon who won the 2019 walk quiz prize and to Amelie Dunn aged 11 who was awarded the junior prize. The answers can be found on the website if you want to check yours (or available from the office if you prefer).

CHECKPOINT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to support Unlock through the London walk, but are finding the walking a bit much these days, why not volunteer to represent Unlock at one of the churches on the walk route. Unlock checkpoint volunteers help everything to run smoothly. They are provided with clear instructions and an Unlock staff T-shirt, so that they can be easily identified. If you are interested in helping this way please contact the Unlock Office.

UNLOCK GOODIES

Unlock Goodies – Unlock T shirts and baseball caps in assorted sizes and colours available from the Unlock office for £6 plus P&P. Also we now have stylus pens in purple or silver & black which will be on sale at the walk or available from the office at £1.50 each plus P&P.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM UNLOCK TO COME AND TALK AT YOUR CHURCH, OR SPEAK AT A CHURCH EVENT THEN PLEASE CONTACT US AND WE WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN ARRANGE.

We are extremely grateful to The Kingsley Trust who have given us a further grant of £3,000 to support all our efforts and help promote them further. Any donations, however small, towards the work of Unlock are extremely welcome. It costs £2,500 to fund Unlock's contribution to a local project for a year.

IN THE SHADOWS OF THE TOWER

THE 37TH UNLOCK LONDON WALK, 25 APRIL 2020

Come to Tower Hamlets: you may not have seen Mile End or Spitalfields or Bethnal Green.

Stepney and Shadwell and Whitechapel too:

Seven churches here are waiting for you

In the shade of the Tower where you might not have been.

It's possible you came on the 3rd Unlock Walk 34 years ago (!) in 1986 or the 27th in 2010, to visit Tower Hamlets. Maybe you came in 2016 to the Olympic Park, but come (again) or for the first time in 2020 and you will find more fascinating contrasts between the past and the present, between stereotypes and reality. This is London's East End: inner-city rather than suburban.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets only came into being in 1965, a merger of the former metropolitan boroughs of Bethnal Green, Poplar and Stepney, but the name is much older: the first written mention in 1554 was a catch-all description of the settlements north and east of the Tower of London (individual entry to which now costs £24.70!)

Remember Whitechapel on the Monopoly board costing £60? There's no cheap property

any longer: a flat that cost £50,000 thirty years ago can now sell for seven times that much! Poverty remains. If you only think of Jack the Ripper or the Kray twins in connection with the East End, find out more about the radicals and reformers like the Booths and Barnardo as well as the rogues. For anyone interested in historic buildings, this walk offers a huge selection including the magnificent Hawksmoor Christ Church, Spitalfields. If the history of housing appeals, you will want to see Arnold Circus on the Boundary Estate. For the nature-lover, the route will be along the Regent's Canal and across the Green Bridge at Mile End.

Having provided refuge for Protestant French Huguenots in the late 1700s and to persecuted Jews in the late 1800s, Tower Hamlets now has a population which is one third Bangladeshi Muslim origin. You can buy both bagels and curry in Brick Lane! 38 per cent of the borough's residents are Muslim – the highest proportion in the UK. You can visit a place of worship which has been a Huguenot Chapel, a synagogue and is now a mosque. High above the entrance on a stone sundial are the Latin words "Umbra Sumus", we are shadows. Indeed we are, but the building remains after 250 years.



- It is estimated that there were 300,000 residents in Tower Hamlets in 2017
- It has one of the fastest growing and youngest populations in the UK
- Poverty amongst children is the highest in the country

Tower Hamlets still needs the vision of contemporary Christians to be the radicals and reformers of the 21st century. Come and encourage some of the churches committed to London's East End!

Jackie Gooding, Checkpoint Volunteer

**2019 walk income
has reached £23,500**

Great effort!

Thank you everyone!

If you know of any other people who would like to be put on the walk mailing list please encourage them to contact the Unlock office.

You can now collect your walk sponsorship or make a donation online via Virgin Giving.

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THE UNLOCK LEARNING CYCLE

UNLOCKING REAL LIFE STORIES OF URBAN PEOPLE

Start with the group telling stories from their real life experience.

LEADING TO MORE EXPERIENCE

What we learn now is learnt for life and changes us. We also learn to keep reflecting!

RELEASING LIFE CHANGING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Change happens as a result of linking real life experience with the Bible. This change often leads to action among others.

REVEALING GOOD NEWS OF THE DOWN TO EARTH CHRIST

The real life stories are connected to and compared with similar situations in the Bible.

If you would be willing to receive your newsletter by email in future to save Unlock postage then please send an Email to: office@unlock-urban.org.uk

FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

My report last year raised the possibility of a large deficit in 2018. I am relieved that we ended the last completed financial year (2018) with only a modest deficit of £2,183 (compared with a surplus of £6,561 for 2017). A deficit is always slightly disappointing but considerably better than we had feared. Total income (£62,518) was down by £5,018 (7%) and total expenditure (£64,701) was increased by £2,348 (4%) mainly due to increasing costs and a loss in the value of the legally required designated

reserve. General donations fell by over £5,000 (14%) but income from the London Walk increased by almost £3,000 (12%). The end of year position was dramatically improved by a significant grant from a new donor (Kingsley Trust) in 2018 and a large gift-aid donation in December 2018. (Kingsley Trust has also made a further donation in 2019.)

The current budget for 2019 again predicts a significant deficit, which could take us close to the designated reserve if we achieve our level of

planned activity without increasing our income. Because we really believe in the benefits for God's Kingdom of what we are doing, and will always seek to deliver the most that we can with whatever income we have, so we aim to put resources to best use as soon as possible and to spread the work of Unlock as widely as we can. The fruit of this is clear as we have several active local projects and others just about to start or in the planning stages.

The London Walk remains a significant source of funding (42% of income in 2018). Money from the 2019 walk is still coming in but will probably be a little less than in 2018. The walk is a great day out and an excellent way to introduce others to the work of Unlock. We are grateful to all who take part in the walks and the Walk Planning Team. Will you walk with us in 2020?

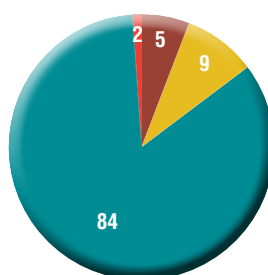
Thank you to everyone who supports Unlock in whatever way. Please tell people about the work of Unlock whenever and wherever you can. Jenny or Kevin in the Unlock office are always happy to provide information if required. One of the strengths of Unlock is that our income comes from various sources and every donation, of whatever size, makes a real difference.

We hope that you will continue to support our work to keep Unlock sustainable for the foreseeable future.

David Tyers (Treasurer)

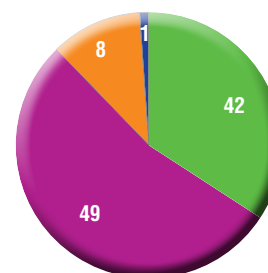
EXPENDITURE 2018

Governance Costs	£3,270	5%
Fundraising	£5,853	9%
Charitable Activities	£54,200	84%
Loss in value of Investments	£1,378	2%
£64,701	TOTAL	



INCOME 2018

Sponsored Walk	£26,017	42%
Donations	£30,820	49%
Grants	£5,000	8%
Investments (interest)	£681	1%
£62,518	TOTAL	



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Would you consider leaving a gift to Unlock in your will. This doesn't have to be complicated and it's possible to make many types of different gifts. Full details are available on our website at www.unlock-urban.org.uk/support_legacies.php or if you would like to talk with someone about leaving Unlock a donation in your will please contact the Unlock National Office.

LEGACY GIVING

giftaid it

but what is giftaid?

Simply, for those of you who have not yet heard of 'Gift aid', it is a system that enables charities to claim an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 donated to them by a UK taxpayer.

9 in every 10 donations received by Unlock are NOT made under giftaid.

If you pay tax then please consider whether you can tick the gift-aid box on the registration form when you make your donation.

Giftaid will not cost YOU anything!

All it means is that we can apply to the Inland Revenue for an extra 25p for every £1 that you give towards our work.

To qualify for Gift aid, you must pay enough tax to cover the amount that will be claimed back by the charity/charities that you give to – so if you give £10 you must have paid £2.50 in tax!

ACHIEVEMENTS

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

WOODHOUSE, SHEFFIELD

Siggy Parratt-Halbert continues her work.

HASTINGS

Lynette Golnaraghi completes her work after 2 years.

BYKER & WALKER, NEWCASTLE

Phill James completes his 2 years' work.

CARDIFF

Sharon Jenkins begins her work.
(see article on front page).

TREETON, ROTHERHAM

Interviews take place and Carolyn Gower commences work.

TOWN END FARM, SUNDERLAND

Post advertised to continue Jaqueline Atkinson's work.

CO meets with each worker to review progress.

TRAINING PROVIDED

CO runs workshops:

- Queen's College, Birmingham
- Hull Community Church
- Morecambe Together Lancashire Network in Preston
- Christians Against Poverty in York

Bible Women begin their tour visiting St Lawrence, Heanor.

Prodigal Son workshop visits Brandon Baptist Church

PARTNERSHIP WORK

CO attends:

- NECN Leading Your Church Into Growth conference, Swanwick
- Estates Evangelism conference, Sheffield

CO meets regularly with:

- Representatives of The Bible Society
- Church Army staff

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter published and distributed and 2019 London Walk brochure mailed.

Resources published on the Unlock website include:

- What Shall We Do With The Women?
- Keep Calm and Trust
- Screwing Things Up
- Little Things Can Mean a Lot

EVENTS

The 36th Unlock London Walk entitled Shining a Light takes place in Merton, Morden & Wimbledon, including a display by the Bible Society. A mainly fine day,

developing into a rather breezy afternoon for just over 600 walkers. Sharon Jenkins (Cardiff worker) runs Bible Women assisted by Claire Cullingworth (Unlock Council). Walkers are invited to view the Bible Women drawings created by Siggy in Woodhouse, Sheffield and take part in activities based on them including decorating hearts, culminating in posting a picture on facebook/twitter.

The walk raises £23,604 towards the work of Unlock.

The next London walk will be on 25th April 2020.

Unlock National Council meet 3 times.

Unlock National Gathering held at Cliff College with Bishop Philip North as our guest speaker to help us in our thinking around the theme of "Hope for the Poor". Over a period of 24 hours staff, workers and Council together with Unlock local teams, friends and partners get together for a time of sharing food, taking time to reflect, pray and listen to God and each other.

Unlock Office Staff retreat takes place at Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath. A good team building day including a ride on an alpine style cable car.

Bible Women in Heanor.

TRAINING

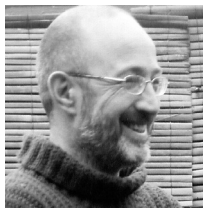
Unlock provides training in "Working with the Bible in Non-book Culture", for those preparing for, or engaged in, urban mission. If you would like to know more about this, please request our training brochure from the National Office.



Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHURCH TO SUPPORT UNLOCK, EITHER THROUGH THE LONDON WALK, OR AS PART OF THEIR MISSIONARY GIVING, YOU CAN FIND UNLOCK PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES ON THE UNLOCK WEBSITE, NEXT TO THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEXT UNLOCK WALK.

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT



A year is a long time in the life of a small organisation. You may remember an analogy we used after a review of how we were working four years ago; that we

are a rather small vessel on a big sea and so, in pursuit of our purpose, we might have to tack into the wind and follow an unexpected course and be prepared to re-make our plans. There are several examples of how that has happened.

We've taken an opportunity to start working in Cardiff because of the recommendation by one of EUTP's former workers of a person he knew of, and the context is different too. You'll read about Sharon on the front page.

You won't read about Hull but work here has taken a fascinating turn after a couple of more traditional Unlock worker false starts; two workers from another organisation are using the Unlock method and some materials – and some input from Dawn – and have run four small groups of people in different places in Hull with people who have relationships with Christians, but where explicit faith-exploring was not happening much. One of these workers is now producing materials about 'emotional intelligence' to help people explore issues like why they fall out with each other over often minor things, all based of course on the essential Unlock value of making space for people to tell their own story and discover that somehow, their experiences are there in the pages of the Bible.

The article 'bible women at large' is another great example of 'tacking', that resource being used again and again now, but having been

developed as a result of our usual approach being resisted in a certain context.

So, in many respects it has been a very encouraging year, quite difficult financially, but in the end the deficit was modest and we can live with that; but it became modest rather than dangerous because of surprising generosity – winds from places we didn't necessarily expect.

Sadly, support did not come from the direction we were anticipating it. My report last year laid out the discussions we were having. The recognition by some 'big fish' of the value of Unlock's approach and its experience of delivery... and wanting to facilitate more of that delivery, was really encouraging; but as far as actually receiving any support to deliver it, because of the decision of the funder, we now know that Unlock will receive no support as Dawn notes in her 'like Jonah' article.

I don't need to say much more, but it was a lot of work for us to come to nothing. I suppose the biggest winds don't help make the most progress, but we are not ship-wrecked; and the good news stories, when you let them accumulate and sink in (ha ha), are very encouraging.

So, we aren't giving up and I do hope that you won't give up on us. We are almost completely reliant on individual Christians who 'get it' to keep us going by your prayers, by your walking, by your giving and by your using of our resources. Thank you.

Andrew Dorton



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Unlock, is a charity established to equip Christians in inner city and outer housing estates to be more effective as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own areas. Unlock employs between four and eight paid staff including a network of workers placed in inner city locations across the UK. The charity is overseen by its National Council which meets three times each year. The legal document of the charity is its trust deed, dated 25th May 1972.

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