

news²⁰¹²letter

**2012 walk
income has now
topped £25,500.
Great result!
Many thanks
everyone!**

Denny and the Drug Dealers

Denny has grown up in a series of foster homes. He has been engaging with the Bible in an informal Unlock group for some time, including being involved in a session on conflict. While the Unlock worker is visiting Denny at his home, Denny receives a visit from his drug dealers. Denny is a pretty small guy; his drug dealers are two big strong guys. The Unlock worker quietly melts into the background and the drug dealers start talking about

how they are going round to beat up Ray who owes them money. Denny tells them that the Bible says they are to 'turn the other cheek'. He rushes from the room and returns with a Bible (he has stolen from a church!). Denny then goes through the Bible, showing the drug dealers all the different parts which explain the Biblical approaches to violence and conflict.



Bicycle (Relationship) Repair Man

A few weeks ago we had a number of people come along to the community garden for the morning – we did a little bike repair workshop (with much drinking of tea and eating of cake) and then talked a little bit about forgiveness and repairing our relationships. One of the guys talked about how his relationship with his mother had recently broken down – we ended up praying for him together which was fantastic. He isn't a Christian, but he called me yesterday and asked if I could get him a Bible to have, saying that he has never felt so peaceful in his life and wants to find out more about Jesus.

Rediscovering the Bible

A local church youth leader has had an Unlock worker working alongside him for some weeks, facilitating bible engagement with his youth group. The youth leader (himself an oral learner)

says that he has never really engaged with scripture in this way before but has now started reading his own bible more regularly





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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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2013

Unlock Walk

Saturday 28th April

The 30th Unlock London Walk will take place in Eltham on Saturday the 20th of April 2013

Walk No. 30 is in exactly the opposite side of London from our very wet 2012 visit to Willesden. We are going to Eltham, in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. It has huge contrasts. We will pass a former royal palace, which you can see from its bridge over the moat. We will walk through very extensive between-the-wars council estates, human-sized, but with the same social problems as the tower block era. We will be alongside a massive controversial regeneration scheme in what was the much-hyped, but finally notorious, post-war Ferrier Estate (named for reasons unknown to me after a world famous contralto from my home town of Blackburn!). We will pass the paving stone in memory of the teen-ager Stephen Lawrence, whose tragic death and its aftermath has had such an impact on the attitudes of our police. There will be a connection with our last walk, where Sir Thomas More went on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Willesden. He often went to Eltham Palace, and his favourite daughter, Margaret Roper, had a house nearby, now a historic popular venue called the Tudor Barn, which we shall visit. After Willesden, the law of averages should give us a dry day! Make sure you have the date booked - April 20th, 2013.

Peter Hall.

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



See our website for more information at
unlock-urban.org.uk

Unlock's furthest walker

Do I get the prize for travelling the furthest or setting off the earliest for the London walk?

My name is Mick Armsby. I attend Treeton Baptist Church and was shown the Unlock keyring and then shown the Unlock walk map by Jenny Blake who is also from the same church. I spoke to my wife Janet and elder son Jason saying that I wished to have a go at it. Both were surprised and said they would support me in it. My wife volunteered to help Jenny at the checkpoint at St Luke's which my son and I would start the walk from. We left Sheffield at 03.45 hrs on the mega-bus arriving in London at 07.30 hrs, followed by another bus to Brent arriving at 08.15 hrs. No one at the church as yet so time to top up with breakfast. At 08.45 checked in at the start, left the wife at the checkpoint and son and I started the walk 09.00 hrs. On this cold/wet Saturday we found our way to the first location. What a wonderful welcome by the staff. After stamping the map and blessings we went our way. Meeting and chatting to local people for directions we managed to find our way around the checkpoints. The spirits of our fellow walkers were high and friendly. Some checkpoints offered hot drinks, biscuits and cakes but what impressed my son and I was how friendly and warm the people of Brent are. We met some wonderful people from all parts of London and were amazed that some had carried out this walk for many years. I hope that my son and I will be able to do next year's walk and once again meet up with the people we met that day. A truly wonderful experience I will cherish for the rest of my life and hope to see and meet you there. And finally thanks to the people who sponsored me, which raised £120 in total thank you.

Unlock 40th Birthday Celebration



Unlock celebrated its 40th birthday in style with a party at St Luke's church, Barton Hill in Bristol on 29th September. The event was open to all and was planned around the theme of the Prodigal Son. Although only about 40 people attended, everyone enjoyed participating in the various activities. The hall was divided into 4 zones representing the Father, Older Brother, Younger Brother & the Pigs in the story, with each zone identified by a life size cut out. Each zone had both creative and reflective activities to help people to engage with different aspects of the story.

The Father zone run by Steve Millwood (Sheffield worker) had a table set out for a party, together with clay modelling activity, a song entitled "Open Arms" by Elbow to reflect on and some challenging case studies entitled "What would love do?".

The Older Brother zone (planned by Ruth Childs, Birmingham worker and run by Maureen Hudson, former Sheffield worker) gave the opportunity to take a slice of lemon followed by a

piece of chocolate representing the contrast between bitterness (holding onto resentment) and sweetness (forgiving), and then the planting of crocus bulbs to take away as a reminder of the promise of new life.

The Younger Brother zone run by Liz Dorton (former Hull worker) had a short film on Psalm 51 in a quiet comfy corner with cushions and some riotous party games to remind us of the prodigal son's lifestyle.

Sarah Watkins-Idle (Council member) ran the Pig zone which provided entertainment for children and adults alike with activities including pin the tail on the pig and apple bobbing.

In the centre of the room there was a long robe on a tailor's dummy (representing the 'best robe' which the father put round his returning son in the story) with various artists interpretations of the Prodigal Son and music to reflect on, leading to writing short prayers on post-it notes and pinning them on the robe.

A 40 year timeline was created along one wall including a copy of the original

1972 trust deed, annual reports and walk maps together with photos from the past 40 years, photos of former workers and staff, flyers of Unlock events and resources published etc. This was added to throughout the day by visitors adding their own reflections on their period of involvement with Unlock.

A presentation was made to John Hunter, a founding trustee on his retirement from the position after 40 years service. Several other people with long standing involvement with Unlock (formerly Eutp) were present including Bishop Peter Hall from Birmingham and his wife, Bill Bullin from Hastings, Jenny Richardson (former Chief Officer) and her husband, Martin Johnstone (representing Unlock Glasgow), former workers including Karoly Haasz from Leeds, representatives from the London walk, also local churches including those Andy Pears (Bristol worker) has been working with; and many others sent their good wishes.



A lovely celebration cake was made by Janet Millwood (wife of Sheffield worker Steve) and this was shared together with a picnic style lunch which everyone contributed to.

The day culminated in worship including an agape, 2 songs from 1972 and a contemporary one to finish, intertwined with an opportunity to put a piece of material onto a twisted rope mentioning our own thanks for our individual involvement in Unlock throughout the years. The rope was then twisted and folded to pull together and make it stronger, representing the fact that all our individual efforts are made stronger when put together. We then shared broken bread and left strengthened for the next 40 years!

Jenny Blake



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.

In 2012 Unlock is providing training or other input for:

- Exeter University/The Bible Society
- Churches in Bristol, Birmingham and Sheffield



Once an Unlock worker...

Whilst sitting looking out of my Manse office window, I wonder where the 18 months have gone since I last was in Birmingham doing my Ministerial training and working as the Unlock Birmingham worker.

In many ways, I really miss that time and the freedom I had to work alongside the Mind group within the Unlock framework.

Sometimes, as a council member within Unlock council meetings, I feel somewhat out-of-my-depth and long for the times when I was a worker.

However my time as a council member enables me to support those who have to make the decisions about how things like how budgets are spent or what the way forward with Unlock looks like.

I have always been a person who is best-suited to being on the ground, doing, and my time as an Unlock worker gave me the opportunity to learn new ways of spreading the love

of God, in such a simple but profound way, and although I miss the work I did in Birmingham, I recognise how that has enabled me to do what I do now as a Methodist minister.

As I sat this week with our group of very special people who come every Monday to learn and know what it is to be loved by God, I quickly realised this is not far removed from the work I was doing in Birmingham. We share stories together, hear about one another's life experiences and work out together where in all of that God is. We don't outwardly use a bible, we just live the bible out by respecting and valuing one another.

Although my background was somewhat challenging, it was the love of those who were willing to live out the gospel in a real way that brought me to recognise the love of Christ. By being a council member I hope that I can relay that same love, by my support and encouragement, to



those who work on the ground and those who sit around a table making decisions.

Deb Marsh October 2012

Obituary Roy Dorey 1934-2011

Roy Dorey, one of the founding fathers of Unlock, died on 9 November 2011 aged 76. He is survived by his wife, Mary, his soul-friend of almost 50 years. He is also survived by others of us who found in him a spiritual father and inspirational mentor.

There is a no short answer to the question "What did he do?". With Mary's support and assistance he was a pastor, a trainer, an academic, ran a children's home, set up a school for disabled children in Dubai, and ran a bereavement service. When asked once by a potential employer about his career path, he referred to his CV and said that he clearly didn't have one! Like a sailing boat that allows the wind to set its own course he strove to be led by God's Spirit. The boat needed repairing from time to time, not least when he had triple-bypass surgery at the age of 61, but he kept on sailing to the end.

He had come to know Christ as a teenager and trained for Baptist ministry in his early 20s. He and Mary had hoped to work as missionaries in the Far East, but his childhood asthma effectively closed that door, and so Roy looked for other doors that God might be opening. He described himself to me as a High Baptist and mixed widely. In recent years he was an assistant to a local Anglican priest and a chaplain in a Roman Catholic college. After giving thanks for the food at college one evening he was asked where he had

found that particular prayer – his friends were amazed that he had just invented it!

Roy was often frustrated by the Christian tendency to leave your brain at the door of the church. I found him to be widely read, allowing his theology to interact with other disciplines, and grappling hard with the problems that that interaction threw up. He said both to me and to others that the older he got the less he believed, but that the things he did believe he held to all the more strongly.

Unlock is in possession of much of Roy's study material for groups. Coming



from a working class background, he was a lifelong critic of what he felt was a middle class bondage within the mainstream churches, and in 2006 he wrote a doctoral thesis on the subject.

But what I and many others will always remember Roy for is... himself. He cared about ordinary people and invested vast amounts of time listening to us. 250 of us turned up at his Thanksgiving Service last January to pay our respects. The mix of those present said something about the expansiveness of Roy's heart, something he picked up from his Lord and Master. He will be greatly missed.

Bruce Stokes
October 2012

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

Unlock 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 in this way please contact the Unlock Office.

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...LEADING TO MORE EXPERIENCES TO BE UNLOCKED

Unlocking real life stories of urban people
Unlock's methods begin with a group of people sharing their real life experiences. **Unlock's** materials suggest different things that will help this to happen - for example, a few questions, a game or a video clip

Releasing life changing skills and confidence
Change happens as a result of linking real life experiences with the Bible - 'We learn it now and we learn it for life.' The individuals and groups involved change, and there is often action among those around them

Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ
These real life stories are compared with similar situations in the Bible. **Unlock** materials provide Bible passages on individual pages, that can be photocopied for use with a group

DEBT

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New (and old) Resources

Easter in St Jude's

Four small group sessions linked to Lent and Holy Week themes.

Out In The Cold

Unlock 2012 walk workshop based on the story of Hagar

Resources from the Unlock archive

'Pick and Mix', 'We'll Manage It' and 'God Finds Us', are now available on the Unlock website.

Coming soon

Resources on the themes of debt and unemployment, and some new materials using film clips.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Unlock website for new resources

New resources from Unlock Local projects in England are now available at...

unlock-urban.org.uk

There is a regular stream of new resources from Unlock Glasgow at...

unlockglasgow.org.uk

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 gift-aid.

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

Gift aid 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!

Treasurer's Report 2011

I am pleased to start my first treasurer's report for Unlock by announcing a surplus for the year of £9861. This was the result of the generosity of our supporters (including a higher than expected walk income), careful financial management by Unlock staff and a significant grant from Church Urban Fund (CUF). The grant from CUF came later in the year and most of the surplus is already ear-marked to cover the cost of new work to be carried out in 2012. The new funding does allow us to maintain our current activities in the short-term and to explore possible new projects and other areas where Unlock can have an impact.

Income from the 2011 London walk increased once more to £28,534. We are grateful to all those who walked, those who organised groups, those who sponsored walkers or gave donations and to those who put in so much work behind the scenes to make the walk such a success. The walk remains the major funding activity of Unlock but is also a valuable way to share what Unlock is all about with walkers, churches and the local communities.

Unlock receives a number of other donations throughout the year. These are important to us and we are grateful

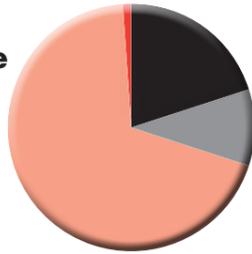
for this support. Please remember Unlock if your church (or other group) is considering giving a donation to support other Christian organisations. We are always looking for new ways to make our finances more stable – not to build up reserves but to continue to serve effectively. Please consider signing up for "Give as You Live" (see below). This could provide a significant income at no extra cost to you.

Excluding the CUF grant from the equation would have left us once again with a significant deficit in 2011. Council remains committed to maintaining our impact even if this involves reducing reserves but we could not continue to absorb deficits for very long. We hope that we may benefit from a further CUF grant in 2012 but continue to look at working in partnership with other organisations.

On behalf of council, I wish to say a big thank you to all who have supported Unlock in 2011. On a personal level, I wish to thank Lois and Jenny in the Unlock Office for the assistance given to me to familiarize me with the Unlock accounts and for Tim for his work as Acting Treasurer.

David Tyers (Treasurer)

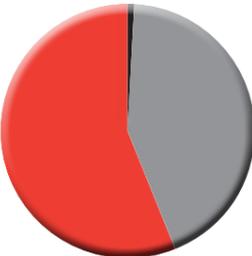
Expenditure 2011



Total £58,675

■ Management & Admin	£11,611	20%
■ Fundraising	£5,636	10%
■ Direct Charitable Work	£40,741	69%
■ Decrease in Value of Investments	687	1%

Income 2011



Total £68,536

■ Investments	£545	1%
■ Sponsored Walk /Sundry	£29,412	43%
■ Donations	£38,579	56%



New ways to give

Give as You Live - Would you like to support Unlock every time you shop online at no cost to you and no cost to us? With Give as You Live, thousands of major brands including Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis and Expedia have signed up to donate a percentage of every purchase you make online to

Unlock. The average shopper will raise £2.10 per month through what they already buy online. Give as You Live is easy to set-up and use. Simply visit Give as You Live at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/unlock for full details. Try it today and help raise valuable funds for Unlock.

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NEW! You can now collect your walk sponsorship or make a donation on line via Virgin Giving.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>

September 2011

Unlock National Gathering, Luther King House, Manchester. Over a period of 24 hours staff, workers and Council hear from Bristol & Sheffield workers and create collages & clay models, as well as planning for the 40th anniversary.

October 2011

Steve Millwood runs a workshop for Sheffield Diocesan Development Day assisted by Jenny Blake.

Dawn Lonsdale (CO) runs workshop for Eden Network, Manchester.

CO runs workshop for Preston Christian Action Network and exploratory meeting for Unlock project in Preston takes place.

CO attends Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

CO leads an Unlock activity/reflection at National Estate Churches Network conference, Birmingham.

November 2011

CO attends Urban Mission Forum in London on the theme of Chaos, Divisiveness & Hope.

CO visits Trinity College, Bristol to explore possible partnership.

December 2011

Andy Pears (Unlock Bristol worker) runs Unlock training event in Birmingham.

CO attends Sheffield support group meeting.

CO runs workshop for Peterborough Diocese at Swanwick.

CO meets in Birmingham with Sarah Watkins-Idle (Council) and Jenny Blake (office administrator) to plan 40th anniversary event with Andy Pears (Bristol worker) consulted by phone.

Annual reports published and distributed.

Easter in St Jude's resource published on website.

January 2012

CO visits Queen's College, Birmingham to meet Ruth Childs

Unlock National Council meet.

February 2012

2012 London Walk brochure mailed.

Ruth Childs begins work for Unlock Birmingham.

March 2012

CO attends Sheffield Local Project Support group meeting.

Steve Sowerby & Ruth Childs (Unlock Birmingham workers) run Unlock training event at Queen's College.

April 2012

The 29th Unlock London Walk – Parks, Pilgrimages and Pentecost – Borough of Brent. A showery day with about 600 walkers. Ruth Childs (Birmingham worker) and Steve Millwood (Sheffield worker) run an activity on the theme of "Out in the Cold". Walkers are invited to view the story of Hagar, make a butterfly and put a gemstone in a clay ball, reflecting on the fact that we have the freedom to be who God wants us to be.

The walk raises £25,597 towards the work of Unlock.

The next London walk will be on 20th April 2013.

CO attends Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Trustees meeting.

CO attends Church Urban Fund tackling poverty event in Leeds.

May 2012

CO works with Exeter University for 'thinking day' at Bible Society HQ in Swindon.

Unlock Office Staff retreat – a walk around Eyam including reflecting on the plague.

Exploratory meeting for Unlock project in Newcastle takes place.

CO meets Unlock workers in Birmingham.

CO attends Serve fact finding meeting in Bradford.

June 2012

Unlock National Council meet.

Andy Pears runs Unlock training events in Bristol.

July 2012

Steve Millwood (Sheffield), Andy Pears (Bristol) and Steve Sowerby (Birmingham) complete their time as local project workers. Unlock work will continue in all 3 locations.

August 2012

Workers and staff prepare for the 40th anniversary celebration.

September 2012

CO visits Community Café project in Huddersfield.

CO runs training event for those involved in estate ministry in Birmingham.

Unlock 40th anniversary celebration held in Bristol on the theme of the prodigal son, including zones for the father, older brother, younger brother and pigs, each with creative and reflective activities, as well as a robe for prayers and a 40 year timeline.

Unlock National Council meet.

CO attends Christian Coalition for Urban Mission AGM in Sheffield.

Work Locations

Unlock is exploring new project locations. We hope to establish new projects in London (Brent), Newcastle, County Durham and Manchester. If you want to connect with these initiatives contact the Chief Officer at the Unlock office.

Contact the National Office for details of the next Unlock Sponsored Walk

Chair's Annual Report



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It's time for faithfulness. Things are getting very difficult for very many of the people who we know the gospel, as it is generally currently 'preached', does not reach. These are the people, the bible would call them 'oppressed-poor', who Unlock was always, as EUTP, and still is, trying to enable the church to communicate with, and who we are trying to work with directly, through a number of very part time local workers and their Unlock Local Teams in various cities around England and in Glasgow, Scotland.

What we manage to do is frankly pretty small beer in comparison to the task; we know this. People like Jim Hart told me this a long time ago and the good and faithful friend we lost this year, Roy Dorey knew this. But our story is in the bible: the disciples were pretty small beer; out of their depth, bemused, afraid, powerless - in spite of having spent three years with the pearl of greatest price.

So, we are trying to be faithful and its my job once again to express our very great gratitude to all of you who are faithful to God through us; you who pray and walk and give and we hope, use the resources

on the website to do the gospel more Jesus-likely. (By the way, Jesus works for everyone, not just the oppressed-poor and no matter what your situation, we think the resources available will really help as you make them your own. And by the way, they are free).

We have had some real success and you will read about this elsewhere in this report. We believe that our influence has spread considerably over the last few years as we've had more people on the ground, and latterly thanks to CUF, more capacity at the centre, in Dawn, to get around. Perhaps more significantly, the partnership with the Methodist College in Birmingham means many students, going all over the place, have at least heard about Unlock. After nearly ten years of this mode of development, we're going to review where we are and see if God would have us change anything. This is our way of making sure we are being appropriately faithful, not blindly so.

Whatever our successes and however we tweak things, it's going to be time for faithfulness. Things are going to get very much tougher for the people Jesus came

to live among and they are likely to get tougher for us as they are for very many organisations, Christian and secular. I can assure you that Unlock is about as lean as an organisation can get. (Thanks Lois and Jenny!) We are going to be depending more heavily on the faithfulness of our individual and church supporters. This is not an appeal but a thank you and an encouragement (I hope).

One last thing: we've just celebrated 40 years. We had a great time in Bristol in September, primarily because we were together with a significant band of the faithful. It was great to see ex-staff Jenny Richardson and Bill Bullin, ex-Council members Peter and Jill Hall so excellently continuing to deliver much of the walk preparation, and John Hunter. John resigned as a Trustee and Council member on this anniversary, having been one of the founders and having been so faithful for those 40 years. John is now in his 90's and remains as clear sightedly faithful to the gospel and its expression through Unlock as ever and we thank him so much.

Andrew Dorton

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.

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.

When you request Unlock materials from the Unlock national office we do appreciate a donation to cover the costs of copying and postage.

Unlock Supporters Registration Form

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Please add me to the Unlock mailing list:

I would prefer to be contacted by:

- E-mail** (this saves Unlock money)
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I enclose a donation to Unlock's work in deprived urban communities in the UK.

£ (Cheques made payable to 'Unlock' please.)

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