

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!

REVEALING GOOD NEWS OF THE DOWN TO EARTH CHRIST

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

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.

**We know you will have lots of questions;
so to find out more contact Unlock:**

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THE POWER OF...



How Unlock partnerships with a local church or small group of churches enhance mission and discipleship.

STORIES

Launches and Pilot Boats

We call it 'Unlock Local Launch'; the purpose being to set something on its way that will then be able to travel onwards without us.

Have you ever been at a port town or city and watched the local Pilot boat guiding big cargo ships in and out of the port at high tide? The Pilot, in the Pilot Boat, knows the local rocks, sandbanks, channels and tides and is able to guide the bigger vessels through them by a safe route. So the Unlock local workers (local people, not external 'experts') are '**Unlock Local Pilots**'; who know the ways of the local community, and whose role (trained and supported by Unlock) is to guide the '**Unlock Local Launch**' safely to the point where it can voyage onwards on its own.

How does it work?

Unlock's National Office provides training, support resources and consultancy for two years including the following:

- 1 day Unlock training on site (which you can open up to the wider area).
- Unlock staff make 2 further site visits to your Unlock Local Pilot(s) over 24 months.
- Free attendance for 2 Unlock Local Pilots at 2 Unlock National Gatherings.
- Unlimited remote support, guidance, review, training and consultation.
- Unlimited access to Unlock worker resources and training/guidance on the Unlock website.
- Funded attendance at The Unlock London Walk for 1-2 Unlock local pilot(s) in their first year (as part of their training).

Costs are an initial start-up fee of £400 followed by 23 payments of £60 a month.

It is not necessary that the finance be fully available within church funds, and this is often not an option in the most marginalised locations. The expectation is that churches are able to secure at least some mission funding from, diocesan or regional church funds, or local Christian charitable trusts.

Expected outcomes:

- Growing the congregation's confidence and skills in faith sharing.
- Strengthening connections in both church and community.
- Nurturing self-esteem and personal growth.
- Nurturing discipleship and indigenous leadership.
- Recognising ourselves as part of God's big story.

