



Dear All,

Thank you for your interest in the work of Unlock in Liverpool.

If you haven't already had a chance it is worth visiting <http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/> to get a better idea of Unlock's purposes, history and current activity. There are some excellent resources on the site that some of you may find interesting in your various roles.

Meanwhile, as promised a quick up date on what has been happening in Liverpool...

From the start of my post up to July I visited a number of urban parishes in the Liverpool Diocese to see the fantastic and varied ways that they are working in their context. I learnt a lot and was greatly encouraged by the amount of great work that is being done. During these placements there was plenty of opportunity to discuss potential ways Unlock could be helpful to those I was visiting, from these discussions have emerged requests for non-book materials for Baptism preparation and an introducing Christianity course. So these have been incorporated into the aims for the two years.

The overall idea is that the first phase of the two years will be focused locally, around the parish of Christ Church and Holy Trinity Walton Breck as that is our base. Then the remainder of the two years will be spent rolling out the methodology around the diocese in the hope that Unlock's presence in Liverpool will far out live my post.

In July, with our new incumbent, Kelvin Bolton, in place, I ran 3 workshops called Unlocking Unlock for the two churches in our team and for leaders of other local churches. The workshops introduced Unlock by doing an Unlock style Bible study around the theme of lost treasure. Then we used the symbols and ideas of lost treasure to collaboratively identify groups with which Unlock's methodology might work in Anfield. So after the summer I will be approaching the most viable groups to set up some Unlock workshops with them.

This weekend all the Unlock workers will be heading down south to Greenbelt as Greenbelt trust have given some funding for Unlock nationally and free tickets to all the workers - on the basis that we seek to give Unlock a bit more profile at Greenbelt, in turn giving Greenbelt trust more profile!

Hope that is of interest, if you would like more detail please feel free to ask...

God bless

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