



# The Power of Stories

## Unlock Local Launch where you live...

*This summary explains how a partnership with Unlock can enhance mission and discipleship in a local church or small group of churches.*



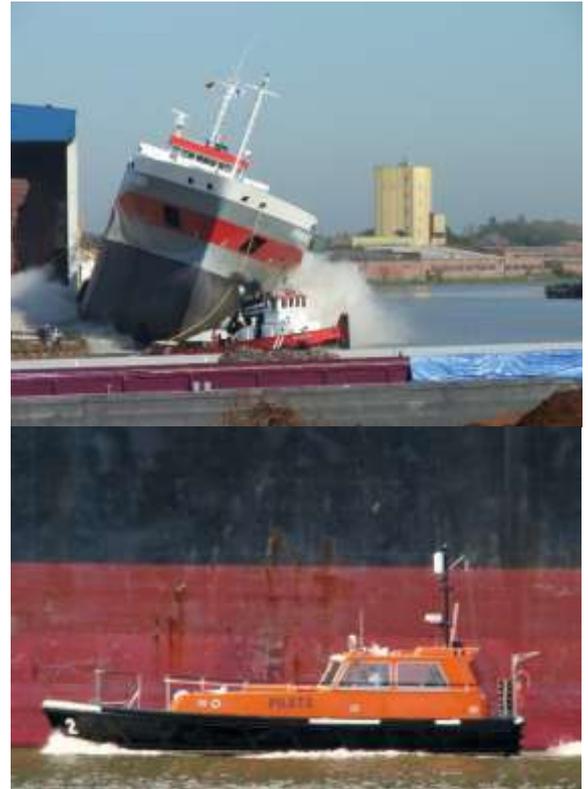
have been: -

- **Unlocking** real life stories of urban people
- **Revealing** Good News of the Down to Earth Christ and
- **Releasing** life changing skills and confidence

- since 1972

Unlock works through partnerships with local churches; resourcing and enabling them to build stronger connections within their local communities through creative and engaging approaches to the Bible, starting with people's own everyday stories.

Unlock's approaches are specifically designed to connect for oral learners who may be put off by traditional formal and academic approaches to the Bible. You can read more about the impacts of Unlock's work here [UL14 Real Life Unlock Stories \(unlock-urban.org.uk\)](http://unlock-urban.org.uk)



## Unlock is looking for churches or groups of churches of any denomination to work with; Churches which have:-

- A heart for the most marginalised of local people
- An desire to set the Gospel free within their local community
- A commitment to overcoming exclusion
- A desire for stronger connections within their local community
- Some community engagement and social action already in place that they wish to grow, particularly in missional terms
- A desire to grow the church family; spiritually at least as much as numerically
- Capacity to build a small team of support (not necessarily hands-on helpers) within the church & community
- Leadership that is expected to remain mostly stable for the next 2-3 years
- An urban area that can easily be identified with locally recognised boundaries.

## What is involved?

### Unlock's National Office provides:

- Training, support resources and consultancy for two years.
- Including
  - 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).

### Cost: -

- \*£1800 (£400 up front then a monthly standing order for 23 months).
- After the initial payment this works out at around £60 per month

### Local Partners undertake to:-

- Create a local team between 2 and 6 Unlock Mission Pilots plus 1 licensed/authorised person (and including one person whose role it is to coordinate and maintain communications).
- Manage their own safeguarding procedures and any remuneration.

### Local Partners are encouraged maximise their benefits from the partnership by:-

- Providing their local team members with materials, resources and access to workspace as needed.
- Upholding their local team members with prayer and pastoral support
- Consider paying those members of their local team for whom it is appropriate, at least on an hourly basis.
- Sending session outlines, frontline stories and updates to Unlock regularly (this will allow them to get the most out of the consultancy and develop local skills, it will also enable Unlock to replicate their local success in other communities)

### 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 indigenous leadership
- Recognising ourselves as part of God's big story
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### And afterwards?

Once local people have grasped the Unlock approach then local churches can use the approach with confidence and can train and enable other local churches in Unlock approaches at minimal cost.

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