Who are Unlock?

"Unlock is a vital partner and resource in Urban Mission and Ministry. Its strength and future lies in being rooted in local communities, including churches"
Rev. Inderjit Bhogal - President of The Methodist Conference

Unlock is a Christian organisation that has been around for nearly 30 years. It exists to help churches in the inner city - and on outer city housing estates - respond to the challenges that they face in their areas. If you have ever had to face a difficult situation and work out 'what it means to be a Christian here' you will understand what some of those challenges are.

Unlock believes that God cares about our day-to-day struggles, and we want to help churches to share that Good News! We do this through workshops and Unlock resource packs. Groups meeting in locations as diverse as pubs & prisons have already used these packs.

Rev. Joel Edwards
General Director
Evangelical Alliance

"I applaud Unlock in its ministry. May it continue to open many doors."

Unlock began its life as The Evangelical Urban Training Project (Eutp). It was set up by, amongst others, Lord David Sheppard, then Bishop of Woolwich.
At that time it was recognised that congregations in inner city and outer housing estate areas were neglected by evangelicals and little understood by a mainly middle class church. Eutp was set up to help such Christians to share the Gospel in their own communities, confident in their own style of faith.

The divide between Christians from different backgrounds sadly still exists. Through our teams of workers we continue to help inner city and outer housing estate people and churches to unlock their own stories of life and faith, and reveal the Good News of the Down to Earth Christ for themselves and their neighbours.

Unlock

For more information...

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Support?

Donations from individuals fund 88% of Unlock's work - they are vital to help us continue to develop & produce Bible study materials, workshops and consultancy.

Our latest pack - produced in conjunction with Bible Society and with support from the Drummond Trust. The Bible study pack, based on the Miracle Maker film, has received widespread acclaim and is already being used around the country. Price £5.00. Available from our address below.

Unlock
Price: £5.00
LIVING WITH THE MIRACLE MAKER
EXCLUSIVE

In 2000 Unlock did more work than they received money to pay for...
- **We spoke with 1000's of people around the country**
- **We sent out over 600 Bible packs**
- **We produced two new resource packs**

and that's only part of what we did!

sponsored walk?

The walk started in 1984 and is still going strong (900 people walked the route in 2000).
It is intended to raise the awareness of Christians from affluent areas of the UK as to the problems - as well as the potential - of urban churches. This is achieved by arranging a circular route with stops at various church 'checkpoints' - that represent a variety of denominations.

A fact sheet is handed to the walkers at each church, describing the situations faced by that church. Members of each church community are encouraged to be available to welcome walkers and answer questions.

It is hoped that practical links will in this way be forged between inner and outer city churches, and that understanding will grow.

'The sponsored walk is vital, it raises almost half the money that is needed to do our work around the country each year.'

The Unlock London Sponsored Walk No.18

Sat 28th April 2001

Notting Hill - Shepherds Bush - Kensington - Hammersmith

Formerly Eutp

Routemaster on Kensington High Street - DJVE

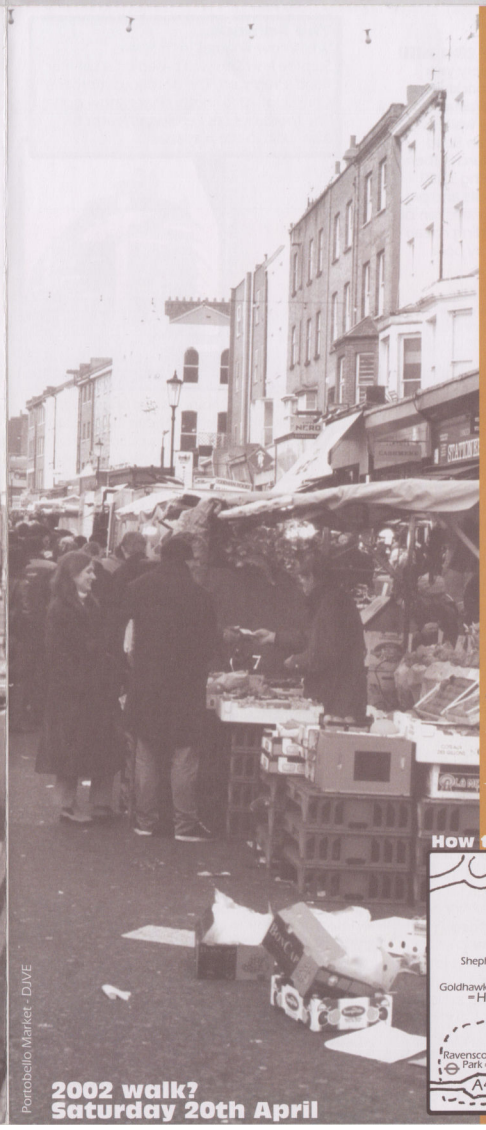
We can easily misjudge this year's walk, which reaches parts of London that Unlock has not explored before. It is full of impressive London affluence - where people in churches can be persuaded to give money relatively easily, but if you want willing hands to do a job in the church you might have to pay someone else to do it!

But also here are churches with no money and deep commitment, that responded when, for example in 1958, the first generation of people from the Caribbean coming here to work faced mob racial hatred. Also here the Westway riot of 1970 was the first time that the nation was made to look at the human cost of the spectacular solutions of the inexorable expansion of road transport.

Both church and community responses to such urban tensions have been inspirational for many struggling with the same issues elsewhere.

May we find renewed encouragement for the work of Unlock, which seeks to allow such stories to emerge, and find vision and strength to act in the down-to-earth story of Jesus Christ.

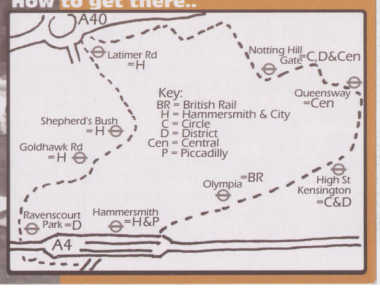
Peter Hall
Bishop Peter Hall
(Chairman - Unlock)


Portobello Market - DJVE

...Don't forget

- An A-Z of London (if you have one)
- Enough money to cover a small donation (30p) at each checkpoint church
- Checkpoints are open 9am - 6pm
- You can walk the route in either direction
- We will walk whatever the weather!

How to get there..



2002 walk? Saturday 20th April