

# TRANSFORMING NOTTS TOGETHER<sup>+</sup>

Summary Annual Review  
2022

Inspiring, equipping & connecting  
churches as they help people  
break free from poverty

**97** Churches supported



**49** Places of Welcome



**88** Projects supported

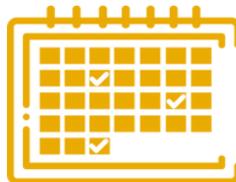


**6** Networks coordinated



**58** Network meetings facilitated

**33** Workshops delivered



**£112,000** received in grants, funding and donations this year- thank you!



**9** Newsletters circulated

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### Areas of Work in Development

#### Mental Wellbeing

In September, Sue Buckby began work as Mental Health Development Worker at TNT focusing on 3 main areas:

- 1) Develop and deliver a workshop to help equip churches to start a new wellbeing ministry. 'Come As You Are' is a two-part facilitated conversation being rolled out in February 2023 to help us cultivate good practices ourselves and consider who we can partner with to better support people in our churches and communities with their wellbeing journey.
- 2) Develop a Mental health subgroup as part of the CAN network. An initial group of people, made up from church representatives as well as Christians from the public/voluntary sector, met in November to pray and encourage, and will continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis.
- 3) Train as a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) instructor and train 50 clergy and volunteers within churches as MHFAs within their communities at 'cost price'. We are currently aiming for summer '23 to offer this.

For more information please email [sue@transformingnottstogether.org.uk](mailto:sue@transformingnottstogether.org.uk) or visit <https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/mental-health>

TNT received funding as part of Faith New Deal within the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities, to run the Real Conversations Project. These conversations were an opportunity for local groups to look at the resources within their communities and share suggestions for change with leaders of their communities. We used existing Place of Welcome for the conversations, involving 15 churches and 1 library, and 544 individuals. We are now preparing for 2 big conversations with 2 groups, who have invited local councillors and police officers to discuss the changes they would like to see in their community.

As part of the Real Conversations project, we spoke to individuals about the positive aspects of their community:

*"Since moving here I have felt ambushed by kindness"*

*"It is lovely to have community groups where we can leave our things at home and just be"*

*"After starting up an outreach project to young people in our community, the youth now come and say hi to you in the street when they see you, which has had such a positive impact on our community"*

**Left Picture: Real Conversations at Montrose Court, Right Picture: RC at West Bridgford Library**



### Wayfinder

Wayfinder is a befriending style service that seeks to provide low-level support to people who have recently been homeless or are at risk of homelessness. It is based on a foundation of relationship. The Wayfinder project has been active since June 22 when Jemma Baldry came into post.

Since then we have been able to explore a variety of delivery options in order to ensure that we were able to use the programme as another method of supporting, equipping and resourcing the churches and organisations on our networks. In this time we have been able to establish some positive relationships with potential referral agencies; exploring key aspects of both our service and theirs in order to establish the most effective approach to collaborative working.

Currently, our focus is on establishing partnerships with churches and organisations with whom we might work to build up our volunteer base. This partnership would be determined by the work the church is already doing in the community and enable us to create a "satellite hub" for Wayfinder; a base; a community for us to be a part of and for our volunteer: participant matches to seek wider support. This could potentially form a base for Jemma, as coordinator, and provide the church/organisation with access to the wider resources of TNT and further develop those connections and networks across the county.

As part of our partnership, the church would encourage its existing volunteers to engage with the Wayfinder programme. In return we can use our extensive resources to "upskill" and equip which we would hope support that community to continue doing what it is doing.

For more information email [jemma@transformingnottstogether.org.uk](mailto:jemma@transformingnottstogether.org.uk) or visit <https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/wayfinder>



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### Social Action Audit

In the spring and summer of 2022 TNT, in conjunction with Cinnamon Network and Nottingham City Prayer, got in touch with churches and Christian compassion projects across Greater Nottingham to try and measure the impact of social action across the City. A huge thank to you all those that responded, which gave a snapshot of the number of volunteers, the time commitment, as well as stories of transformed lives through each project. The audit forms part of a wider conversation with civic leaders, about how The Church is making a difference in our different communities, and how we can explore ways of working more closely in partnership to bless the City of Nottingham.

### Real People Honest Talk

Back in January of 2022, under the banner of Near Neighbours, we welcomed 65 people to our Real People, Honest Talk event – the Big Conversation at Trinity Church. Four community groups from NG7 discussed what they like about their community, and what needs to change, and came up with plans and ideas to move forwards. It was a very special day full creative ideas and very honest sharing of stories, with our guests including two of our MPs. One group leader emailed in saying:

**"Thanks for the amazing opportunity provided for Belongs Youth Group. It was a pleasure for me to see our young people Blooming. This was a defining moment for them, which only comes around once in a lifetime. Many Thanks for including us in REAL People Honest Talk."**



On 7th July, over 200 people, representing 43 different churches and Christian compassion projects, gathered at Trent Vineyard to celebrate the work that volunteers are doing through these organisations across Greater Nottingham. The event was hosted by Transforming Notts Together (TNT), in conjunction with Trent Compassion and Justice ministries. Hundreds of volunteers were invited to an evening of desserts, music and networking to be honoured for the impact that their volunteering is having. Local church leaders, as well as political leads Lilian Greenwood MP and Caroline Henry, added their voice of thanks to all those who have continued to support others during the pandemic and beyond.



### And Another Thing...

In addition, let's give mention to hosting two Housing Summits, gathering those working around homelessness prevention through to holistic housing support; hosting two Ukrainian Refugee Summits, gathering churches and civic leads to respond to the immediate need arising from the war in Ukraine; Let's Talk Money (youth budgeting), Racial Justice, and Dementia workshops. We are here to equip The Church in Nottinghamshire, to help people break free from poverty and isolation. Thank you to all those who partner with us, we truly believe that there is strength in unity and we can do far more together than we can in isolation.

**Julia's first contact might have seemed very little, but it started the ripples which has undoubtedly changed this lady's life.**

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We said goodbye to...

We said hello to...



Hannah Buck

Chief  
Officer



Rev. Simon Cartwright



Rev. David McCoulough

Trustee



Rev. Peter Hill



Caroline Riley

CAN  
Development  
Worker



Nigel Adams



Lindsay Cressey

Development  
Worker



Jemma Baldry



Lauren Parton

Assistant  
Development  
Worker



Elissa Hartley



Jackie Smith



Paul Howard

Older  
Persons  
Enabler

Our TNT 2022  
Impact Report  
would not have  
been possible  
without each  
and every one.  
Thank you!

## Networks

Transforming Notts Together coordinates a number of networks around Nottinghamshire to bring together church and project leaders, build relationships and promote joined up working. They are:

### Christian Action Nottingham

- 137 members representing 77 organisations, with 51 further members linked into a subgroup area

### Faith Action Mansfield

- 42 members representing 31 organisations

### Faith Action Newark & Sherwood

- 24 members representing 20 organisations

### Faith Action Support Ashfield

- 41 members representing 22 organisations

### Places of Welcome

- 49 venues with more already planned for 2023

### Grief Café Coordinators

- 19 members representing 14 organisations

If you would like to connect with your local network, or partner with us to set one up in your area, then get in touch.

## Our 9 Network Subgroups:

- Children & Families
- Housing & Homelessness
- Prisons & Supporting Ex-offenders
- Food & Community
- Modern Slavery
- Social Enterprise & Employability
- Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Migrants
- Finance & Debt
- Mental health & Wellbeing

Transforming Notts Together is a Joint Venture between the Church Urban Fund (CUF) and the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham and is one of 21 joint ventures in the **Together Network** all of them linked by faith and driven by the desire to tackle social inequality across England.



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