



# TOGETHER LIVERPOOL

## Quarterly Report

July-Sept 2021



# Action in Numbers



## TOGETHER LIVERPOOL MONITORING DATA JULY - SEPT 2021

### In the third quarter of 2021, Together Liverpool:

- Carried out 45 engagements with 36 churches and community groups in Huyton, Knowsley, Liverpool North, Sefton, Liverpool South, St Helens, Toxteth and Wavertree, West Derby, Walton, and Wigan areas, to discuss social action with outcomes ranging from networking, funding, and producing social action plans, to storytelling.
- Engaged with church leadership to conduct a social action audit with 14 churches in West Derby Synod.
- Supported the creation of 56 social action plans by 13 churches - eight in St Helens Deanery and five in West Derby.
- 18 Community Surveys completed in a pilot exercise in Clubmoor, West Derby. We provided training and support for church volunteers to conduct an asset-based community development survey to discover the skills, strengths, need and experience in the local community.
- Made 24 Network of Kindness connections including connecting churches and community groups with local and national organisations such including CUF, LCVS, Hope Community Garden and Faiths4Change, Frontline, Christian Aid.
- Distributed £20,000 in funding to support the set-up of two new community food spaces in Wigan, and two in and St Helens, in partnership with Halton and St Helen's Voluntary and Community Action, thanks to our funders Feeding Britain and The Albert Gubay Foundation.

# In focus: Feast of Fun



In Summer 2021, Together Liverpool awarded 18 Feast of Fun grants to churches across the Diocese of Liverpool, to celebrate food and families, support those experiencing food insecurity, and strengthen relationships between churches and local communities.

We distributed £7,150 thanks to our funders Feeding Britain, the Albert Gubey Foundation and EL Rathbone. These small grants between £130 to £500 enabled churches to offer holiday clubs, fun days, recipe cards with food, barbecues and cooking classes for families in their communities.

Over 2,200 people took part in Feast of Fun activities including over 1150 children, from 1,045 families across the Diocese of Liverpool area.

All 18 activities engaged with single parent households, and three engaged with asylum seekers and refugees.

A total 176 volunteers supported Feast of Fun activities and 83% of churches (15) involved community partners.

Alongside this Together Liverpool produced a prayer diary for churches around Feast of Fun events. We held an on-line prayer session for churches engaged in social action, on Zoom every Tuesday in August.

The sessions included prayers for those taking part in the Feast of Fun summer activities programme, as well as for the many other social action activities starting up again across the across the Diocese of Liverpool area after a pause during the Covid 19 pandemic.

More detail including stories from participant churches can be found in our Feast of Fun Summer 2021 Impact report.

# Sharing stories



## More than 1,000 children to be fed through church led summer holiday scheme

11/08/2021

Churches are hosting activities from curry nights to community barbecues as part of a summer holiday scheme that is expected to feed more than 1,000 children in one diocese alone.



## Churches and charities step up again while school's out for the summer

by REBECCA PAVELEY  
27 AUGUST 2021



George and Theo show their medals outside Gloucester Cathedral after completing the Summer Challenge last week

THOUSANDS of children and families are being fed and entertained this summer through clubs



Description

### Together Liverpool Food Insecurity Lead Executive Dr Naomi Maynard on the National Food Strategy

Together Liverpool

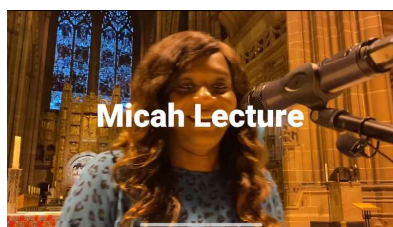
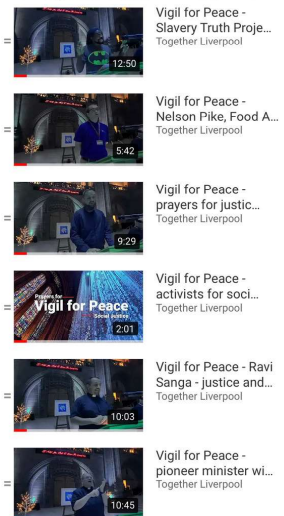
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The National Food Strategy (July 2021) makes a series of recommendations for historic reforms of the food system to protect the NHS, improve the health of the nation and save the environment.

We are encouraged by the inclusion of recommendations to help address food insecurity - including extending eligibility for free school meals, funding the Holiday and Food Activities programme for another three years, expanding the Healthy Start scheme, and trialling a "Community Eatwell" Programme, supporting those on low incomes to improve their diets.

Together Liverpool's Food Insecurity Lead Executive Dr

## Vigil for Peace



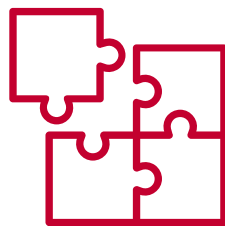
## From July to September 2021 we:

- Produced three **newsletters**, each reaching an audience of 900+
- Posted 63 Tweets with a reach of 71,914 on **Twitter**. Posted 20 **Facebook** posts with a reach of 2,511 generating 167 engagements.
- Secured coverage from the Church Times and Church of England website for news about pantries being set up in the area and our Feast of Fun summer activities grants.
- Continued to support social justice campaigns online including Reset the Debt, Plenty to Share, Liverpool Good Food Plan, and calls for climate justice ahead of the Cop26 summit.
- Produced and shared videos featuring social justice speakers to amplify their messages on-line, including including the annual Micah Lecture at Liverpool Cathedral delivered by author and Head of Engagement at Christian Aid China McDonald on her book: God Is Not a White Man: And Other Revelations. Videos were also produced of the Vigil for Peace at Liverpool cathedral featuring speakers from across the Diocese of Liverpool on: modern slavery, climate justice, racial equality, LGBTQ+ rights and access for all.
- Gave a broadcast interview with TWR Christian Radio about the National Food Strategy (July 2021) recommendations for historic reforms of the food system.

# Network of *Kindness*



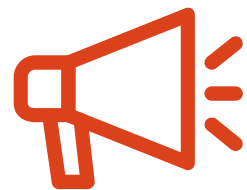
**LISTENING**



**CONNECTING**



**EQUIPPING**



**INFLUENCING**

This quarter our team engaged with 20 regional or local organisations and 20 national organisations, to network, listen and learn about their work; explore future relationships and activities; and support sharing events, campaigns and information, including:

**Regional / Local organisations:**

**Sefton CVS; Near Neighbours Chester; Christian Aid (North West); Kids Matter; Faiths4Change; Hope Foundation; St Helens Food Alliance via Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action (HSHVCA); Liverpool Hope University; University College London; Liverpool City Region Food Insecurity Group; Feeding Liverpool (Good Food Plan); Open Table Network; Diocese of Liverpool-Slavery Truth Project; Micah Liverpool; Merseyside CND; Liverpool Roma Community; Catalyst; Sahir House; LDCSA; The Hope Foundation.**

**National organisations:**

**Young Christian Climate Network; The Mother's Union; The Message Trust; Trussell Trust; Medaille Trust; Too Good To Go; Movement for Recovery; Acts 365; Church Urban Fund; Kintsugi Hope; Mac Containers; National Estates Church Conference; Life on the Breadline; Your Farmer; Reset the Debt; Christian Climate Action; The Clewer Institute; Plenty to Share - This is Rubbish Campaign; Christian Aid; the Trussell Trust.**



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## About Us

Together Liverpool is a social justice charity working to equip churches, communities and charities across the Diocese of Liverpool area to make a bigger difference to people's lives through social action, as part of our Network of Kindness Initiative.

Find out more: [www.togetherliverpool.org.uk](http://www.togetherliverpool.org.uk)

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