

# TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL<sup>+</sup>



## Mini Annual Report

2023

# Our Impact

We celebrate and support the work of social action **in our community**

## TC Key Themes

- Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Food poverty
- Financial inclusion
- Modern slavery
- Climate Justice

In 2023



**45** Churches Engaged



**45** Projects Supported



**7k** New users to TC Website



**38k** Social Media Reach



**£10k** Raised for CCF



**13** Food banks supported



**150+** Meetings held

**13**

**60+**

Organisations/churches connected



# Meet the Funders

Transformation Cornwall and Diocese of Truro

Our first in-person Meet the Funders Spring event was a brilliant success, connecting local charities, churches and organisations with prospective funders. A huge thank you to all the funders for your time and support, as well as the brilliant individuals who attended. A special thanks to our event sponsors; The Benefact Trust, Cornwall Community Foundation and The National Lottery Community Fund. Finally, a huge thank you to the Diocese of Truro, with special thanks and mention to Rosey Sanders and Rebecca Evans for all their time, effort, energy and expertise in making our wonderful event happen this year. Resources from the event can be accessed [HERE](#) on our website. Please note the information was true at the time of sharing and are subject to change.



Following our Meet the Funders event, we have provided bespoke 1:1 support to individual churches, faith groups and grassroots organisations across Cornwall. We have supported 45 projects this year, and connected over 60 churches and organisations to strengthen social action in Cornwall. This bespoke support has included all elements of project and business support, including; clarifying the vision, identifying prospective funders, support in grant applications, and organisational governance, and much more.

“Meet the Funders is an essential event for anyone involved in looking for finance for projects or initiatives. Every time I go, I come away with new ideas, and hints about how to raise funding. At the last event I met and spoke to a representative of Cornwall Council’s Community Capacity Fund who suggested an approach to take with them for our new buildings project. I have now received a grant of £22,000 to cover all the professional fees to getting planning permission / listed buildings consent. Without Meet the Funders I would either have missed this funding opportunity altogether, or approached them for funding for the building itself, which would not have been successful. Beyond Meet the Funders I have found Transformation Cornwall an amazing source of ideas and guidance. Thank you to both.” Mike Sturgess, St Michael’s Church, Liskeard.



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Community  
Foundation**



# Working towards Financial Inclusion

Over the last twelve months we have continued to build on our relationship with the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN), including the distribution of the “Worrying About Money?” leaflets to many food banks, larders and community groups that we work with. In September we co-hosted the online Money Counts Training with IFAN, featuring speakers from Citizens Advice Cornwall and Cornwall Mind. Through our work with IFAN we are already beginning to see the positive signposting affects of a cash first approach.

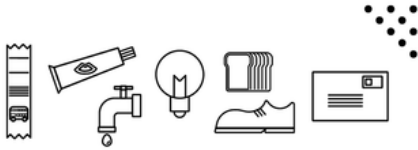


In June we hosted an in-person Discussion Forum in St Austell bringing together over 40 individuals from front line organisations that support people in our communities. With support from IFAN, the Trussell Trust, and Cornwall Council we focused our discussions on the awareness and accessibility of the local welfare assistance schemes (Household Support Fund and Crisis and Care Grant Awards). With our findings, we published a report in August - “Finding ways to improve availability and access to financial support in Cornwall”. This has been distributed across Cornwall Charities, agencies and organisations, so they know how to access financial support for those in need. Cornwall Council’s partnership with this forum and report has been pivotal in the change needed to improve financial inclusion across Cornwall.



# Campaigning Against

# Food Insecurity



## When

90% of households on Universal Credit are going without life's essentials...

## It's time to

**GUARANTEE  
OUR ESSENTIALS**



Throughout this year we have supported several campaigns across Cornwall and the UK. Locally, we have been supporting the Real Living Wage Campaign to see Cornwall be accredited as a Real Living Wage place, and become the first Real Living Wage County in the UK. Cornish salaries are some of the lowest in the country and residents are faced with the highest house prices outside of London. We are pleased to lend our support to this campaign to see everyone in Cornwall fairly paid for their work.

Nationally we have been supporting the Guarantee Our Essentials Campaign led by the Trussell Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, to increase the basic rate of Universal Credit from £80 to £120 a week. The insufficient amount of Universal Credit has pushed many in our communities to access emergency food provisions, and the increase in Universal Credit will see a significant drop in people having to resort to accessing food banks.



On a local level we have been working with food banks, larders and other charitable food providers to identify local drivers of emergency food provisions and see if there is anything we can join together to campaign on. Through participation exercises and conversations of people with lived experience we have identified campaign topics that we hope to begin to work on in the new year.

# Fighting Modern Slavery



This year we have been Chairing Cornwall's Modern Slavery Network, sharing campaigns, resources, and training, across Cornwall's communities in the fight to make Cornwall slave free. Provided by global charity Hope for Justice, a presentation that provides insight, awareness, and the reality of modern slavery today. [Spotting the Signs.](#)

Are you interested in making your organisation or business slave free? You can increase your reliance to modern slavery today and join [Slave-Free Alliance](#)

We joined Bringing Freedom on A21s Walk for Freedom, raising awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking. This yearly event is a great way for us to show our solidarity with those suffering and hidden in plain site.

As Cornwall's Regional Coordinator for The Clewer Initiative, we attended and contributed to fantastic presentations and discussions, listening to insights from Devon and Cornwall Police, and national charity Unseen. We continue to share the brilliant work, knowledge and resources of our national frontline partner charities.

Download Unseen's App, to make reporting modern slavery and exploitation even easier  
<https://www.unseenuk.org/about-modern-slavery/download-the-app/>

The Clewer Initiative resources can be found here <https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources>

Join us every day as we raise awareness, share learnings, and buy consciously, so we can make Cornwall slave free.



# We all have Mental Health



As an organisation we have worked to strengthen the networks of Cornish mental health services, through introductions, sharing events and the resources available. We have provided opportunities for the Cornish faith community to better work together to continue to provide services that meet their community's needs; highlighting Mental Health First Aid training and funding available.

We are also a member of Cornwall VSF's Mental Health Alliance, working alongside frontline organisations and mental health service providers to ensure better and adequate access to services and support. We regularly share support groups and services available across Cornwall via our social media platforms.

We also highlight the work of both mental health services and the faith community in responding to people experiencing mental ill health.

## Mental Health Services across Cornwall

[Headstart Kernow](#)

[Sanctuary Mental Health](#)

[Loss and HOPE](#)

[Faith Action](#)

[Cornwall Bereavement Network](#)

[Cornwall Mind](#)

[Georgia's Voice](#)

[ARA](#)

[Counselling for Social Change](#)

[Your Voice Cornwall](#)

[Man Down Cornwall](#)

[Rethink Mental Illness](#)

[Pentreath](#)

[Invictus Trust](#)

[Quiet Connections](#)

[CLEAR](#)

[Live Wire](#)

[NHS](#)

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We are an organisation that builds on our foundations of Christian values helping to strengthen communities across Cornwall.

We work in three ways to support groups in tackling poverty and exclusion in Cornwall:

- Meet the Funders: an innovative, year-long programme providing conferences and workshops to inform, inspire and strengthen community work in Cornwall.
- 1:1 work: bespoke support to individual churches, faith groups and grassroots organisations in Cornwall.
- Strengthening links: connecting faith based and non-faith organisations around our six core themes.

## Positive change in 2023

“I am enormously proud of the work that Transformation Cornwall does in supporting faith based social action across Cornwall. In the middle of a cost of living and housing crisis, its work is more urgent than ever. This report shows how much has been done this year as well as how much more there is to be done.”

Rt Revd Hugh Nelson  
Chair, Transformation Cornwall

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