TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL⁺

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

Welcome to this special e-update from Transformation Cornwall on Friday 3rd April.

As times moves on, we've continued to draw strength from the innovation of our Cornish churches, community organisations and people as we reach out to support our neighbours in loving action. It seems more important than ever, to show ourselves as an organisation of hope, gratitude and faith in action.

We are working collaboratively to strengthen church and community links in Cornwall. Some of this is through regularly updating our Transformation Cornwall Facebook, Twitter pages and website but also by being in direct contact with, and offering our service to, the people and organisations helping to make a difference.

We have worked even more closely with our great colleagues, Reverend Andrew Yates, Social Responsibility Officer at The Diocese of Truro <u>www.trurodiocese.org.uk</u> and Roger Mills, Ecumenical Missioner at Churches Together in Cornwall <u>www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk</u> as we pull together with other partners to provide relevant information for Cornish Churches and communities at this time.

Focus on Cornish Foodbanks:

Transformation Cornwall have been particularly working on support for our Cornish foodbanks alongside colleagues at The Trussell Trust and some great work by Andrew.

The way that each Cornish foodbank runs is very unique, depending on volunteers, their community needs, the building in which they operate, their capacity and their opening times.

But the message is clear that - **The foodbanks remain open and crucially need our support**. The focus on this work has been to gather information about the Cornish Foodbanks together to help:

- A. customers needing Foodbank parcel/support
- B. potential (both corporate and individual) donators of food/money
- C. strengthen, (and lessen), the work of the many dedicated and wonderful people behind the foodbanks

We've done this by pulling together one document which includes information directly from 12 of the Cornish foodbanks, how they are currently operating and how people can directly donate food/ money. The Update on Cornish Foodbanks 02.04.2020 can be seen here: <u>https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/whats-new/cornish-foodbanks-remain-open-and-crucially-need-our-support</u>

The Trussell Trust have fantastically additionally supported this by agreeing to share a weekly update of their **Trussell Conavirus FAQs** across the Cornish foodbanks (Trussell affiliated and Independents) which gives guidance on eg. Health and Safety, good practice etc. – it is hugely significant and something the individual foodbanks have been asking for. We will be emailing out the weekly FAQs directly to the Foodbanks each Friday (our agreed day to receive them) and additionally dating/publishing them on the TC website.

Please share and let others know about the Cornish Foodbank update.

Focus on our communities:

Our focus over the coming days, will be to champion and share best practice of the people and frontline groups who are vitally supporting our communities at this time.

If you know about the people and projects making a real difference in your community, we'd love you to get in touch and let us know. Please like us a friend on our social media – Facebook: @transformationcornwall and Twitter: @TCwll. Do please tag us in your posts but also contact us directly on <u>info@transformation-</u> cornwall.org.uk

Prayer:

And finally, a prayer from our wonderful Transformation Cornwall Chair: Reverend Steven Wild, Chair of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Methodist District:

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



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