

TOGETHER MIDDLESBROUGH IMPACT REPORT 2013 & 2014

Together Middlesbrough was launched by the Archbishop of York in December 2012. This is a snapshot of what has been achieved over the past two years...

RAISING AWARENESS

275 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH
1,000+ VOLUNTEERS

According to *Faith in Action*: a 2013 report of church-based social action in Middlesbrough.



We made **2** FILMS about churches and projects **working together to tackle poverty**.

215  INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER
We share good news stories of local projects to thousands of people via the Evening Gazette & BBC Radio Tees.

DEVELOPING SKILLS

We believe it's important that people committed to tackling poverty have the right skills, and the opportunity to learn from each other.



240 PEOPLE ATTENDED WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS
Improving skills in fundraising, working with volunteers, working with children and young people.



1,100 REACHED THROUGH EVENTS
Increasing learning and sharing between churches and other organisations



WORKING TOGETHER

Supporting people to work better together is central to our commitment to tackling poverty.



Part of **26** DIFFERENT PARTNERSHIPS

Working with groups around common concerns, helping to develop partnership projects and contributing to local and strategic partnerships.

SUPPORT FOR CHURCH-BASED SOCIAL ACTION

Together Middlesbrough provides one-to-one support for church-based projects, and sign posts people to areas of expertise.

40 CHURCHES AND PROJECTS ASSISTED

Developing new or existing projects and activities



£165,000 AWARDED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Funding secured for activities including family support, children's work, addressing food poverty and homelessness.

HOPE 4 SUMMER

During summer 2014 churches across Middlesbrough worked together to provide holiday clubs and activities, with healthy snacks and packed lunches to over **400 children**. Families **really valued the support** during the 6 weeks with tight budgets and no free school meals.

FEEDING 7,000

Middlesbrough Food Bank is an excellent example of churches and other organisations working together to tackle food poverty. Since it opened Middlesbrough Food Bank's team of **over 50 volunteers** has provided **emergency food for 7,000 people**. New projects were piloted in 2014 e.g. Slow Cooker course, **helping 200 families** to cook on a budget in 2015.

JOHN PAUL CENTRE

Over the past two years Together Middlesbrough has worked along side the John Paul Centre (JPC) as it has been redeveloped to offer **support to vulnerable and marginalised people** including asylum seekers and people experiencing homelessness. The centre has now been refurbished and is full to capacity with a wide range of projects. Funding was secured in 2014 via the Church Urban Fund to create the **Positive Pathways out of Homelessness** project.

CASE STUDIES



A joint venture between the Diocese of York and Church Urban Fund

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