

CICS School Workers Report

Introduction

The last 12 months has enabled us to see many changes in the development of our work. We have been offered some fantastic new opportunities to work with the local schools as well as maintaining some of the 'regular' areas of work that we have delivered in schools for some time now. Below is a breakdown of the opportunities that we have taken over the last year as well as information on the development of the work that we have the privilege of delivering.

Assemblies

We have continued to deliver regular assembly presentations at 3 schools in the district as well as occasionally delivering assemblies elsewhere. Below is a list of the assemblies we have been able to deliver over the last 12 months

School	Date	Year Groups	Theme
Brooksbank	w/c 3 rd November 2008	8,10 & 11	Impossible is nothing
Rastrick High School	w/c 10 th November 2008	7,9,10 & 11	Impossible is nothing
Brighthouse High School	w/c 15 th December 2008	7, 10 & 11	Christmas
Brooksbank	w/c 9 th March 2009	7-11	Easter
Brighthouse High	27 th Mar – 3 rd April 2009	7-11	Easter
Holy Trinity	3 rd April 2009	7-13	Easter
Brighthouse High School	w/c 7 th September 2009	7-11	Fresh Starts
Rastrick High School	w/c 14 th September 2009	7-11	Fresh Starts
Holy Trinity	21 st September 2009	7	Fresh Starts

Lessons

In the table below you will be able to review all of the lessons we have been able to deliver in the schools this year.

School	Date	Year Group	Topic/Quantity
H'holme & Lightcliffe	04/11 – 14/11/2008	10	Abortion x 8
Brooksbank	1/12 – 08/12/2008	7	'WIAC?' x 10
Brooksbank	8 th December	10	Sanctity of Life x 1
H'holme & Lightcliffe	19/01 – 23/01/2009	7	'WIAC?' x 8
King James (Hudds)	12 th February 2009	7	'WIAC?' x 1
H'holme & Lightcliffe	30 th March 2009	11	Sanctity of Life (Day Conf)
H'holme & Lightcliffe	29 th June – 10/07/2009	9	Charity Fundraising x 6

'WIAC?'

What is a Christian?

Lunch Clubs

Listed below is a timetable of the lunch clubs that we run and support in the Calderdale Secondary Schools. I have indicated the age demographic as well as the average attendances.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Holy Trinity Years 7-11 15 Regulars	Hipperholme & Lightcliffe Year 9 2 Regulars	Brooksbank Year 9 3 Regulars	North Halifax Grammar School Years 8-10 10 Regulars	
Calder High Years 8-10 6 Regulars	Brighouse High Year 8 & 10 4 Regulars (now meeting Monthly)		Rastrick High Older group Years 10-12 6 Regulars	Crossley Heath Year 9 8 Regulars (This group is Waiting to be Re-launched this School year)
	Rastrick High Years 7-10 15 Regulars			

Faith & Activity Days

Occasionally we are invited by schools to run faith or activity days. Faith Days are a way that some schools work towards achieving their statutory Religious Education requirement provision. Students are relieved from their usual timetables allowing them to attend a conference in their school looking at some key issues like human rights from a faith perspective.

The activity days are an opportunity for CICS staff to plan and spend a fun-packed day with a designated year group. We have been involved in leading these types of days since our high impact week in October 2007. These days are a great opportunity to get to know students and encourage them to think about God in a fresh way. The table below shows the days we have been involved with over the last 12 months.

Holy Trinity	Year 7 Activity Day	King's Church	15 th October 2008	Self-Esteem
Brooksbank	Year 10 Faith Day	School	22 nd October 2008	Human Rights
Brighouse High	Careers Fair Yrs 9-13	School	10 th February 2009	Careers
Holy Trinity	Year 7 Activity Day	Hx Parish Church	31 st March 2009	Easter
Brooksbank	Year 10 Faith Day	School	24 th June 2009	'Paper bag game'
Holy Trinity	Year 7 Activity Day	Hx Parish Church	13 th June 2009	Summer Themed
H'holme & Light'	Year 11 Faith Day	School	30 th March 2009	Sanctity of Life (See Lessons Above)

Scripture Union

I have continued to maintain a healthy relationship with the contacts I have from both Scripture Union and other associate schemes. Esther & I attended the Annual Staff & Associate Workers Conference in Northampton this year. Esther has also attended some writers' workshop training and has with the trusts approval agreed to write some resources for Scripture Union.

Church Presentations

We regularly visit local churches to inform supporters of the work we are doing and to ask for their support in specific area. The churches we have visited over the last year are in the table below. Please contact Tony Buck if you would like to arrange a visit to your Church.

06/09/2008	Gildersome Baptist Church	CICS Presentation
13/09/2008	Halifax Piece Hall (Hope '08)	CICS Interview
03/04/2009	Brighthouse Evangelical Church	Easter Event (EW)
26/04/2009	Warley St. John's	CICS Update
14/06/2009	Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge	CICS Presentation
27/08/2009	All Saint's, Halifax	Mother's Union Meeting
01/11/2009	Upper Edge Baptist Church	(EW)
08/11/2009	Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge	Young People's Service

16+

Shortly after Easter we discussed the possibility of creating a new group specifically for the 16+ age group. We had been blessed by the volunteers hours given by several young people in this age group and wanted to do something with these young people that meant they would gain and not give. We have also been able to offer 'enrichment' placements to four 6th Form students over the last 12 months. The other reason for the inception of this group was to give young people an opportunity to build friendships that could help them in their faith as they leave statutory education to go on to further education, higher education and or employment. The table shows the activities we have already been involved in.

16 th April 2009	Coffee & Chat	King's Church
5 th May 2009	Takeaway Night	Fair-trade Cafe
26 th - 27 th June 2009	Retreat	The Westwood Centre
30 th July 2009	Narrow Boat Trip	
23 rd September 2009	Games Night	King's Church
November & December	MARS Training	TBA

Soul Rush

Soul Rush has continued to meet an identified need of creating a space where girls can be girls together. As well as giving this group of young people the opportunity to have fun and make new friendships, Soul Rush gives the girls an opportunity to explore some of the issues affecting girls as they mature into young women and helps them to ask questions like 'What does God think of that...'. The table below shows what the girls have been doing...

21 st October 2008	Being Humble	All Saints
17 th December 2008	Christmas Party	All Saints
3 rd March 2009	What Is Beautiful?	All Saints
21 st April 2009	Soul Creative (Artwork)	All Saints
2 nd June 2009	Friendship & Chocolate	All Saints
7 th October 2009	Dealing With Arguments	All Saints

Adrenalin

We have been working on setting up a similar group to Soul Rush for boys for some time now. On Monday 12th October we will launch 'Adrenalin' a group for boys. We will aim to have a meeting every 4-6 weeks roughly simultaneous to the Soul Rush Meetings.

Evaluation

In some ways the work we have been involved in has stabilised over the last 12 months. Having said farewell to Beth and welcomed Esther to the team as her replacement as of January 2008. Esther has been an incredible addition to the team and from day one has had an incredible ability to relate to the young people in the schools and challenge their thinking about the Christian Faith. We have had some new exciting opportunities as well as some challenges. It is always a privilege to be involved in the type of work we do and we are extremely grateful for your continued support and prayer.

The CICS Team