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What a fantastic day the first National Christian Nightlife Initiatives conference was!

People travelled from across the country to The King's Centre in Halifax on 1st July to celebrate all that is being accomplished nationally through projects such as Street Angels. The delegates also spent time learning about different projects and hearing from a range of inspiring speakers.

Bishop of Pontefract, Tony Robinson opened the day sharing his experiences of Street Angels in Halifax and Wakefield. Superintendent Tim Kingsman then spoke around the crime statistics in Halifax and how the heart of many of those in the police force, and partner agencies such as Street Angels, is to help people.

Malcolm Duncan, Chief Executive of Faithworks, spoke about some of his

experiences of working at National Government level and for the need for Christians never to apologise about living out and sharing the faith as it is this faith and belief that drives Christians to work selflessly for others.

Beth Ward shared about the Ambassadors project and Ray McSharry, Andrew Sloman Dave Apsee and Peter Smith spoke of Pubwatch, the impact of Street Angels on the local police, and the impact on the town.

Debra Green from City Links spoke about the work of Redeeming our Communities and the need for the church to increasingly engage and support the valuable work of the police.

To conclude, we heard from different projects across the country, the work and the impact they have in towns and cities. A great day - feedback is at www.streetangels.org.uk



Recently our St John Ambulance partners, with regret, felt unable to continue their provision of First Aid in Halifax Town Centre on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Street Angels will continue their assistance and support to people and workers in the Town Centre, and those of our Street Angel volunteers who have current 'First Aid at Work' certificates will offer first aid assistance, as would any first aider. But with our limited numbers, we cannot guarantee first aid cover.

We hope to train more of the Street Angel volunteers with the First Aid at Work qualification over the coming months, and are currently looking into the funding to enable this to happen.

On behalf of the Christians Together in Halifax board, we would like to say thank you to the fantastic team of St John volunteers for all they have contributed to and achieved within Nightlife over the last 2 years. They have certainly made an impact on the lives of many they have offered first aid to and have helped establish a model for other towns across the UK.



It was great to have Joy and Bev from Cornwall, Liz from Sunderland and Dorothee and Marcel from Switzerland join Street Angels in July looking at how Street Angels works and if it would be something that could work within their localities...

Angels and Ambassadors Tilley Award

Halifax Town Centre Ambassadors and Halifax Street Angels have been recognised by Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber for the hard work that they do to reduce crime in Halifax town centre. The two teams came together to enter jointly into the Home Office Tilley awards and were successful in winning the regional prize and making the shortlist for the national finals.

On Thursday 17th July representatives from both teams were invited to receive their awards from Minister for Yorkshire & the Humber, Rosie Winterton.



Rosie Winterton presented the team with a plaque and certificates and said: *"Halifax Street Angels and Town Centre Ambassadors deserve to feel proud of their achievement in winning a regional Tilley award. The partnership between the Street Angels voluntary on-street night patrols and the daytime patrols of Halifax Town Centre Ambassadors together have contributed to a dramatic fall in the fear of crime."*

Halifax is now seen by many as a place for best practice -it has had visits from other towns and some have set up their own 'Street Angels' and/or Town Centre Ambassadors schemes."

Beth Ward, Halifax Town Centre Manager said *"this is a great accolade to receive a regional award from Rosie Winterton. It is good to see that both the Street Angels and Town Centre Ambassadors have been recognised for all the hard work that they put in to ensure that Halifax town centre is a safe place for everyone"*.

Paul Blakey, Project Manager of Halifax Street Angels, comments *"partnership between initiatives such as Street Angels and Town Centre Ambassadors is key to the success and reduction in violent crime. People with a heart to make a difference, followed through by action, can achieve much and have outstanding results. This award celebrates those who are doing just that!"*

The Tilley Awards are named after Nick Tilley, a professor of Criminology from Nottingham Trent University. He has contributed towards developing a more strategic approach to crime reduction in this country. He said: *"It is clear that terrific services are being provided during the day and night and that the partnership is working very well indeed...invaluable work seems to have been done by a range of individuals and agencies and this is highly commendable."*

For your diary...

Sunday 3rd August - **Mystery Trip** - a fun afternoon for all with a clues hopefully leading you to the restaurant for Sunday Lunch. Free to enter (though you will have to pay for lunch and offer the driver petrol money) - meet 1.15pm at Fairtrade Café or 1.30pm at Warley St John's Church off Burnley Road - see Paul - 07074 342123

Saturday 9th August - *Street Angels have a stand at the Agricultural Show, Savile Park Moor - raising awareness of the work we do.*

Saturday 23rd August - Street Angels needed to help steward an event at **Natty Lane Playing Fields** organised by Illingworth Challengers - free fun day... See Paul.

Sunday 24th August - *Bank Holiday Sunday so an extra night of Street Angels (we may finish early on Fri / Sat depending on how busy town is!)*

Friday 29th August - visit to Street Angels by the **Home Office** - to be confirmed

Saturday 13th September - *help needed to steward the Overgate Hospice Midnight Walk - as well as our normal SA duties!*

Tuesday 23rd September - **Game of Life**, an evening of fun and laughter and discover spiritual meaning in a way that makes sense of everyday life - 7pm for 8pm at Manchester's Velodrome with guest speaker J. John (this guy is one of the best and most humorous speakers you will ever hear!) - a great Street Angels night out!



Coming soon -Conflict Training - watch this space!!!



Birthdays in August - Tom Barnett (17th); Paul Blakey (20th); Steve Tipping (24th); and Jordan Brooks (28th) - Happy Birthday!

Well done to all the Street Angels who assisted with the queues during the taxi strike on 26th July - what a night!

Well done Vanessa, Ben and Julie who have all recently passed driving tests!

Halifax Street Angels work Friday & Saturday 9pm - 3am in Halifax Town Centre and on Friday's 9pm - 12midnight in Todmorden in partnership with other organisations. Also Youth Prayer Friday's 9-12pm in Fairtrade Café. Halifax Street Angels is a project of "Christians Together Halifax: Registered Charity Number 1119477; Company Registered Number 5925032