



Dear church leader,

*this is YOUR project!*

Street Angels is very much one of the success stories of the church in Calderdale in recent years! The project, launched by Churches Together in Halifax and Halifax YMCA in November 2005, continues to run every Friday and Saturday between 9pm and 3am, based at Fairtrade Café on Crossley Street. At the request of the police, Street Angels also runs in Todmorden every Friday 9pm - midnight (based at Todmorden Together offices) and Hebden Bridge on Friday's 8pm - 11pm (based at Hope Baptist Church). We are also running trial nights in Brighouse. This mailing is to highlight some of the great stuff Street Angels is doing as well as show ways your church can be more involved.

**What Street Angels is achieving:**

\* *Continued year on year reduction in violent crime* - this is true in Halifax town centre, Todmorden town centre and towns and cities across the UK where Street Angels and similar projects run.

\* *Mobilising people who care about our community to action* - this is a project run by the church for the community. Street Angels gives Christians the opportunity to work alongside those who are "not yet Christians" in making a difference where it matters! If Jesus was flesh and blood today he would be in the pubs and clubs and on the streets showing people that the Kingdom of God is something that can work - Street Angels does this not only for who we help but also amongst the team of amazing volunteers.

\* *Marketing Halifax, Todmorden and Hebden Bridge* - as safe places to be at night when traditionally the perception is of being unsafe; as places where God's Kingdom is evident by crime reduction; as places where the church is at work for the benefit of society. This is achieved through: visitors from around the world seeing Street Angels in action; our web site, Facebook and Twitter groups; and carrying out presentations around the UK.

\* *A model that is copied around the country* - Street Angels, an initiative pioneered in Halifax now running across the UK. In July 08 we launched the Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network as a way of informally networking and providing resources for Street Angels and similar projects across the UK as well as helping towns and cities launch Street Angels for themselves.

\* *A vehicle for new ideas* - one we are currently looking at is a "crash pad" short term accommodation for Winter 09/10 to help those who are homeless to be supported for longer term provision. This is in partnership with other agencies.

**How you can be involved:**

\* *Come and see Street Angels in action for yourself.*

\* *Pray* - add: the work of Street Angels; the night economy within Calderdale; partner organisations (such as Police, Council, PubWatch, Town Centre Management, regeneration partnerships, etc); those who volunteer week in, week out; and those we help to your prayer list.

\* *Book a talk / presentation for your church* - let your congregation know the amazing things God is doing through volunteers committed to making a difference in our local area.

\* *Volunteer* - Street Angels needs more local Christians to become volunteers - whether people can commit weekly, monthly or 4 times a year - Street Angels in Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden need you!

More information is available at [www.streetangels.org.uk](http://www.streetangels.org.uk) - may God bless you in all you and your church achieve.



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Street Angels is very much one of the success stories of the church in Calderdale in recent years. But many local Christians presume others are carrying out the work! Whilst it is true we have an amazing team of volunteers - Street Angels in Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden need more people, especially from the local church, to volunteer as Street Angels!

Whatever you can commit - weekly, monthly, or four times a year - you can be part of this amazing ministry showing God's Kingdom as reality on the streets of our Borough.

Street Angels works in Halifax every Friday and Saturday 9pm - 3am; Hebden Bridge every Friday 8pm - 11pm; and Todmorden every Friday 9pm - midnight (following the Youth Caravan). The projects have contributed to massive reduction in crime, helped thousands of people, and invested over 10,000 volunteer hours each year into our Borough.

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