



NEWSLETTER

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Halifax Street Angels, Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network and HOPE Together are working in partnership to launch **Love Your Streets**. Love Your Streets aims to encourage each and every one of us to do things for others - from simple stuff to the more organised stuff! Smile at someone, random acts of kindness, shopping locally, donating to and buying from charity shops, volunteering, getting linked to a local church, running The Big Lunch, signing up to Street Bank - the possibilities are endless! Love Your Streets launched Valentines Weekend (12-14 Feb) and you are asked to carry out random acts of love towards others to help make people feel warm and loved! Find out more at loveyourstreets.org.uk or on Facebook (search Love Your Streets).



The Big Response The Church, The Kingdom of God and the Big Society

A one day conference with Steve Chalke (founder of Oasis and Faithworks) organised by Street Angels / CNI Network.



10.30am - 4.15pm The Big Seminar - cost of £5 / £3 concessions
7.30pm - 9.15pm The Big Event - cost of £3 / £2 concessions

Book via paul@streetangels.org.uk / 07725 501465



Well done Helena and Lynn Chappell, Kevin Jones and Baroun Hiskello for completing a **first aid course** organised by Bolton Street Angels.

There has been a change in the SA-CNI **trustees** - Adam has become the CNI National Development Officer and Marcus is leaving the area. Helen Nicholson is a new trustee - welcome!

We welcome **Tippey Marketing and Events Ltd** as a new Supporter Member. If you or your business (maybe as part of your Corporate Social Responsibility), church or organisation are interested in supporting Street Angels then please see our Annual Report or contact Paul on 07725 501465.



Want to be a Street Angel - see the web site!

The Duck Is Back! Sat 9th July, 2pm at Bolton Abbey - the Yorkshire Duck Race is happening again! To sponsor a duck, to have your charity take part, to see the charities taking part or to see the fun and frolics of last years event join the Mega Giant Yellow Duck Facebook page or go to yorkshireduckrace.org.uk

Tue 1st Feb - a few Halifax Angels visiting **Stockton** for pie and peas with Town Pastors

Thu 3rd Feb - Paul speaking at **Probus Club**, 10.15am at Halifax Bowling Club

Sun 13th Feb - **HOPE NG9** - Street Angels info stand and Love Your Streets launch, 3pm.

Tue 15th Feb - Paul and Adam invited to "Commercial Capabilities for the NHS" conference in Westminster.

Thu 17th Feb - Debt the Christmas Hangover at **Costa Coffee**, Woolshops - 6.30pm

Mon 21st Feb - **HOPE Calderdale** planning meeting, 7.15pm Halifax Salvation Army

Wed 23rd Feb - **The Big Response** day with Steve Chalke at The King's Centre, Halifax - 10.30am - 4.15pm (£5) and 7.30pm (£3)

Fri 25th Feb - group from **Watford Street Angels** planning to visit Halifax SA.

Tue 1st March - **SA-CNI Trustees Meeting**, 6pm at Fairtrade Café.

Sat 23rd April - **Scouts and Guides** event in **Halifax Piece Hall** - Street Angels needed as stewards and also have a stall.

Sat 11th June - **Halifax Gala...**

Sat 9th July - **Yorkshire Duck Race** at Bolton Abbey - ducks launched at 2pm

Sat 9th July - Sun 17th July - **Halifax Festival** - a week of arts, music, drama, theatre, etc - www.halifaxfestival.co.uk - Street Angels needed to help steward the various events.



lights will guide you home...



Love Your Streets is an exciting new initiative from CNI, HOPE Together and Halifax Street Angels working in partnership with other organisations such as Faithworks, Housing Justice, Luis Palau Association, Our Watch and Redeeming our Communities.

Love Your Streets - it's just that - what it says on the tin - it's all about you and me loving our streets! Taking responsibility for our community; caring for your neighbours; picking up litter... Getting involved in more organised stuff such as Neighbourhood Watch, Street Angels or feeding the homeless... Smiling at someone; saying hello;

having a cup of coffee whilst catching up on your neighbours' news over the garden fence... Shopping locally - getting to know the lovely lady in the butchers and the amazing man serving fruit and veg... It's not a movement or anything weird - it's good old fashioned community spirit!

Love Your Streets launches Valentines Weekend (12th - 14th Feb) and we are encouraging people to carry out random acts of love towards others all across the country. Think of the amazing stories and feeling as people just do something simple that makes someone else feel all warm and loved inside! Go on, go on, go on, go on!

You can follow and add ideas at the **Love Your Streets** Facebook page and Twitter and see resources and ideas at loveyourstreets.org.uk

The Diocese of Ripon and Leeds are looking to employ a **Pioneer Chaplain to the Night Time Economy** - details are on the CNI Blog page or from Archdeacon of Leeds - peterb@riponleeds-diocese.org.uk

CNI is supporting a new social network from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The **CTConnect** site aims to enable groups and individuals to better support each other and share news, action and hope - www.churchestogetherconnect.org

In this **European Year of Volunteering** could you volunteer within a local CNI project - several projects are needing more volunteers including Huddersfield and Stockton - see www.cninetwork.org.uk for a project list as well as a Blog of news from different projects, how to become part of CNI, resources and links.

Bolton Street Angels contributed to a reduction in crime over Christmas with Public Order offences falling by 40%. The Angels handed out over 1500 bottles of water to revellers which encouraged people to drink less by mixing alcohol with bottled water.

Almost 60 people have volunteered to become **Woking Street Angels** with a commissioning service to be held at Christ Church on 13th February and the first patrol to take place on 18th February...

The High Sherrif of West Sussex will join **Arun Angels** 19th February on a patrol of the town's streets.

Well done **Middlesborough Angels** on winning the Mayor's Award for Community Action.

CNI Lent Alcohol Challenge - each week CNI linked projects help people who are affected by drinking too much alcohol (though that is only a small part of what we do!) Can we encourage you to take up the CNI Lent Alcohol Challenge and invest into the work of CNI...



During Lent (9th March - 23rd April) would you consider giving up alcohol - it doesn't have to be a total giving up - it could be drinking one glass a week less or buying one less bottle of wine during the 6 weeks Lent period. Then with the money you save make a donation to Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network so that we can help more towns and cities continue and start work within the night-time economy...

To join in email hello@cninetwork.org.uk (we will add your first name and town to the web site) and then send your gifts payable Christian Nightlife Initiatives to "CNI, Fairtrade Café, 15 Crossley Street, Halifax, HX1 1UG"

CNI has spent much of 2010 catching up with God in terms of developing the work UK wide. As we move forward into 2011

Paul and Adam have met and partnered with many of the key national denominations and organisations which has led to some exciting and strategic outcomes (including Love Your Streets, hosting the Big Response tour in Halifax and Bedford, increased national publicity highlighting the work of many local projects and seeing an increase in key support and endorsements).

Going forward Adam is now employed as the CNI National Development Worker and is working alongside Paul to help further promote and support the work of projects across the UK.

A National Development Group is now in place who are acting across the regions to support existing night-life projects and help with new projects and ideas. The group are Derek Baker - Arun Angels; Andy Burns - Dundee Street Chaplains; Steve Brock - Stockton Town Pastors; Jackie Fortune - Street Angels in North East Lincolnshire; and Julian Lomas - Almond Tree Strategic Consulting Ltd. Paul McNally from Halifax Salvation Army and Trevor Bendrien from Halifax Street Angels are acting as the link to the Charity / Limited Company.

The web site, Facebook and Twitter are now fully operational and a Blog is in place on the web site to carry news and prayer items - email hello@cni-network.org.uk to be included.

We have started to look at the night-time economy in terms of all that happens between 5pm and 6am (Town Centre Management class this as night-time) including Costa Coffee church, homelessness, those whose homes are in town and city centres, young people, etc. This is in its early stages but the potential for faith based work is enormous.

New ideas and concepts are constantly been looked at - in 2011 CNI has taken both Love Your Streets from an idea in a conversation with HOPE Together and that of the CNI Lent Alcohol Challenge into reality. We are currently working on developing an Education Pack, a promotional video to show the exciting this happening across the UK and CNI Sunday as a resource for churches to engage with the night-time of our towns and cities.

Please pray as all of this happens and begins to happen! If you can offer support in any way please contact us. We have an exciting story to tell - people and the media are interested in the ways the faith community is successfully tackling binge-drinking, drug issues, homelessness, people, towns and cities with real needs and seeing changed lives and measurable differences. CNI and linked projects across the UK are part of this story - and God receives glory for it... Help us tell it!

Paul and Adam

Twelve young volunteers are preparing to patrol the streets of Scarborough to help keep other youngsters out of trouble.

The "**Youth Angels**" will tour the resort on Friday and Saturday nights, talking to young people and offering advice. The volunteers hope to steer youngsters away from abusing alcohol and causing anti-social behaviour in the town.

Youth Angel Daniel Abell said: "We can help them achieve a better way of living rather than just hanging around street corners getting drunk."

Scarborough's Youth Angels plan to complement the work of the town's Street Angels, who are generally older and already patrol the resort late at night.

Hilary Jones, strategic director for the Scarborough and district safe communities partnership, said the Youth Angels had an important role to play in the town. "They are effectively peers and are credible messengers who can go out and make a connection and engage with young people, particularly some of the more vulnerable people," she said.

Youth Angel James Pell said he hoped the scheme could make a difference to the lives of younger people in Scarborough. "I am doing this because I have a heart and a passion to see these people being more than just a statistic," he said.

Stockton Town Pastors have just released a new newsletter which shows in 2010 the team assisted with 553 individual contacts involving: first aid administered 14%; antisocial behaviour 10%; reconciled with friends / placed in a taxi 10%; other help (flip-flops, etc) 36%; other significant contact 25%. STP have invested 3121 volunteer patrol hours and 377 volunteer café hours and collected and disposed of 1610 glasses and bottles. The newsletter is at stocktontownpastors.co.uk

December saw the **Dundee R.O.C.K Street Chaplains** facing one of their coldest months in 11 years of doing the outreach! However we have some very good chats with people and also gave out a number of space blankets to very cold people. The car was used to hand out hot drinks and help people to taxis.



During the month of January we have been running, along with a number of other charities, a night base for homeless and addicted people. It is run by Bethany Christian Trust from Edinburgh with Dundee churches opening up for the night to offer a hot meal, warm bed and breakfast. We hope to develop it over the year and hopefully next winter extend to 3 months.

In September R.O.C.K. Street Chaplains started in another part of Dundee - Brought Ferry. This area is full of bars and has a number of Nightclubs - it has been a slow start however we seem to be making progress with the local bar managers and people on the streets.



Please pray as we plan special nights around Valentines, St Patrick's Night and our Church Door café on the last Friday of each month.
Andy - Dundee R.O.C.K. Street Chaplains