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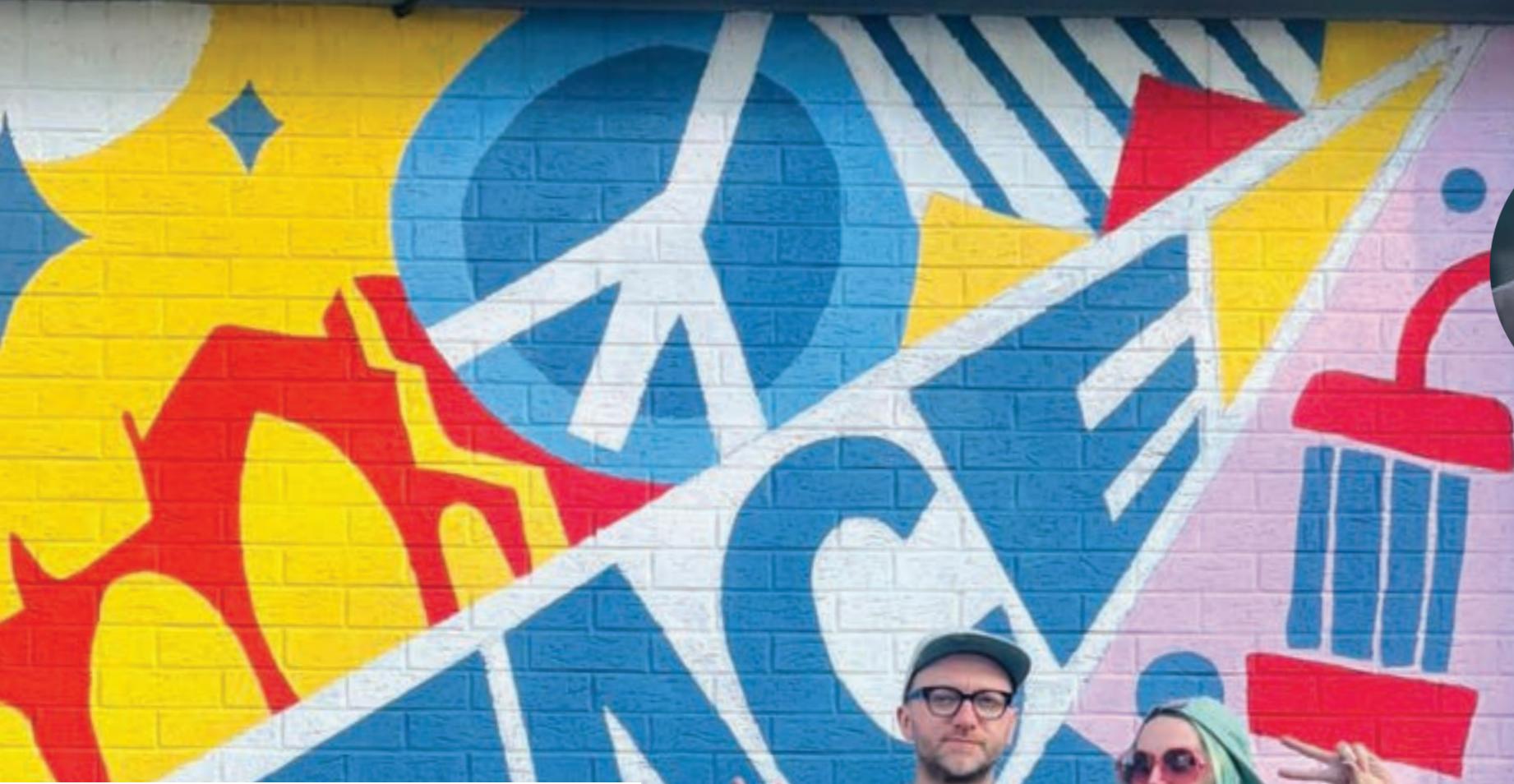
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JUSTICE-SHAPED  
FUTURE** *together*

**Impact report 2025**



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# Welcome



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Dear friends,

2025: it was a remarkable year in the life of our country.

We've seen polarised political debate. A nation that seems to be becoming more divided. We've witnessed protests with angry voices raised in different views. All this, rooted in a reality of deepening poverty – not just material poverty, but poverty of relationships and identity.

You'll know all this, if you read a newspaper or watch the news. You'll be all too familiar with 'bad' news.

**But in this report into the impact of Church Urban Fund in 2025, you'll find a different story... the Good News of Jesus Christ, in which love is the key motivator.**

In the following pages, you will read stories of people bringing hope, justice and love to some of our most challenged communities and situations. You will see how CUF resources enable churches and community groups to more effectively serve their neighbourhoods. You'll discover how we help provide local people with the knowledge, confidence and connection to discern the real issues affecting their community. And you'll see how CUF draws out people's skills, many already present in communities, to not only provide acts of service, but a commitment to justice that changes people's lives.

At CUF, we believe people should and can enjoy life in all its fullness. It's what drives us to end poverty in all its forms. It's why we work together to build a movement of love, justice and mercy. So we focus, not just on financial poverty, but on the whole person, how they see themselves and their connection with other people and the communities in which they live.

You'll see that approach played out in this impact report. It's work you are helping to make possible – thank you. I pray you will be inspired by these stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in the places they live.

**The Right Reverend Rob Wickham  
Chief Executive Officer**

# What does a just society look like?

That's the question posed in our new Growing Good session on the theme of justice. The session, launched in autumn 2025, aims to help churches imagine 'justice' – and, crucially, be part of making that vision a reality.

"When we picture justice, we often think of fairness or righting wrongs. But God's justice is deeper than that," says Charnelle Barclay, from London's Centre for Theology and Community, which contributed to the Growing Good session.

"God's justice lifts up the oppressed, welcomes outcasts, transforms communities, speaks truth to power. It's a justice that saves, heals and restores. And as Jesus shows, justice begins with an encounter, where we step beyond our comfort zone to hear those overlooked voices, and listen with curiosity and attention."

The Growing Good session leads people through the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, and asks, 'When was the last time you had a conversation with someone very different to you?' There's group discussion and a time of reflection – plus a final challenge for participants: Plan a listening exercise in your parish, church or neighbourhood.

This Growing Good session focuses on helping people really listen to one another's stories, and understanding what motivates and matters to each of us. From there, relationships grow – and movements are being created.

"Churches that are prepared to listen often find their mission naturally leads to engagement in justice issues," added Charnelle. "It's the power of people coming together across difference, recognising shared struggles and hopes, and acting for change. When people feel heard, they are empowered to stand for justice."



## Justice in action

Listening and acting has transformed one church in Walthamstow, east London

Believers at St Barnabas Church reached out to local people, to listen and understand their needs – and it took them on an amazing journey.

Leaders in our church took an unused space and converted it into a warm living room, accessible to the whole community," said Averil, the church warden at St Barnabas. "That space is now used by many groups, including one which comes in and offers free hot meals, open to everyone." Because of that work, the church was approached by the local authority to support asylum seekers in a nearby hotel. "We talked to people and learned they longed for somewhere to cook their own meals, and where their children could play," said Averil.

Then one day, all 400 asylum seekers in the hotel were given a seven-day eviction notice. The church swung into action, organising a peaceful protest and writing an open letter. It had a powerful impact. Everyone from the hotel was relocated in London, so families could stay connected to the church and children remained in school.

Altogether, there are now seven sessions in the Growing Good programme. Other topics include presence, perseverance, hospitality and participation. Through the course, churches are finding inspiration to reach out in service and social action. People are growing spiritually through discipleship and helping end poverty in all its forms.





## Equipping communities for just action

All our tools, guides and courses are now in one place – making it easier than ever to move from intention to action when it comes to mission. The improvements are helping churches and community groups grow in knowledge, confidence and connection.

Launched in June 2025, the Knowledge Bank is a new section of our website. It links to the Look Up Tool, which gives churches a clear picture of poverty in their area, and the Growing Good course, as well as templates for setting up and running projects. Everything is searchable by keyword and category.

This one-stop shop means churches can now discover challenges in any community and easily find free tools for change: visit the Knowledge Bank at [cuf.org.uk/knowledge-bank](https://cuf.org.uk/knowledge-bank)

### Five steps to action

Your church has decided: we want to serve our community, understand the strengths and assets around us, and tackle poverty in our neighbourhood. How can the Knowledge Bank help?

- 1 Dive into the Look Up Tool to understand local needs, including levels of poverty, housing and education. You can learn about life expectancy, the number of lone parents and how this compares nationally.
- 2 Use the Asset Based Community Development resources to map the treasure in your community, and consider how you can grow it.
- 3 Build your team through a course like Growing Good, to improve confidence and inspire ideas.
- 4 Use our guides and templates to shape and establish your project, identify gifted volunteers, apply for grants if needed, and measure the difference you are making.
- 5 Tap into the prayer and worship resources, to root everything in God's love and justice.

## Raising leaders to build a just and faithful Kingdom

15 church leaders working in the most deprived communities have been reinvigorated for mission – thanks to the Church Urban Fund Academy pilot.

Clergy and lay leaders from nine parishes across Rochester and Canterbury dioceses joined the CUF Academy in September 2024, with the pilot concluding in 2026. The pilot focuses on how we can share learning of our experiences of seeking to end poverty, and how the spiritual wellbeing of clergy and lay leaders should be at the heart of our missional work. After four in-person gatherings, a series of smaller group meetings, and a year of support and mentoring, participants are growing in confidence and knowledge for working in parishes with high social needs.

During these meetings and discussions, the richness and challenge of ministry was laid bare through honest dialogue. Participants have celebrated growing in faith, but are aware of the significant challenges to the work, including capacity and low numbers of volunteers.

**“**I have been developing a greater awareness through both the collective and group learning and sharing of what support and opportunities there are available. I've also developed a deeper understanding of the context of the church, Missio Dei and other areas which I think is important to help me and others grow as Christians, giving a firmer foundation for our faith.”

Their voices highlight the very reason the Academy exists. Clergy are often unprepared for the pioneering ministry required in the toughest communities in the UK. The Academy aims to grow confidence, develop a network of like-minded leaders, and raise the profile of this critical work.

**And the message from the 2025 cohort is clear: the Academy offers the space and support they've long needed.**



## Shaping justice side by side



Forty years after the publication of *Faith in the City*, the landmark report that sparked Church Urban Fund, the Together Network came together to reflect – and recommit.

Representatives of three key networks and churches working in England's most deprived communities gathered in October in the spirit of that report. The purpose? To renew our dedication to grow the Kingdom of God through discipleship, evangelism, service and justice. The opportunity? AMEN, the Estates Evangelism Task Group, and the Together Network sharing lessons learnt in how to heal our divided communities.

The conference heard from speakers working in urban and deprived areas. Rev'd. Beverley Ejimofo (AMEN), reminded us to preach with 'the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other' to better understand communities. And there was teaching on building relationships before action, and empowering whole-church participation.

Delegates appreciated the chance to be together in new groups: "It was a privilege to gather across the different networks and learn from others.

The social value benefit of Together For Change Coventry and Warwickshire's Saints project was calculated at £8.7 million

"There can be real learning in gathering together, and being together, and seeing the similarities that we all have, rather than trying to identify differences," said Dr Aimi King, Estates Evangelism Task Group National Project Lead. The vital need for long-term funding in communities was clear, and there were calls to decentralise power and ensure marginalised people have a voice. 'Listening must lead to action,' was a firm message from the network.

The ground-breaking *Faith in the City* report, commissioned by the then-Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Robert Runcie, was rooted in the lived experience of people in urban neighbourhoods. Today, with 48 members across England, the Together Network continues to strengthen Christian presence and witness in urban and deprived areas.

### What is the Together Network?

A network of Christian organisations and charities committed to tackling poverty and transforming communities. Its purpose is to equip churches and other groups to grow a movement of love, justice and mercy. Our heart is to see people and communities all over England flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness.



### Seeing challenges and taking action: a national picture of transformation

#### 1 EAST ANGLIA & EAST MIDLANDS

**Challenges:** Poverty, low wages, inadequate housing, disillusionment, poor SEND provision in schools.

**Together Network response:** Recognise that not one size fits all, share ideas, look beyond our community.

#### 2 SOUTH WEST

**Challenges:** Inequality, housing crisis, family breakdown, poor aspiration and education.

**Together Network response:** Partnership working, understand

our communities, share good practice.

#### 3 WEST MIDLANDS

**Challenges:** Grooming and county lines drugs operations, inequality, poverty, bankrupt councils.

**Together Network response:** Support each other, communicate across sectors, share stories and inspiration.

#### 4 NORTH EAST & WEST

**Challenges:** Rise of Far Right, food insecurity, community breakdown, absent fathers, domestic violence, inadequate housing.

**Together Network response:** Amplify grassroots voices, recognise God at work, focus on relationships not structures, work at a regional level.

#### 5 SOUTH EAST & CENTRAL

**Challenges:** Mental ill health, cost of living, family breakdown, youth violence, poverty, homelessness, inequality.

**Together Network response:** Share best practice, share training, link funding.

# Headline News

## Our facts and figures in 2025

### GROWING GOOD

**372**

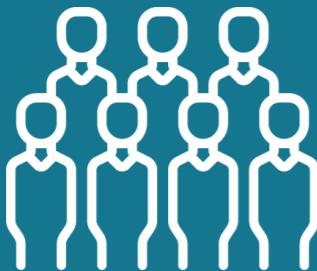
Growing Good sign ups

Growing Good downloads

**2,604**

**2,427**

Growing Good subscribers since launch



### NEAR NEIGHBOURS

**69**

small grants awarded to grassroots community projects to the value of **£248,978**



In addition

**14**

youth grants have been

awarded to projects with a specific focus on young people totalling **£66,204**

### WINDRUSH DAY GRANT

**£500,000**

awarded across 30 grant recipients (including charities, community groups and councils) with an average of **£16,667** awarded per recipient

### NEAR NEIGHBOURS

**106**

new partnerships facilitated between local organisations



**3,089**

grassroots leaders equipped with practical skills & confidence to make a bigger difference in their neighbourhoods

**1,000**

volunteers mobilised, contributing 10,268 hours to their communities

### PLACES OF WELCOME

**925**

registered venues

**104**

new Places of Welcome venues



### CATALYST

**4**

Catalyst courses took place with **6** school project partners:

1. Featherstone, London
2. Abbey Grange, Leeds
3. Benton Park and Ralph Thoresby, Leeds
4. Belle Vue Girls' Academy and Immanuel College, Bradford

**85**

young people participated in Catalyst courses in 2025

**78%** reported an improved understanding of how to influence local decision making

The majority of Places of Welcome host between **11** and **25** visitors every week. The growth of the network continues to diversify venue type including: libraries, churches, community centres, community gardens, sports clubs and a theatre!

**74%** said the course motivated them to volunteer in their communities

**71%** reported that participation prepared them to take an active leadership role in their communities

**2** Catalyst alumni projects with key activity in 2025:

1. Belle Vue Girls' Academy sixth form – unveiling of a community mural for Bradford (see p22).
2. Central Foundation and Oaklands sixth forms – film making in East London

# Headline News

## Our facts and figures in 2025

### TOGETHER NETWORK

**48**

Together Network members in 2025

**14** founding partners

**15** church and ecumenical partners, including **11** Church of England dioceses

**19** charities (local, regional or national)

**5** new partners joined in 2025

### POSITIVE PATHWAYS

Working with **6** partners across Yorkshire supporting over **250** clients

New partner in 2025:  
Hull City Council with support from Hull Minster



\*Based on the management accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025. Subject to change.

### FUNDRAISING\*

**11**

gifts in wills totalling **£222,118**

**£209,724**

from **978** regular givers

**£27,376**

from **58** churches

**£176,549**

from people responding to campaigns



### LOOK UP TOOL

**2,529**

Total registrants

Prompted to use:

**30%** planning for mission

Church denomination

**83%** Anglican

Job titles: Vicar **13%**

Curate **6%**

Ordinand **44%**

### WAYFINDER

**115**

vulnerably housed and volunteer matches made in 2025



**90%** reported an increase in feeling they had people around them they could go to for help

**57%** reported an increase in emotional wellbeing

**41%** reported an increase in confidence in themselves

**33%** reported an increase in the long-term retaining of suitable accommodation.



### THE CUF ACADEMY

**15**

clergy and lay leaders participating in the pilot programme from nine parishes across Rochester and Canterbury dioceses



Priority areas of learning include: Personal, spiritual and practical growth and development, supporting others well, addressing and working within wealth disparity and relationship building

A participant shared:

“The bi-monthly group meetings have created a forum to share experiences and how partnerships can work but also provide a useful context to discuss and help each other grow our own church and personal partnerships.”

## Growing generosity that sustains just communities

**"It's a gift that reflects the depth of my commitment and care. A way for my faith to keep impacting future generations. It's me continuing to build God's Kingdom on earth."**



These are the words of Alison Grieve, who has pledged to leave a gift in her will to Church Urban Fund. The CUF trustee and former finance executive shared her story in 2025 to encourage other supporters to consider a gift in their will.

**“**I had a long career in the charity finance sector and became a CUF trustee when I retired,” said Alison. “It took me years to get around to making my will, but thinking about what I wanted to leave behind was, in my case, a powerful experience.”

Alison has long been involved in social action through her church, and believes strongly in justice and compassion. “For Christians, few things are more important than loving our communities. We cannot avoid God’s heart for the poor,” she said.

So leaving a gift in her will was, for Alison, a natural extension of her compassion and values – especially in the face of growing inequality and deepening poverty in the UK. “CUF’s mission seems more urgent than ever,” said Alison, “and the future will be hard for our communities.”

She said, “CUF is about making the church strong. Showing God’s love in action. Empowering Christians to get involved in their communities. That’s vital today – when communities are splintered – and it will be even more important in the future. I hope God will direct my gift and use it where it can support communities the most.”



Alison’s story featured in an appeal to supporters in 2025, inviting people to consider leaving a gift in their will to CUF. A new legacy booklet, *A Guide to Gifts in Wills*, was developed. You can download a copy from [cuf.org.uk/willgift](http://cuf.org.uk/willgift)

### John's legacy

For John Chilvers, a lifelong Christian and former Bank of England statistician, the gift in his will was deeply personal.

**“**Dad volunteered with the church as a statistician towards the end of his career,” says John’s son, David. “It took him around the country and he saw deprivation up close. It changed him. He made a journey of discovery. In fact, he wrote at the time: Love must respond to what it sees.”

When John died in 2023, aged 98, CUF was one of the charities to benefit from his (and his wife Elaine’s) generosity.





## Dedicated churches supporting justice

Across the country, churches are finding creative and community-centred ways to support Church Urban Fund – including at Christ Church Barnet, in north London.

**"We're a Christian group, but it's through our friendship and actions that we show the love of Jesus."**

**Judith Brearley**

The Thursday Fellowship at this lively Anglican church raised funds for CUF, and the quiet, faithful generosity of local people has been extraordinary.

The Fellowship, a group of around 50 churchgoers and non-Christians, meets every week for activities including a short talk, shared meals, quizzes and a time of worship. This year, CUF became one of its chosen causes after organiser Judith Brearley introduced the charity to the group.

**“**I knew about Church Urban Fund and thought they might be a good cause for the Fellowship," explains Judith. "They came and gave a talk, and people enjoyed hearing how CUF tackles loneliness and poverty at a grassroots level by working alongside local churches."

For the Fellowship, giving is not just financial; it's a way of engaging with the wider world and responding to injustice with compassion. "We don't want to be insular," Judith says. "We're a Christian group, but it's through our friendship and actions that we show the love of Jesus."

That generosity is evident even in small encounters. At a recent bring-and-buy sale, several members who struggled with mobility insisted they needed nothing from the stall – and offered donations instead.

Moments like this show how church groups are helping CUF bring hope to communities nationwide, one gift and one gathering at a time.

# Partnerships with all who seek the work of justice

## RESTORING COMMUNITIES

It's the summer of 2024 and violent riots are breaking out in 27 towns and cities across the UK. Police vans are set alight, crowds shout racist abuse, mosques are targeted, and bricks are thrown at hotels housing asylum seekers.

The scenes are ugly and the protests are deeply divisive. People are hurt, scared and angry. How can communities ever come together again? How will neighbours move forward and rebuild? And who are the people to lead change?

Fast forward to 2025. Church Urban Fund's Near Neighbours hubs, rooted in the hearts of communities, are using their existing relationships and strengths to help restore communities.

Between January and March 2025, hubs organised four 'Big Conversations' – a series of open and honest discussions between people from across a community. The meetings drew faith leaders, police, NHS staff, politicians, and workers in grassroots organisations and community groups.

**"Near Neighbours is crucial in equipping local people to take action. If we truly want stronger, more hopeful communities, we must invest in long-term solutions that bring people together and tackle division at its roots."**

**Peter Adams, Director, St Mary's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Luton**



The conversations were part of our Near Neighbours programme, a 15-year initiative to foster community resilience across England. But, in the wake of such aggression and hate, why the focus on simply talking?

**“**Neighbourhoods are key building blocks in community cohesion,” says Dr Muhammad Khan, who facilitated one group. “They are constantly faced with new challenges that require continued trust and understanding between people of all sorts of backgrounds.”

The aim of the Big Conversation was to understand the impact of the riots, identify any positives that may emerge, and discuss how we can support one another.

As people came together in an atmosphere of respect, many bravely shared their fears and vulnerabilities. They said they were overwhelmed by events and emotions in politically volatile times. Misinformation led to distrust and anger, people said. And many felt there was a reluctance to name racism and Islamophobia as a factor in the riots.

In all four Big Conversations, one resounding theme emerged: communities already understand the issues they face *and* the solutions they need. What they lack is the sustained support and resources to turn their ideas into lasting change. ►

Ryad Khodabocus, from the Luton Council of Faiths, set out the problem in a nutshell: “Communities know their own challenges better than anyone. They have the ideas, the relationships, and the determination to make a difference. What’s missing is the right support.”

Listening, acting and standing alongside people tackling injustice in communities is vital – and Near Neighbours is amplifying the voices of those at the coalface, and empowering them to drive change.

## A Big Conversation in Leicester

Where vision becomes action

More than 100 educators, artists, faith leaders, health workers, students and community advocates joined the Big Conversation in Leicester. It was, according to Jose Santos, CUF Communications Officer, a space where ‘vision becomes action.’

“The discussions were powerful. Small groups grappled with questions like, ‘What stops us from living well together?’ and, ‘How do we build bridges, not silos?’ I listened as a police chief, a Ukrainian community leader and a faith leader debated solutions. Barriers like fear, language, and unequal access to resources came up repeatedly. But so did opportunities: festivals, interfaith dialogues, mentorship programs. The consensus? Progress starts when we step out of comfort zones.

“As a communicator, my job is to amplify these stories. But I was reminded that the real work isn’t just sharing visions, it’s fostering the spaces where those visions become action. Afterwards I was more convinced than ever: the city’s best chapters are being written by ordinary folks stubbornly, joyfully building an extraordinary future.”



### What is community resilience work?

Poverty is not just about money. It’s also a lack of relationships. It’s isolation, insecurity and instability. That’s why we empower churches and community groups to address the whole picture – by investing in communities so people can respond in a crisis, stay connected and offer meaningful support.

“Through this project we believe it has been a way to honour the legacy of these heroes, keep their stories alive, and remind people that Caribbean lives have always been part of Britain’s story.”

Rosalie, actor

## WINDRUSH 2025

### HELPING A COMMUNITY TELL ITS STORY

In June 2025, a powerful new play took to the stage, telling the little-known stories of Caribbean servicemen and women during the Second World War.

The play, called *Forgotten Heroes*, was part-funded by a Windrush Day grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, delivered by Near Neighbours. It followed young Caribbeans who volunteered to enlist with the British armed forces – but had a difficult return to a country which didn’t always welcome them.

Told with humour and poignancy, the drama honoured the bravery and courage of those whose sacrifice is rarely acknowledged. Local African Caribbean actors were involved in the performance, including some with a personal connection to the story.

Part of our mission is to amplify voices that are too often marginalised – because this is what builds understanding, belonging and cohesion across communities.

“Forgotten Heroes doesn’t just tell untold stories,” added Farrah Chandra-Wade, from the Royal British Legion, which also supported the play. “It challenges us to rethink who we remember and why. It’s a powerful call to action: to honour the sacrifices of those from African, Caribbean and Commonwealth backgrounds whose bravery has been ignored for too long.”

The play was created by acta Community Theatre and the Malcolm X Elders Theatre Company in Bristol.

Once upon a time, they were hushed spaces filled with dusty books and the 'sshh' of bespectacled librarians. But increasingly, libraries are enjoying a new lease of life – as Places of Welcome.

For years, churches and community centres have been signing up to welcome people into safe, inclusive spaces. It's one of our most successful projects, with more than 900 Places of Welcome across England.

But in 2025, we've seen an extraordinary growth in the number of public libraries joining the network – with 55 libraries now registered as Places of Welcome.

The impact? Libraries are being flooded with visitors, who might not otherwise come. They're building natural partnerships with community groups. And many have launched creative new projects, such as poetry workshops or knitting clubs. What's more, libraries are neutral spaces – so people who might never step into a church-based Place of Welcome feel able to attend.

**“**A gentleman lost his wife 18 months ago and takes two buses to get to us. His daughter called to say what a lifeline we are,” said one librarian at Hedgesford Library, in Cannock. Another librarian, from Southwell in Nottinghamshire added, “One man moved to the area and felt quite grumpy, but he found his feet here. He makes everyone welcome and is a valued member.”

Meanwhile, Tracey Hughes, library manager in Skegby, Nottingham, told us, “I’m proud we’re able to offer such an important group. It’s amazing to see new friendships forged, with the library at the centre of it all.”

These libraries, together with other vital Places of Welcome, reach more than 22,000 people a year. The social fabric of communities is being strengthened – and libraries have become places not just for books, but for belonging.



### Creativity meets community

Bold shapes, bright colours and an unmissable, youthful energy. A once-blank sports centre wall in Bradford is now a vibrant symbol of community pride and cohesion, thanks to a Near Neighbours grant.

Students at Belle Vue Girls’ Academy worked with local artists, Don’t Panic! Art Cru to create the painting as a celebration of diversity and creativity. The project was supported by our Catalyst programme, which trains young people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds to lead positive change in communities.

The project started with a question: What if we could brighten up this space and bring people together at the same time?

That question sparked a journey of creativity, leadership and local pride. Concerned that their neighbourhood didn’t reflect the vibrancy of the people who live there, the students set out to make a lasting difference. The result? A bold and beautiful mural that now stretches across the school’s public sports centre, transforming a once-overlooked wall into a colourful celebration of community.

The mural was unveiled at a community mela in June 2025.



## Building justice from the start

Every child deserves the chance to understand money and feel confident about their future. But too often, a child's financial confidence still depends on where they grow up or the support they have around them.

By making financial education a core part of learning in primary schools, we're helping to close that gap. When children learn how money works early, they're more likely to make informed choices, avoid harmful risks and build lasting confidence.

In the last year, our programmes have helped thousands of teachers bring money lessons to life, giving more children the tools to make confident, fair and informed financial decisions that support lifelong wellbeing.

### Progress towards financial education for every child

#### In 2025:

**150 new primary schools had free access to JFF financial education resources**

This means 784 schools have benefited from JFF's work since 2017, potentially reaching over 200,000 children with essential money learning

**"My students enjoyed the honest conversations about money that we have had."**

**Teacher, South West**

### A step forward for financial education

In 2025, we warmly welcomed the Government's announcement that financial education will become a statutory part of the primary curriculum in England from 2028, a milestone that we have long advocated for.

This curriculum change represents a significant step towards a fairer, more inclusive education system that values the life skills children need to thrive. But it's just the first step. For financial education to make a lasting difference, it must be implemented well. That means delivered by confident teachers, embedded across subjects, supported at home and across communities, and made relevant to every child's life.

That's why our work is more important than ever. Our focus remains on turning policy into practice and ensuring no child misses out. We will continue working alongside schools, community partners and families to ensure every child leaves school with the confidence, skills and understanding to make informed money choices for life.

**"JFF changed the way we teach! Financial Literacy is now at the centre of our curriculum."**

**Subject Lead, London**

# Advancing the work of justice into 2026 and beyond

You have read, in this report, about acts of loving service happening up and down the country. You've seen the growing focus on justice and transforming unjust structures of society. In 2026, we will build on this – and start a project called Growing Justice.

**Growing Justice is a new set of resources, which will:**

- look at the theology behind why the church should be engaging with issues of justice
- explore the impact that churches are making in bringing about justice in their communities
- help parishes think about how they can be involved in justice-building.

In 2026 we will develop a youth version of Growing Good, so younger people (who we know have an interest in making their communities better places) can be resourced to make an impact where they live.

Our Near Neighbours and community resilience work will continue to serve local communities. We strongly believe all people, especially those in ethnically or religiously diverse communities, should have a voice and be listened to. So we continue to invest in honest talk, to build cohesive and resilient communities.

**Finally, we'll be working on a new website. It will bring all our programmes under one roof, allowing us to be more streamlined and agile in resourcing communities. Please do join us in striving to end poverty in all its forms, because we can only do this by working together.**



**"The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood."**  
John 1:14