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HOPE together

Vision4Life
Transformed for evangelism



Hope together has emerged from HOPE08 which was a nation's wide, interdenominational project. HOPE Together will continue the values of HOPE 08, build on partnerships and encourage the whole UK Church to get involved in word and deed mission in their communities. It is hoped that HOPE together can have an even bigger impact than HOPE08, so Imagine...

- Imagine all over the country in communities large and small, churches working together, bringing Jesus' story alive through word and action.
- There are High Points of Activity, building year by year
 - 2011 Easter
 - 2012 Easter & Harvest
 - 2013 Easter, Harvest, Christmas & Fun Days
 - 2014 the whole church a whole year of mission

As you can see this fits in closely with the vision4life evangelism year especially as churches are urged to have at least one evangelistic activity around Easter 2011.

So if you are interested please check out the website at:

www.hopetogether.org.uk

There you can see an introductory video and also details of a book of resources for Easter activities.

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A story of HOPE:

HOPE Nottingham launches with vision to reach every area of the city

Over 50 church leaders and hundreds of worshippers gathered at the HOPE Nottingham launch event on 14th October to share their vision for their city and commit to working together more.

The event provided opportunity for participants to share ideas and dreams on how the churches can work together better and do more effective mission through words and actions.

Nigel Adams, Director of HOPE Nottingham said: "Celebrating the success of what we have already achieved together as HOPE and looking forward to a new phase of working across denominations, was hugely encouraging.



It was sad when the Boundary Road, United Reformed Church, Beeston closed recently, but then real joy as HOPE Nottingham continued the work of the church in sharing the gospel by taking over the building. Some of the former members have got involved and so the small soup kitchen has expanded in order to serve more homeless people. A new HOPE café and drop in centre uses an old building and upstairs now houses the HOPE Nottingham office.

Small stalls offering prayer at summer festivals have developed into Healing on the Streets (H.O.T.S). Through HOPE, the Healing teams now minister every Saturday in the centre of Beeston and there are plans to develop in other parts of the city.



Roy Crowne said: "Meeting with Nottingham leaders has been such a privilege. This group of people are really getting to the essence of what God is asking them to do on their patch – to share His message through words and actions.

"It is so exciting to see the churches working together. HOPE Nottingham is putting prayer at the forefront of all they do, seeking God's heart for their community. God is blessing the Church when it works together despite differences. We would love to see many more villages, towns and cities doing the same"

Parts of Nottingham were hubs of outreach activity during HOPE 08 with a large number of joint projects, gardening, holiday clubs, an art competition, an outdoor passion play and HOPE in the park event.

HOPE Nottingham aims to unite local Christians in mission, enable positive relationships between churches and with other community leaders and mobilise sustainable projects that create lasting transformation. HOPE Nottingham is part of HOPE Together which is the national initiative launched as a continuation of HOPE 08. HOPE Together aims to help local churches work together and build on mission activity to become even more outward looking over the next four years, leading toward an all-out year of mission in 2014.

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EVALUATION

Please try to answer these questions for yourself and for others who will use this material:

1. What was the most helpful thing?
2. What was the least helpful thing?
3. What would you like to try now?

THE NEXT STEP

Take a look at the website for new materials appearing

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HOW TO FEEDBACK TO VISION4LIFE?

If you wish to offer any feedback – brickbats and bouquets are equally welcome! – you can do so in various ways.

You can email the Vision4Life steering group and the coordinator about general issues via the website or at admin@vision4life.org.uk

Website issues can be dealt with through web@vision4life.org.uk

If you have comments and particularly contributions to the evangelism year, you can email the V4L evangelism year coordinator via evangelism@vision4life.org.uk

If you want to make contributions or ask questions about other V4L years you can email:

Year 1 – Transformed by the Bible: bible@vision4life.org.uk

Year 2 – Transformed through Prayer: prayer@vision4life.org.uk