

2015



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO, AND WHY IT MATTERS

To commemorate my 50th birthday a few months ago, I fulfilled an ambition of many years and cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats. It was about a thousand miles, and took two weeks. It was a brilliant trip; the distances were manageable, the weather was generally very good, my saddle remained comfortable from start to finish, and a bike is definitely the best way to enjoy the glory of the British countryside. And it is glorious - we never got bored with looking around us. If any of you are thinking about it, I thoroughly recommend the experience!

We chose byways rather than highways wherever possible, and generally went through cities, towns and villages rather than bypassing them, and went through slowly enough to look around. The evidence of our Christian heritage was everywhere, from little nonconformist chapels, Glastonbury Tor,

village churches, the cathedrals in Exeter, Hereford and Shrewsbury and the odd ruined medieval monastery. Also, so many of our place names, both well-known and obscure (St. Michael's Mount, St Briavels etc.) have Christian origins, and so do many of our football grounds - lots of the top professional teams started out as church youth groups.

Many of the church buildings we passed looked as if they contained active congregations, but from Cornwall to the Scottish Highlands it was very striking how many others had been converted, or were in the process of being converted, for other uses. The smaller ones tended to be houses, and the larger ones children's nurseries.

It's all very different from my part of London, where many Church buildings host two or more congregations, and where the Old Kent Road was described in

a recent Channel 4 documentary as "the most religious street in Britain", due to the number of new church congregations; lots of commercial premises have recently been converted into Church buildings. That Church growth, however, is almost entirely due to immigration, particularly from West Africa.

When I wasn't thinking about the next hill, the ride made me reflect upon how far we have already become a post-Christian society, where Christianity no longer feels relevant to the great majority of the population. Unlock was originally set up to help communicate that it is relevant, and it matters. My trip made me realise how much we need Unlock, and that its work is even more important now than when we started.

Tim Watkins-Idle

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UNLOCK-URBAN.ORG.UK**

UNLOCK - TOO VALUABLE TO LOSE

Having lost our financial support from the Church Urban Fund; and survived (for now, and by the skin of our teeth!) the acute financial crisis we faced in the first half of 2014, Unlock has devoted some energy in the last 12 months to securing dynamic and creative partnerships which we hope will help to make the future of our work more secure.

We weren't lying to you - it really was touch and go, and although things are now looking a bit better we're certainly not out of the woods yet. We received some very generous donations in memory of Bishop Peter Hall and an encouraging boost from a surge in walk income which had reached £28,000 by the middle of August, but we have not been able to secure any core funding from Christian Trusts since 2010. In the past we have relied on this for the 50% of our income that is not generated by the walk. For our work to continue and develop we urgently need to find a way to replace this lost income.

Prayer works! Please keep at it. At present our work is only secure for the next 6 to 12 months and our current restricted finances give us no scope for new developments. Your support continues to be critical in enabling us to set the Gospel free to do its work amongst the poorest communities in UK cities.

Meanwhile we are establishing a new partnership with **The Bible Society**. We have identified some common ground with the Bible Society, they are offering us both financial and development support and we are planning work together on our shared interests.

"There are a number of core values underpinning the work of Unlock that bring something unique to the field of Bible engagement and urban mission:

- Unlock's practitioners take seriously the challenge to engage on the terms of those on the margins, often in costly and demanding ways;
- Unlock's approach places significant trust in the fact that the biblical text continues to speak today, in fresh and surprising ways; and
- Unlock's commitment to ministering relationally is a rich and prophetic statement to the church and to society that Christ's ministry was deeply personal - not slavishly programmatic.

Bible Society are delighted to be supporting this vital work in grounding the good news in the everyday lives of everyday people."

Matthew van Duyvenbode: Director of External Relations, Advocacy & Research, Bible Society

We have ongoing partnerships with the **St Peter's Saltley Trust and The Queen's Foundation** in relation to our work in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

"Unlock offers a highly creative way for groups and individuals to explore the Bible within the texture of their everyday lives. I appreciate the range of questions, contexts and cultures - from old black and white films, to the experience of being unemployed - which the Unlock method uses as a way into - and back out of - the Bible."

Rachel Starr; Methodist Tutor (Biblical Studies) The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

Over the last 4 years Unlock has worked with Methodist Deacons and Presbyters in training at Queen's Foundation.

"It gave students permission to develop creative bible studies which began with the interests and needs of a particular group. The way the programme was set up also encouraged students to review their learning as they went along."

Rachel Starr: Methodist Tutor (Biblical Studies) The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

"In reflecting on Unlock's work I particularly like the way it:

- Encourages people to think differently about engaging communities with the biblical texts.
- Requires thoughtful reflection in using imagination and lived experience.
- Offers an alternative to the obsessed book based culture of many of our churches"

Deacon Eunice Attwood: Pastoral Studies & Diaconal Oversight Tutor, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

And we are also meeting with **CMS** to explore ways in which we might work together in the future.

The sense we get from all those we have been speaking to is that Unlock is **too valuable to loose**. We need your support to help us to continue to bring that value to those who can benefit from it; in local communities, in churches, in mission agencies and in Theological training colleges.

Dawn A Lonsdale (Unlock Chief Officer)

REAL LIFE STORY

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

On my first visit to messy church I struck up a conversation with a man who was there with his four young children. He told me of his misfortunes and that he had been living on hand outs from the food bank since his health related benefits were stopped. I said that I would pray for him and his family and held them in prayer right through the Christmas

period as his story had touched me deeply. This week I met him again at messy church and he informed me that on Christmas Eve he received a cheque for £2500 from the benefits agency and his benefits have been reinstated. I know there have been others working for him and his family but I feel that my prayer was answered this Christmas in a truly remarkable way.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHURCH TO SUPPORT UNLOCK, EITHER THROUGH THE LONDON WALK, OR AS PART OF THEIR MISSIONARY GIVING, YOU CAN FIND UNLOCK PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES ON THE UNLOCK WEBSITE, NEXT TO THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEXT UNLOCK WALK.

REAL LIFE STORY

HOMELESS BABY JESUS

At the Market Hall nativity in Burnley it was good to see the way people reacted to the scene of a homeless couple as Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus in a cardboard box. It opened up opportunities to share the Christmas message with some and show that the story is as relevant today as it was at the time.

REAL LIFE STORY

BOY'S BRIGADE LEADERS SESSIONS



Four sessions with Redditch Boy's Brigade Leaders went well. Based around the Lord's Prayer we explored our experiences on 'The meaning of life', 'Daily Bread', 'forgiveness' and 'temptation and evil' and how the teachings of Jesus speak into these issues. We made bread, expressed feelings in creativity and made pizza. As an indication of the effectiveness of the sessions, in the first session one of the group expressed his doubts about the Christian faith and his own commitment to it but by the end of the last session he was affirming his Christian identity in his work place.

The Boys Brigade Captain is hoping to continue doing this sort of discipleship, not just with the leaders but also hoping that these same leaders will be able to run something similar with the boys.

REAL LIFE STORY

MOTIVATION AND PASSING IT ON TO OTHERS

The recovering addicts who I have established contact with are very keen to be involved in an Unlock group. They both took copies of the printed handout about God's love for us for themselves and were going to the pound shop to buy frames so they could put another copy in them and give to their partners, alongside

the chocolates they made, so it would save them money! One lady said she had no motivation to get out of bed and do anything but because she had said she would bring heart shaped chocolate moulds she forced herself out of the house to come and was glad she did.

UNLOCK GOODIES

UNLOCK T-SHIRTS AND BASEBALL CAPS IN ASSORTED SIZES AND COLOURS AVAILABLE FROM THE UNLOCK OFFICE FOR £6 PLUS P&P



WHEN YOU REQUEST UNLOCK MATERIALS FROM THE UNLOCK NATIONAL OFFICE WE DO APPRECIATE A DONATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF COPYING AND POSTAGE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM UNLOCK TO COME AND TALK AT YOUR CHURCH, OR SPEAK AT A CHURCH EVENT THEN PLEASE CONTACT US AND WE WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN ARRANGE.

UNLOCK METHOD

UNLOCKING REAL LIFE STORIES OF URBAN PEOPLE

UNLOCK'S methods begin with a group of people sharing their real life experiences.

UNLOCK'S materials suggest different things that will help this to happen - for example, a few questions, a game or a video clip

REVEALING GOOD NEWS OF THE DOWN TO EARTH CHRIST

These real life stories are compared with similar situations in the Bible

UNLOCK materials provide Bible passages on individual pages, that can be photocopied for use with a group

RELEASING LIFE CHANGING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Change happens as a result of linking real life experiences with the Bible -

'We learn it now and we learn it for life.'

The individuals and groups involved change, and there is often action among those around them

...LEADING TO MORE EXPERIENCES TO BE UNLOCKED

LONDON WALK CHURCH GROUPS

Here is the eagerly awaited list of churches which have sent their sponsorship in as a group for the walk this year, in order of amount raised. Has your church moved up or down the list since last year? Has it appeared for the first time, or dropped off for some reason? Competition is tight, particularly at the top. Congratulations to St John the Baptist Barham for raising the most sponsorship on-line through Virgin Money Giving. Full details of next year's walk are due to be circulated at the

end of January and will also be on the website. You can find the answers to the walk quiz on the website, and congratulations to Margaret Davison of Reading who was awarded this year's prize.

St Mary's Church, Hadlow, Kent
St John the Baptist, Barham
St Matthew's Church, High Brooms,
Tunbridge Wells
Holy Trinity, Clapham
Park Street Baptist

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church, Ilford
St Luke's, Bricket Wood
Oakridge Baptist Church, High Wycombe
Guildford Methodist Church
Sharnbrook Churches Together
Merrow Methodist Church, Guildford
Holy Trinity, Frogmore
Crofton Park Baptist Church
St Andrew's, Sidcup
St Peter Ad Vincula Church
St George's, Stamford
St John the Baptist, Barnet
St Andrew's Church, Hatfield Peverel
St John's Moulsham, Chelmsford
East Plumstead Baptist
St Paul's, Hook
The Avenue Methodist Church, High Wycombe
St Matthews Church, Redhill
West Side Church
South Norwood URC
St Mary Magdalen, Petersfield

2015 LONDON WALK 32 "THE 47 BUS"



The 2015 London Walk is being planned as a tribute to Bishop Peter Hall, and so we are returning to Lewisham, Deptford and Bermondsey which were part of his patch when he served as Bishop of Woolwich. The walk will be linear, very roughly an elongated Z shape, with the ends connected by the 47 bus route which also serves various points along the way. The walk route takes us across lock gates, through a riverside farm and by lots of green

places. We pass through some imaginative redevelopment in the Rotherhithe docks area, and there's water and views as we follow part of the Thames Path. Some of the checkpoints are ones we have used on earlier walks; others are new this time, such as the Norwegian Church with which Peter had warm relations and his parish church, which is likely to serve as the Unlock checkpoint.

THE 32ND UNLOCK LONDON WALK WILL TAKE PLACE IN LEWISHAM, DEPTFORD AND BERMONDSEY ON SATURDAY 25TH OF APRIL 2015

VIRGIN GIVING

I had been thinking of doing the Unlock walk for several years but never got round to it. This year I was ill with pneumonia in the first couple of months, and decided that I would do it, and it would be my target to be fit and well. Being ill for a few weeks also made me very aware of how blessed I was normally, and that I had been taking health and strength for granted.

I started telling people in church and a friend offered to walk with me. We called ourselves the slightly pretentious 'Team Barham'. I also

posted it on 'facebook', but realised that if they were to sponsor me, it was quite a business to post me cheques. Then I spotted the 'Virgin Giving' option, which was perfect. It's not complex to set up, as they already have Unlock in their data. Soon people started sponsoring - and it's painless! Most folk also 'gift aided' their donations, which was a real bonus. Good to get something back from the government!

The day came, the weather was excellent, and we thoroughly enjoyed the walk, especially



seeing the work of churches and meeting some interesting people. I thoroughly recommend it!

*Rev'd Stephen Hardy
Priest-in-Charge of the Barham Downs
churches, Canterbury.*

**You can now collect your walk sponsorship or make a donation online via Virgin Giving.
uk.virginmoneygiving.com**

PETER'S EARLY INVOLVEMENT WITH WHAT LED TO UNLOCK

When the first precedents to Unlock were started, Peter was working in what is now Zimbabwe. He had kept in touch with a group of Evangelicals in UK, of whom David Sheppard was the best known. They had a concern that, especially in the estates of urban sprawl, the gospel should be shared, not in a "top-down" academic way, but taking account of the life experiences of ordinary people.

For Peter, his current experience was of bringing the "good news" to folk of a completely different culture. He felt this to be exactly parallel. I'll never forget his delight when he returned from calling in at the end of the parish African Bible study. He had found them studying the "scapegoat" that God had provided - and they were weeping with joy! They had had the same experience in their religion of sending a goat away to the wilderness to carry their sins! Now they heard that Jesus had "borne our sins". He is the Scapegoat. They could tell us how that felt! And the gospel was emerging as totally meaningful to its hearers - certainly not "top-down" academic!

When we returned to UK, in 1971, Peter quickly linked up with his friends. His patch was in a city church in the middle of Birmingham, so the "urban" bit of their thinking



was very relevant to him. They carried their thinking through to the founding of ECUM and EUTP (Evangelical Urban Training Project) later to have a shorter name "Unlock". These were the days of the first Project Officer, Neville Black in Liverpool. Peter became Chairman of Unlock in 1982, and worked closely with Jim Hart, the second Project Officer. He retired from being Chair in 2002.

Jill Hall

I had the huge honour of taking over as Chair from Peter. That's a long time ago now, but throughout that time Peter and Jill have remained wonderfully supportive. Not a single iota of steering from the back seat, just tremendous love and practical commitment mainly through organising the walk, in Peter's case, to the last.

At Council we've talked a fair bit about Peter.

These are the bones of what has stood out for us:

- enormous personal warmth - and a great sense of humour and enjoyment of life.
- humility - he didn't mind using his position or title if necessary but it was always clear he thought of himself no more highly than anyone else.
- passion for the powerless-poor and a clear view that we need to see and address peoples 'sinned-against-ness'.

We miss him greatly, but his spirit will not cease to inspire us.

Andrew Dorton

DISABLED ACCESS

We have been walking the unlock walk for over twenty years now. This year with my wife Sarah suffering with a bunion, we decided to opt for a wheelchair to help us to cover the route.

We arrived at Kings Cross railway station from Cambridge around 10am and found it easy to get out of the station with the wheelchair. We came out in York Way and started the walk anticlockwise.

We found the route was well laid out for wheelchairs and gave good alternatives where needed in a clear way.

In our case, we did not always use the wheelchair route as Sarah was able to leave the chair and walk a few steps. This was particularly useful at York Way where we joined the Regents Canal via a shallow stair ramp.

Towards the end of the walk, we wheeled along the towpath at the Regents Canal near

Camden Walk. This was not a problem as the towpath is quite wide here. At Camden Lock there were lots of people cramming around the stalls near the lock. This restricted the walkways. The problem was overcome by Sarah getting out of the chair and Andrew walking it through the crowds in the closed/ folded position. Apart from a couple of knocked ankles, this worked well. At a push (pardon the pun) we could have wheeled Sarah through if we had to.

All in all, we felt part of the main walk and did not feel left out because of having to forego certain sections due to the wheelchair. All sections that were not wheelchair friendly, were well marked and the wheelchair route did not deviate much from the main route. In fact, we managed to cover the route quicker than we would have done if we were both walking.



The access was good and the momentum of the 'chair just helped us to bowl along quicker than we would have done if we were just walking.

Most of the churches visited had good wheelchair access and also a safe place to stow it, once we were inside.

Andrew West

FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT 2013

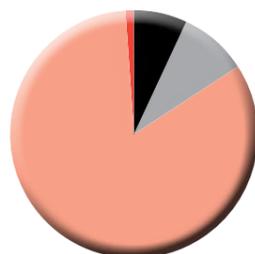
2013 was a difficult year financially for Unlock. Our income was significantly reduced at £51,407 (£14,490 less than last year). We managed to reduce our expenditure by a little over £6000, used up the small surplus from 2012 and ended the year with an overall deficit of £3828.

We received no grants and were totally dependent on our faithful supporters making donations and supporting the London walk to finance our core work. We operated very close to our reserve (the minimum amount needed to

meet our financial commitments if Unlock could no longer operate) for much of the year. The demand for local projects was high as a result of the development work done in previous years. There are now four active projects with several other areas expressing an interest in setting up an Unlock partnership. We had no choice but to put some of these new requests on hold as we had insufficient funds to finance the Unlock side of the partnership. Thank you to those who responded to our appeal for financial support at the end of the year.

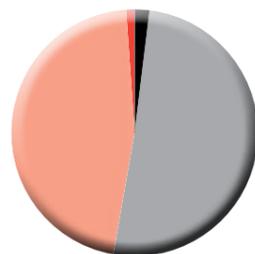
EXPENDITURE 2013

Governance Costs	£3,894	7%
Fundraising	£5,151	9%
Charitable Activities	£45,784	83%
Decrease in value of investments	£406	1%
TOTAL	£55,235	



INCOME 2013

Investments	£943	2%
Sponsored Walk	£26,148	51%
Donations	£23,973	46%
Training Fees received	£343	1%
TOTAL	£51,407	



Income from the 2013 London walk was very slightly up, compared with the 2012 walk, at £26,148. We were grateful for good weather and the high number of walkers. The walk remains our major funding activity and is a great way to introduce the work of Unlock to others. As always, we are grateful to the walkers, sponsors, host churches and the Walk Planning Team who make this such a special day for all. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next walk. It is always a fantastic day whatever the weather.

On behalf of council, I wish to record our thanks to all who have supported Unlock in 2013 despite many feeling the personal impact of the difficult global financial situation. Several individuals and churches continue to support Unlock with donations throughout the year. This income is vital in funding our work and much appreciated. Please remember Unlock if your church is planning its charitable giving. The office is always happy to provide information about Unlock. You can also support Unlock, at no extra cost to you, if you shop on-line by signing up with "Give as You Live". We seek to minimize costs where we can and ask as many people as possible to access information electronically rather than by post to save on printing and postage. (Please let the office know if you are happy to hear from us by email.)

2014 is looking better than we feared at the end of 2013 and Unlock council is continuing to explore possible new partnerships with funding bodies. Council remains committed to maintaining our core work as a priority for as long as possible. We hope that you will continue to support us in this aim.

I would like to record my personal thanks to Lois and Jenny, in the office, for their commitment to Unlock, hard work and support.

David Tyers (Treasurer)

ACHIEVEMENTS

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Benwell, Newcastle. Interviews take place and Mike Atkinson begins work.

Burnley. Dawn Lonsdale (CO) pays a further visit to set up a local project, interviews take place and Alison Adlum begins work.

North Wearside, Sunderland CO pays a further visit to set up a local project, interviews take place, Bekih Bowsher begins work in Town End Farm but then sadly resigns after 5 months due to family commitments.

Birmingham project. Tim Coleman appointed, CO meets with Queens College to discuss new worker, CO meets with Queens College to review project, CO meets with Patricia Mukorombindo to discuss worker position, Tim Coleman completes his time as local project worker and Patricia begins work for Unlock.

CO meets with each worker to review progress.

NEW RESOURCES

Resources published on the Unlock website include:

God Finds Us (updated) • Pop Goes the Weasel • Popcorn and nachos • A Long Week Course • Jonah • New Life Game • Peace in the City

New resources from Unlock Local projects in England are now available at unlock-urban.org.uk

TRAINING PROVIDED

CO runs workshops

- Queen's College, Birmingham
- Hull
- Middlesbrough

Mike Atkinson (Unlock Newcastle Worker) runs Unlock prayer event in Benwell, Newcastle

PARTNERSHIP WORK

CO attends

- Christian Coalition for Urban Mission AGM in London
- National Estate Churches Network conference in Manchester
- Urban Mission Forum in Sheffield
- Christian Coalition for Urban Mission residential meeting in London
- CTEUMCG meeting in London.

Alison Adlum (Unlock Burnley Worker) attends Together Lancashire Day on Estates Ministry.

CO meets with Bible Society to discuss possible future links.

CO meets with CMS to discuss links.

PUBLICATIONS

Annual report published and distributed and 2014 London Walk brochure mailed.

Article on Christian Adult Education in Urban Contexts published in Encyclopaedia of Christian Education.

EVENTS

The 31st Unlock London Walk – Locks, Lock-ups & Unlock – Camden/Kentish Town. A fine sunny day with about 777 walkers. Mike Atkinson (Newcastle worker) and Alison Adlum (Burnley worker) run an activity on the theme of food banks, assisted by Tim Coleman (Birmingham worker). Walkers are invited to make a paper pretzel, reflecting on stories from the bible relating to food and poverty. Also an opportunity to write a prayer on a cardboard loaf or fish and stick it on a giant frieze.

The walk raises £28,333.84 towards the work of Unlock.

The next London walk will be on 25th April 2015.

Unlock National Council meet 3 times.

Unlock National Gathering held at BMS International Mission Centre, Birmingham on the theme of "Action is the Life of All" with Prof Chris Rowland from Oxford University leading our thinking around the film "Winstanley". Over a period of 24 hours staff, workers and Council together with friends and support group representatives get together for inspiration and training, to share local news and developments and for prayer and worship.

Unlock Office Staff retreat takes place at Monsal Head, Derbyshire with Sharon Prior leading our thinking.

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but what is giftaid?

Simply, for those of you who have not yet heard of 'Gift aid', it is a system that enables charities to claim an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 donated to them by a UK taxpayer.

9 in every 10 donations received by Unlock are NOT made under giftaid.

If you pay tax then please consider whether you can tick the gift-aid box on the registration form when you make your donation.

Giftaid will not cost YOU anything!

All it means is that we can apply to the Inland Revenue for an extra 25p for every £1 that you give towards our work.

To qualify for Gift aid, you must pay enough tax to cover the amount that will be claimed back by the charity/charities that you give to – so if you give £10 you must have paid £2.50 in tax!

LEGACY GIVING

Would you consider leaving a gift to Unlock in your will. This doesn't have to be complicated and it's possible to make many types of different gifts. Full details are available on our website at www.unlock-urban.org.uk/support_legacies.php or if you would like to talk with someone about leaving Unlock a donation in your will please contact the Unlock National Office.

TRAINING

Unlock provides training in "Working with the Bible in Non-book Culture", for those preparing for, or engaged in, urban mission. If you would like to know more about this, please request our training brochure from the National Office.

Find us on Facebook

TYPICAL UNLOCK

People shared quite openly about their tragic family experiences. All said they found it helpful. Nothing ran smoothly, it was bitty with interruptions and distractions but somehow it worked, but not as I expected.

2014 walk income has reached £28,000 (August). Great effort! Thank you everyone!

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a very tough year! Dawn's 'too valuable to loose' article will tell you what's happened and what we're working on. But it has been very hard on the staff, not being sure if we will be able to continue. So, on behalf of the Trustees, I really want to thank Lois, Jenny and Dawn for keeping at it. Even when you know you are doing the right thing and that God is in it, indeed blessing the work... it doesn't mean the money necessarily flows and/or very painful decisions don't have to be taken.

We've had to reduce Dawn's hours when more places want an Unlock worker in their locality and that is very frustrating. But the stories that are generated are wonderful and keep us all, and I hope you, encouraged to keep praying and pressing.

Last year I noted that two of our Council members who had been around Unlock a long time... in one case the whole of its time, had 'retired'. Even sadder to loose Peter Hall this

year. You will read about Peter elsewhere here. A generation is passing as of course they do. But that has made it a tough year for Jill and to some extent all of us.

Peter's legacy, and that of many others my life has been enriched by through EUTP/Unlock, is 'too valuable to loose'. Of course such legacies of love and deep commitment and hard work don't disappear but some organisations seem to draw out such qualities more than others; Unlock draws a lot. We expect another very tough year, but we intend to uphold such a legacy joyfully and thankfully. Please pray that we may.

Andrew Dorton



REAL LIFE STORY

'PEOPLE NEEDING TO KNOW GOD LOVES THEM'

At an Unlock session on celebration we looked at Zephaniah 3:14-20. It was great to hear celebratory stories of how long people had been drug and alcohol free, some for days, others months, and one for over 21 years. One lady who is coming through the Narcotics Anonymous programme said how it is God enabling her. She also said that in the end it all comes down to people needing to know that

God loves them. Another who is just starting the road to recovery picked out the verse about God turning our shame to honour. One man couldn't read yet he still engaged with the session. Another lady who recently spent time in a women's refuge was in tears afterwards as she told us how much people in the women's refuge need to hear this message.

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Unlock, is a charity established to equip Christians in inner city and outer housing estates to be more effective as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own areas.

Unlock employs between four and eight paid staff including a network of workers placed in inner city locations across the UK. The charity is overseen by its National Council which meets three times each year. The legal document of the charity is its trust deed, dated 25th May 1972.

Registered charity no. 313454



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Please add me to the Unlock mailing list:

I would prefer to be contacted by:

E-mail (this saves Unlock money)

Post (we are happy to do this if it is your preferred form of communication)

I enclose a donation to Unlock's work in deprived urban communities in the UK.

£

(Cheques made payable to 'Unlock' please.)

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I would like my donation to be gift aided

I would like to receive information about:

Unlock's work

Unlock resources

Unlock training

The Unlock London Walk

Praying for Unlock