

The work of CICS has continued to grow over these 12 months. In Secondary schools we have increased our commitment in some schools in order to deepen our relationships with the youngsters, and had opportunities in new schools where our team has been welcomed in to run Question Point as well as lessons, mentoring and assemblies (and even presenting an award at the schools Awards Night!).



The Question Point is a great way of connecting with hundreds of young people every week. When the Manchester bombing happened our Question Point teams were available to listen to young people involved which helped them with the healing and coping process.

In Primary Schools we have supported more Open The Book schemes to start up - it is great when a local church is able to connect with local schools in this way.



We have also revisited the Its Your Move distribution including making links with the Calderdale transition scheme. It was great to hear some feedback from parents who said that Its Your Move really helped their children as they moved from primary to secondary.



Some of our trustees worked with Churches in Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge to create a 'Cragg Vale LifePath' and were part of the Scripture Union 150 scheme.

CICS ran a very successful 'Raising Children and Young People in the Digital Age' evening with Dr Bex Lewis. This evening helped parents, teachers, school staff, carers and youth workers understand the world of social media and the different ways young people use this world.



4 workers and trustees went to the Houses of Parliament to receive the 'Inspire Award' for Children/Youth Initiatives.

The other day someone asked me if the number of schools CICS was at work in was decreasing. I answered that no, it was the opposite - we have more opportunities than time available. Schools welcome our teams in and are always keen for us to do more than we can offer.

This is an exciting time for CICS and this Annual Report is a snapshot of the amazing ways we join with what God is doing in schools. Thank you for your prayers, support, finances and investment.

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This is another exciting annual report for the work and life of CICS as we join with what God is doing in the life of schools and young people across the Borough of Calderdale.

Firstly I would like to thank the dedicated and amazing team of workers who make the work of CICS happen - Neil, Chris, Nancy, Angie and Karen. Time and again they go above and beyond! Nancy, Angie and Karen joined us at the beginning of the year to build up our work in primary schools and Chris joined in October to work with Neil in Secondary schools. Karen left in July to return to her career and Laura found a full time post in the Autumn.



Secondly I would like to thank the dedicated and amazing team of volunteers - the trustees, those who join the workers in schools, those who fundraise for CICS, those who support and pray. Rev Anthony Foster (trustee) and Amanda Millington (treasurer) left during the period of this report and we give them a special thanks for their input.