



And read on to meet new faces and learn more about our projects.

Meet Neil.....

Neil was born in Bradford and became a Christian at age of 16. He graduated from Teeside University and worked as an insurance company sales assessor. Volunteering in youth ministry led Neil to 9 years as schools project worker for Tees Valley Youth for Christ. During this time Neil trained in worship leading and preaching. He took up the post of part time Pastor at Worth Valley Community Church in Keighley and CICS worker in 2015.

Angela.....

Angela Ashton has been involved in children's and youth work all her life. She is married with 2 children and one grandchild. Angela believes every child should be given the chance to achieve full potential. 'Working with CICS' says Angela, 'is one way of helping this to happen.'

And Amanda.....

Amanda Millington feels she has 'been led' to work with CICS. It was while looking for a church in which to be married, that Amanda became a

Christian in her early 20s It was a busy city centre church in Leeds near where they then lived. She became involved in church life and as her family grew they re-located to Calderdale where her husband teaches. Her boys now attend a local countryside school. She attends a church in Halifax with youth work for the boys. Amanda also volunteers for Festival Angels.

What is mentoring?

Sometimes we all need someone who can listen to us and give us undivided attention. Just putting our thoughts into words and being helped to think through a problem can help us to come to our own solution. Mentoring can provide this for a student.

Recently Noah's Ark volunteers ran a Listening course for CICS. We were helped to listen well and ask the right questions. Volunteers to be mentors have come forward from this course.

Open the Book – Which book?

The book is the Bible and Open the Book is an Ofsted approved scheme

produced by the Bible Society to take Bible stories into school assemblies. It provides a whole assembly package which is suitable for pupils of all faiths and none. Volunteers themselves find the Open the Book material gives them new insights into Bible stories.

How does Info Point work?

All that's needed is a table, a large sheet of paper, coloured markers and some small sweets! Set up in a busy corridor at school lunch break and wait for customers. Ask an open question e.g. 'If you could have a meal with anyone.... from history or the present, who would it be?' Conversations start as students scribble their answers and relationships are formed and students return week after week.

Could you help us with our work?

Are you a good listener? Then maybe you could offer an hour a week to a young person who just needs to share their problems and feelings.

There may be a primary school staff near your church that would welcome

some help with whole school assemblies and would find Open the Book just what they need. A school where an Open the Book team goes regularly finds it makes their collective act of worship into a 'meaningful experience' CICS will give help with registering with Bible Society and there is a pool of props, etc to help.

Visit our new look website - cicscalderdale.org.uk - for the latest news and events or if you send your email to Rosemary - office@cicscalderdale.org.uk - she will add you to our regular email update.

Donate to our funds - sadly, grants are not easily available for schemes with 'Christian' in the title. We rely on you. Our workers are 'worthy of their pay' and we want to continue to maintain the present level of staffing including our new appointment as Primary worker, throughout the school age range (sort code 090153 / account 41984485 or see our website Donate page for details of online giving).