

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.....

CAP in Sunderland

DEAR CHURCHES,

Since June this summer 2020 a group of Sunderland Church leaders have been in discussion with Steve Haines, Church Partnership Manager at Christians Against Poverty. The intention was prayerfully to consider if a new partnership with CAP for Sunderland could be set up.

We are excited to announce that a partnership of 5 churches has been formed:

The partner churches are:

- North Wearside Parish – Jennifer Bradshaw revjenabradshaw@gmail.com
- Catalyst – Phil Dobson phil@connectnetwork.uk
- Redeemed Christian Church of God, Living Praise Sunderland - Ola Fajorin
- Hope City Church, Sunderland – Ian Harding ian.harding@hopecity.co.uk
- Oxclose Resource Church (Washington) – Gavin Rushton

We now have a 3 year business plan which we believe is realistic and hope to encourage you and your church to consider partnering with us in this important work.

We are looking for a financial commitment for at least a 3 year period and beyond to enable a debt centre manager to be employed who can support some of the most beleaguered folk in our city to become debt free.

You can support us as a church, an organisation, or an individual.

WHAT WE NEED:

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Overall annual budget | £20,040 | £25,000 | £30,000 |
| Contributions from supporters | £10,020 | £12,500 | £15,000 |
| Shortfall requiring external funding | £10,020 | £12,500 | £15,000 |

Set up costs are: £1,500

The 5 core partner churches are committing to at least £100 per month

The full business plan is attached.

We hope to be setting up the finance from January with a plan to launch in April having completed extensive training in February and March.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. You, your organisation or your church could commit to regular financial support such as below:

There are levels of giving (subscription):

| | Platinum | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|----------|----------|------|--------|--------|
| Cost ppm | 100 | 75 | 50 | 25 |

9 platinum subscribers in year 1 would enable us to begin increasing over the 3 years.

We are also very willing to receive one-off donations.

2. You could help with the fundraising for the external funding required. Please speak to Phil Dobson about this: phil@connectnetwork.uk

3. You can pray for us!

Please consider this carefully. We know that economically many are struggling at this time and it is in this context - in the midst of financial uncertainty - that we are asking for your generosity. If you need any more information please contact any of the partners on the emails provided.

If you can pledge to help financially please complete the response form attached and return it to me.

For our part we promise to report to you in the form of a newsletter, the progress of Sunderland Debt Centre and invite you to an annual celebration of the work undertaken in this part of God's kingdom.

Thank you

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer Bradshaw
Partner Group

RESPONSE FORM

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|--------------|--|
| NAME | |
| ORGANISATION | |

I have prayerfully considered the needs of the people of Sunderland who are in debt and wish to support the work through Christians Against Poverty.

| | Platinum | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Other |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| Amount offered per month | 100 | 75 | 50 | 25 | |
| Please indicate your commitment | | | | | |
| Signed | | | | date | |

If you are signing this as a representative of a church or organisation you are confirming you have the authorisation of your organisation to commit funds on their behalf.

If you would like a conversation with us about these plans please don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to talk further and see how you can be part of this wonderful project.

Thank you.