

## Finances

Our finances go from April 2017 to March 2018. In this time our **income** was **£134,503** our **expenditure** was **£90,728**. Our charity continues to be in a positive financial position, whilst aiming going forward to become less dependent on grant funding (**85%**). As we have grown this year, we have seen personal and local church giving fall slightly this year both in real terms and as a percentage of our higher total income, as our grant funding has increased (**+38%**). Of the balance left in our account, **£27,733** is in restricted funds for wages due to being paid in the financial year 2018-2019 for specific projects. Of the remaining £35,526 in unrestricted funds, £19,744 will be allocated from April to August 2018 to wages. This leaves **£15,782** in reserves.



# FAITH IN SCHOOLS

## Annual Report

Sept 2017 – Aug 2018

## Achievements and activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham over the last 12 months. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches. Our vision is for every child and young person in Newham's schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

To this end, we taught **819 lessons** in over **43 different schools**, teaching **28,620 pupils**. We saw **4050** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. Volunteers have given over **5,636 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. This sees a further year of exponential growth of **57%** from 2016-17. Our average lesson score was **5.6** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with last year.

We trained **4** additional people through our volunteer and assembly training programmes with a 25% conversion rate from training into working with us in schools, adding to our core group of 40. We also continued to train up peer mentors from Christian schools to talk to other children their age about their Christian faith in our lessons and at Christmas Journey and Easter Experience.

**27% growth of work with Newham schools**

**5,636 volunteer hours given**

**5.6 / 6 Lesson average rating**

**819 Lessons taught**



**28,620 pupils taught**



**43 schools worked in**

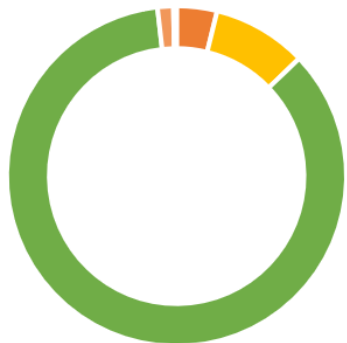


**1,920 pupils, 23 schools involved**



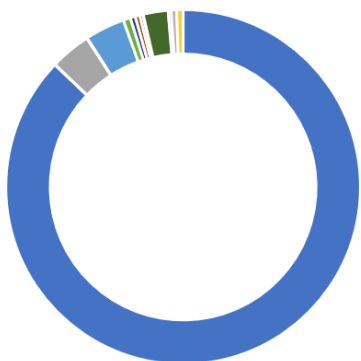
**2,130 pupils, (+65%) 14 schools involved**

### FiS Income 2017 - 2018 108



Income		£
<b>Donations and other similar receipts</b>		
Church Giving		5,176.27
Individual Donations		12,100.42
Grants		114,798.00
Investment income receipts		
Interest		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Sale of resources		2,023.00
Other Income		405
		<b>134,503.00</b>

### FiS Expenditure 2017 - 2018



Expenditure		£
<b>Charity Payments &amp; Activities</b>		
Salaries, Nat Ins & Pension		79,041.00
Travel		26
Resources		3,358.00
Conferences		45
Training		3,293
Equipment		595
Website		416
Christmas Journey		378
Easter Experience		264
Office Costs		
Hall Hire		30
Sundries		2,055.00
Printing, Stamps & Stationary		236
<b>Management and Administration Costs</b>		
Accounts		460
Insurance		531
		<b>90,728</b>

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## New Work in Manor Park

In 2017, thanks to the generosity of the London over the Border fund and local church support, we began work with schools in Manor Park E12. Avenue and Dersingham\_Schools were able to take up the offer of free RE visitor lessons and church visits.



*"The team you sent were brilliant and well organised, the children and teachers enjoyed the session. Thank you so much for your work with us"* Mary Ann, RE Lead, Dersingham Primary

## Developing Leaders

Faith in schools continued to provide opportunities to support young Christians in sharing their faith appropriately and provided opportunities to volunteer with us. **12 students from Promised Land Academy**, a local independent Christian school came to help us at Christmas Journey. Their enthusiasm and generous gift of time was amazing. A further **26 peer volunteers** from **St. Edward's Catholic Primary School** also supported the special event in Stratford.

## Farewell to Leonie and Cindy. Hello Rachel!



In February we bid "Adieu" to our Administrator, **Leonie**, who took up a great opportunity to relocate to Monaco as a nanny.

We also said a fond farewell to **Cindy** this summer as she moved outside of London. Cindy built great relationships with new schools this year. Teachers said:



*"Your [Easter Experience] volunteers did an awesome job of including all the children, and of making the activities relevant."*



In January, we welcomed **Rachel**, our new Administrator.

*"I started to volunteer and saw and experienced the impact that can be made with children when the topic is taught with enthusiasm, love and understanding. I felt that God was calling me to help give back to Faith in Schools."*

## Of All Faiths and None

Pupils' from local **Islamic faith school, Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School** participated for the first time with the FiS offer. RE leader Fathima Khatun, said, *"Thank you for the opportunity of attending the nativity, the children came back in high spirits and really enjoyed it."* Phillipa Chambers, London City Mission said, *"The visit was a beautiful way to serve the school and speak the truth about Jesus and develop that relationship."*

## From humble beginnings 30,000 Milestone

This year Faith in Schools spoke to (approaching) 30,000 pupils in over 43 schools - a milestone in the life this charity. That's a dramatic **increase of 35% from 2016-2017**. Thank you to all of our faithful supporters, volunteers and givers for making this possible. We are very grateful for all that God does with and through us and to everyone who has been part of this journey over the last 14 years.

## Going National! Sharing Faith in Schools

Jerusalem Trust and St Christopher Trust have given FiS funding to train and mentor other churches and small charities next year. The national training project 'Sharing Faith in Schools' with aim to train 18 Christian recruits to support their vision for sharing their faith appropriately with children of all faiths and none in their local schools.



## Love Christmas?

From 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, **2,130** children in Newham visited a church to explore what Christmas means to Christians **(+17%)**, thanks to more than **117 Christian volunteers** organised by Faith in Schools. Pupils, aged 5-6, had the chance to interact with characters and scenes from the Nativity story in an inclusive way, no matter what their abilities or faith background. 4 churches across Stratford, Plaistow, Forest Gate and East Ham hosted **23 schools** over 8 days.

