

## LIFE EXPO (CONT)

... technology supported pupils on a journey of discovery through 5 exciting zones created by Kevin Baldwin from Counties Evangelism. It went so well we all agreed to do it again this year - here's **advance notice for 1-5 July 2024!**

*"This exhibition was amazing. I brought 3 classes over 3 days and all the students had an incredible time. The design was very powerful, inspiring and engaging. All the staff and volunteers were supportive*

*and accommodating - every student felt heard. Thank you so much."* - Eko Pathways teacher (new East Ham school)



## WHO'S WHO IN 2023

**Rich Barton** is back in London now & continues as Operations Manager on Mondays. **Alice Probert** continues as Newham Team Leader, full time. **Rachel Emerson** continues as Newham Office Administrator, off on Tuesdays. **Carol Baynes** continues as Schools' Worker on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. **Yvonne Tiley** continues as Schools' Worker on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**New Trustee Needed.** Do you possess strong leadership skills and a sound knowledge of charity governance (or are willing to learn)? Do you feel a connection to our Christian schools work ministry & want to support it further? Do you have time to play an active part in our online meetings (3 each year)? To find out more about this voluntary (unpaid) role, Contact Rachel [rachel@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:rachel@faithinschools.co.uk)

## UPCOMING DATES

**Pray for Schools Meetings** every Monday @9:30am (sign up to our Prayer Letter for more info and join us on Zoom)

**Monthly Meetups** 5th Oct, 2nd Nov and 30th Nov 10-11.30am @ Swift Centre

**Volunteer Training** 30th Oct @ Swift Centre

**Christmas Journey** 4th-14th Dec

For more info contact [Rachel@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:Rachel@faithinschools.co.uk)



# FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Our aim is for every child and young person in Newham schools to have the opportunity to meet local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century

**AUTUMN TERM 2023**



## Life (Expo) In All Its Fullness

### 2023 AT A GLANCE

843 lessons delivered  
2,455 hours volunteered  
26,210 pupils taught  
48 schools worked with

### FEATURES

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## CAN WE KEEP THIS GOING?

Thanks to a big fundraising push, we start the term with enough finances to deliver school work till **next April**.

Then we have to close our doors and hand over to churches to take up our mission. We need to raise at least £30k to continue to the end of term

**Here are some ways you could help us:**

**Anyone you know self-employed or earn more than £50K?**

Do you have friends, family or church members who may be able to give a tax-deductible donation?  
Please put us in touch.

**Could you or someone you know give £10 monthly?**

**Introduce us to your church leaders.**

At present, only 20% of churches in Newham fund us. We'd love to come and talk about our mission.

**If you or your church already gives**

Could you increase the gift OR run a fundraiser annually for us? If every church in Newham raised £300 a year for us, we could continue.

**Continue our legacy**

Could YOU or someone else you know lead our sessions with our resources?



## 74 CHURCHES

Is your church in this number? Last year, it was our mission to tell **every church in Newham** about the amazing opportunity to meet thousands of pupils and share our faith as part of their Religious Education. We are pleased to report that we exceeded our aims - increasing **active partners threefold** and enabling **7 churches to lead lessons in at least 1**

**school** independently. If enough churches have the will, we can continue to expand this to **reach all schools** who want Christian visitors. As long as we are operational, our team will actively seek to equip more Newham churches and beyond - email [alice@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:alice@faithinschools.co.uk) if your church wants to adopt a school!

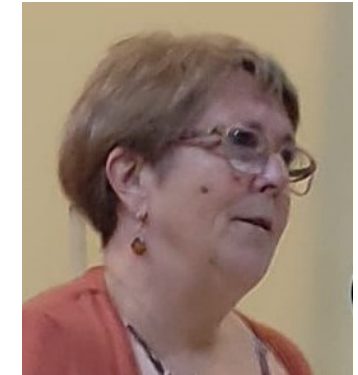
## THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Our Schools' Worker Gill Roberts will not be returning to her role this term as we'd hoped. Our team want to say thank you for all her hard work in 2022-23, especially her enthusiasm to try so many new things all at once!

She writes: *This is the beginning of a new term couched with new opportunities... I remember what a good feeling this was when I started my time as schools' worker in September 2022. It has been such a wonderful year, working with local clergy, volunteers, pastors and educators. I have learned so much and grown in my faith, as together, we have prayed and found God so faithful. I have seen how the Lord has used us to inspire children through our exciting lessons coming straight from the Bible. Joyous high points have been leading seasonal events; bringing pupils into an understanding of the Christian festivals of Easter and Christmas. Not*

*forgetting the excitement and terror of fundraising by organising a concert.*

*It has been stimulating, challenging and joyful work! However, I am hanging up my teaching materials and moving on to be a full-time carer for my 92-year-old, precious mum; she needs a lot of support after major surgery. I am looking forward to my new term as I retire but will miss so much the good times and possibilities for service in FiS. I'll be praying for you all. I know you will continue to be a great blessing to the learners in Newham in this new season.*



## LIFE EXPO

For the first time ever in Newham, Manor Park Christian Centre and 16 other churches partnered with FIS and London City Mission to host this unique, mobile, multi-media experience for schools. From 26-30 June, over 250 pupils aged 10-11 and staff, explored *Who is Jesus?*

Friendly volunteers alongside cutting edge...

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