



Change my world

This appeal will enhance the work of the Church Urban Fund so that it can continue to invest resources in faith groups across South Yorkshire, influence change-makers and tackle the causes of poverty in England.



The Church Urban Fund aims to bring an end to poverty in this country by:

- Funding local initiatives tackling poverty at grassroots level
- Equipping local faith-based community projects to become sustainable and to focus on long-term success
- Raising awareness at the national level among those who have the power to make a difference

Over the last 20 years Church Urban Fund has given more than £60 million to over 4,700 projects and £1.6 million of this has been in the Diocese of Wakefield.

You can help us add to this by supporting the Wakefield Diocesan Appeal.

Here are some ideas of how you can support this appeal:

- Pledge to raise £250 through your church this year
- Pray for the work of Church Urban Fund through Advent or Lent
- Hold a special event such as a Big Brunch or a Big Quiz, have fun and raise funds at the same time

For more information and resources go to either the Wakefield Diocesan website:

www.wakefield.anglican.org

or to

www.cuf.org.uk

or telephone

020 7898 1667

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Investing in the poorest communities with the Church Urban Fund

Creating windows of hope



Message from the Bishop of Wakefield

CUF Appeal 2008-9

'Faith in the City' has been the most challenging initiative produced by the Church of England in this past generation. From it issued the Church Urban Fund, which has transformed so many communities across England. As a diocese we have benefited from many generous grants. Can we as a diocese now show equal generosity to the Church Urban Fund so that these transformations can continue and prosper?

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Poverty in the Wakefield Diocese

The Diocese of Wakefield has many faces; for some it is a well developed area with great transport links and employment opportunities. On the other hand there are serious pockets of deprivation, in which people are facing the real issues of poverty, homelessness and addiction.

Church Urban Fund works tirelessly in these most deprived communities to sustain projects working directly to lift people out of poverty. By choosing to support Church Urban Fund in its mission, you can have a direct impact on those communities most in need in the poorest neighbourhoods of our country.

There are 29 SOAs (super output areas) in Wakefield which fall into the 10% most deprived SOAs in England. (wakefield.gov.uk - 2004)

The income deprivation affecting young people index shows that 14 Wakefield's 209 SOAs are among the 10% most deprived in England. (wakefield.gov.uk - 2004)



St Augustine's Family Centre, Halifax

'We are listening to the needs of local communities, changing to meet their needs,' says Denise Keenan, manager at the centre, which has been providing services for asylum seekers over the last nine years. 'I believe that this is what God wants me to do, to see people develop and see happiness on their faces.' There are currently 600 migrants who come into the centre each week from across the world. For Ruban Devaasirvadhan a Sri Lankan refugee, the centre 'is really important, a real lifeline, it is a secure and dependable place, where I have met so many different people.'

The centre offers a range of support, from lessons in English to immigration and employment advice. Tony Filton, a volunteer, describes the centre as 'a refuge to many asylum seekers in the area, a place where they are offered friendship and support, where people blossom'.

'We aim to train and encourage people. If you come and say you can't do it, we tell them they can. It frustrates me how people are told they can't. We influence people's lives by telling them to go for it. We care for people, sit crying with them, and try to make everyone happy.' Ladra arrived here from Burundi, knowing that he wanted to do electronics. He was initially rejected but then got let onto a course at Sheffield University. He completed his degree and masters and now works for Siemens in Southampton.

The support Church Urban Fund has enabled this vital work to continue and develop, overcoming the prejudices towards refugees in the local area.

Here are some other projects that Church Urban Fund has funded in the Wakefield Diocese:

- The **Trinity Centre** in Dewsbury is meeting the local needs in an area of deprivation, offering luncheon clubs for the elderly, keep fit classes and an award winning majorettes programme. The vicar Paul Crab believes, 'this project is a perfect example of community cohesion, it is our gift to the community, following the command to love thy neighbour'.



- Developing the provision of facilities for people seeking asylum and refugees within the church hall of **St Thomas**, Huddersfield.
- Offering formal debt and counselling advice to the area of Barnsley through the **Romero Centre**.

Giving may be by parish or by individual

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Contact person _____

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Yes No

What is Gift Aid?

For every £1 you donate to Church Urban Fund, we can reclaim the tax to increase your donation through the Gift Aid scheme. There is no extra cost to you - all you have to do is tick the above box to confirm that you are a UK taxpayer and have paid an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax deducted from your donation.

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