

InterACT Annual Report 2014



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Another year and another challenge of what to include in our Annual Report.

Certain stories and activities will always fit more naturally, but this does mean so much goes unreflected. Partnership meetings, informal conversations, involvement in citywide networks, responding to needs in often difficult circumstances – these are all a hugely important part of what we do, the value of which is not always easy to estimate.

However, with that in mind, we hope you enjoy reading some of the more easy-to-record highlights of 2014.

It's been another busy year...



Drama Club meets Stainbeck Players

This year, for the first time, members of our drama club were really delighted to take part in Stainbeck Players' pantomime. Being part of the chorus gave them chance to take on a number of different roles, from nasty trolls to innocent villagers and festival acrobats.



It was a great experience for them to do a complete run of a show, and rehearsing with Witch Wackywoo only made our Wednesday afternoon sessions all the more fun!

The Players thought the group were a great addition to the production. We hope they'll get chance to be involved again in 2015. Look out for them!

Parenting Revisited

We received funding to run two more parenting courses this year, supported by Housing Leeds and by Chapel Allerton Community First. The first of the courses this year was run at Mill Field Primary School and the second at Carr Manor Children's Centre. We really value partnering with others to help make the courses happen; we were also encouraged by parents rallying around to help us find the additional funds to run the course again, as their experience had been so positive. One mum has even come on the course for a second time! We look forward to running more sessions in the near future.

Amidst Tour de France fever

...was Pentecost. Not an InterACT event as such, but it was a great occasion for drawing our partner churches together with others in celebration. We're not sure how we can top balloons falling from the ceiling next year, but we're planning on giving it a go.



Mega Makers

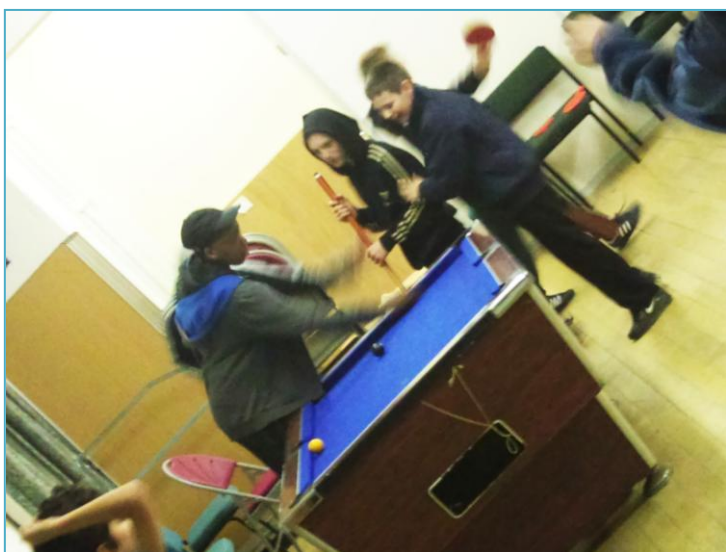
Boffin and Brainwave introduced the Mega Machine to our holiday clubbers this year, as we learnt more about the vastness of God's love.

As ever, we had a great team from our member congregations and beyond, bringing a whole lot of energy (well, at the start of the week anyway), skills and enthusiasm. Then there were the children, and marshmallow towers, and loom bands, and a broken egg...



Monday Night Youth Club

... is now supported by both Leeds Youth Service and NETWORKS schools cluster, so staff from both are around each week. We also have volunteers who live in the local area and there is a good sense



of community, as a number of staff and children know each other outside the group. The majority of young people attending are now slightly younger, and we are pleased to continue to see new faces each week.

Make It!

...is the new name for our drop-in craft sessions for adults, which now runs from 12:30pm for two hours on Thursdays, alongside Stainbeck Church's Community Café. We've been developing monthly themes and ideas packs to use in the sessions, although many people like simply to come and do their own crafts in the company of others.

We've enjoyed moving into a new space and time slot – it does create more opportunity to just pop in and have a go – and you can even get a toastie and tea from the café!

Craft For Kids

We're delighted that Craft for Kids has been enabled to continue on a weekly basis, thanks to funding from the NEtWORKS schools cluster. Parents, carers and children alike really love the sessions, which offer different craft activities, healthy snacks and milk each week. Here's what some of them have recently told us about their experience of the sessions:

"I look forward to [it] every week and hope it never ends."

"My children look forward to [it] every week. It's the best after-school group we go to."

"It's one of the only places for under 8's in the area."

"[My son] enjoys the fruit and a snack and the chance to be creative and messy."

Autumn Light

More partnership working with the NEtWORKS cluster brought additional funds and people to help run our Light Party at Halloween this year. Food, crafts and games kept a large number of families happily occupied for the afternoon, and an Autumnal story of hope drew the whole event together beautifully.



Our Supporters

Support comes in many guises, including time volunteered, skills shared, prayer and baked cakes! We're very grateful for them all.

Financially, funders this year have included: Leeds Christian Community Trust; Yorkshire Synod of the URC; Diocese of Ripon and Leeds; NEtWORKS Schools Cluster; Housing Leeds; Chapel Allerton Community First; Stainbeck URC; Meanwood Valley Baptist Church; St. Matthew's Church and Holy Trinity Church. We receive an increasing number of donations and standing orders from individual donors.

We have also been awarded a sizeable grant for 2015-2017 by the Church and Community Fund.

Structure

InterACT is a member project of **Leeds Christian Community Trust**.

LCCT enables, encourages and supports Christians, working in unity and in mission, to pursue their dreams and visions and make a positive difference in Leeds. You can find out more about them here: www.lcct.org.uk

The church congregations that currently make up the InterACT partnership are: Holy Trinity, Meanwood; Meanwood Valley Baptist Church; St, Matthew's, Chapel Allerton, and Stainbeck United Reformed Church.

www.holytrinitymeanwood.org.uk

www.mvbc.org.uk

www.stmatthewschapelallerton.org.uk

www.stainbeck.urc.org.uk

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Thank you.

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