

# Applying for support

The Evangelism Support Work-Party are always available to facilitate training, encourage outreach projects and evangelistic missions, as well as providing small grants for approved projects. If you wish to apply for any of the above please contact the Evangelism Support Work-Party.

Funds can also be provided to support research, to train Christians who are willing to get involved in evangelism, to provide resources



and other various requirements. Prayer support and encouragement is also offered to congregations who are taking new initiatives on board.

Priority will be given to:

- new initiatives from small congregations
- outreach projects that have not been tried before
- activities that form part of a longer term mission plan

The work-party are always available to share good practice and to ensure that all congregations are aware of the kind of support that is available to them for evangelistic activities.

# Further information

If you wish to contact the Evangelism Support Work-Party for more information or funding, please contact the Clerk:

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We have to embrace our local mission field through earnest prayer and seek to live and give the good news, expecting God to open doors of opportunity.

There are representatives appointed from each of the following presbyteries:

- Northern
- Western Isles
- Skye & Wester Ross
- Inverness, Lochaber & Ross
- Edinburgh & Perth
- Glasgow & Argyll
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For up-to-date contact information, please see [www.freechurch.org](http://www.freechurch.org)



# Introducing EVANGELISM SUPPORT



# Who are we?

The Evangelism Support Work-Party is responsible to the Home Missions Board.

The work-party is made up of one representative from each of the six Presbyteries in the Free Church and a Convenor appointed from the Home Missions Board.

The Evangelism Support Work-Party has been in operation since 2005 and previously functioned for over 40 years as Highways & Byways Missions.



## OUR AIM:

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# What do we do?

The role of the Evangelism Support Work-Party is to encourage and support individuals and congregations to instigate mission locally. We are passionate about seeing local churches motivated and equipped for outreach.

Many Christians have a desire to reach the lost, but sometimes resources and encouragement are not always in place to promote evangelism



or to support new ideas for mission at a local level within the church. The work-party aims to encourage pre and post mission activities to ensure that there is long term follow-up and not one-off bursts of activity. For example, projects in local communities need to focus on building relationships in order to develop suitable plans for evangelism in that area. Evangelism must be customised within communities so that it is suitable to the local situation.

Since 2005 there have been applications for a variety of outreach events tailored to local communities. They have included children's holiday clubs, barbecues, Christianity Explored, Youth Fellowship, family services, day conferences, evangelistic literature distribution, camps and other activities to reach out to local people in need of the gospel.

# Pray, plan & do it

Not sure where to start? Use this useful step-by-step guide to plan your next outreach event.

- Begin by praying about the situation and ask God to help you identify where the local people are spiritually and sociologically and tailor an outreach event specific to them.
- Identify those in the congregation with the right attitude and gifts to be able to initiate and deliver local evangelism.
- Appoint one person to drive the project forward.
- Prepare a proposal with clear aims and objectives, present it to Kirk session and seek their support.
- Let the congregation know and request prayer for anything you plan to do and prepare well in advance.
- Communicate your plans/activities with the people you wish to involve from the community and the congregation.
- Regularly review progress, support the volunteers, ask for feedback from any events you run and if time allows utilise any useful feedback you receive.

God is looking for ordinary people to do extra-ordinary work

