

Christians Against Poverty Annual Report

(for year ending 30 September 2009)

Area of Responsibility

CAP Centre (debt counselling) Steering Group:

A group has been informally meeting since March 2009 when 5 members of Ps and Gs went to a Church Partnership Day at Christians against Poverty HQ in Bradford. This group has now been formally constituted with the aims of:

1. constructing a project plan for the establishment of a CAP Centre to be launched in Spring 2010
2. raising £25,000 per year for the first 3 years (pledged funds)
3. advertising for and recruiting a Centre Manager to work 3 days a week
4. raising the profile of CAP in the church and recruiting a team of volunteers (perhaps in partnership with the local action team)

Summary of preceding year

2009 Diary:

18 March CAP Partnership day Bradford —Derek Gordon, James Galbraith, Jess Smith, Richard Sneller and Rosie Benham
 5 May Meeting for 20+ people who registered interest at Making Church Happen event
 9 June CAP Money training Bristol – Rosie Benham
 9 September CAP Partnership day Bradford — Dave Richards and Diana Hall
 12 September CAP Money training Bristol – Rosie Addis, Morag Park, Andy Davis, Iain Wright, Paul Benham
 27 September Activities Fair — sign-up for CAP centre support and CAP Money course
 29 September to October 13 CAP Money Course — 18 started, 14 finished course (17 on waiting list for future courses)
 12 October First Steering Group — James, Derek, Diana, Rosie and Paul
 17 October Article in Bletcher

Highlights:

There has been a lot of positive interest in CAP with 20 or more church members maintaining and active interest in the establishment of the CAP Centre and involvement in CAP Money. CAP Money course well received and enthusiasm amongst Money coaches to run more courses in-house and to take the course out into different environments. Positive progress of steering group towards a Spring 2010 launch

Weaknesses:

Current lack of funds but strategy to secure funds in place so not perceived as a problem so far

Connection with other teams:

Members from Parents and Toddlers and Women on Tuesday and Students have joined in CAP Money with prospect of more connections with those groups. There have been the beginnings of discussion with the Local Action team about how we might work together.

Targets for the coming year

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CAP Sunday in 2010 with speaker from Christians against Poverty Bradford, to raise profile and generate enthusiasm for CAP
 More CAP Money courses in different settings
 Training of more Money Coaches
 Project manage plan to launch CAP Centre in April/May 2010
 Partnership working with MBC and Wester Hailes centres

Systems and Monitoring:

The CAP Steering Group will continue to meet regularly and report to Vestry, Director of Operations and Rector
 Paul and Rosie Benham to take responsibility for project management.
 James Galbraith and Derek appointed to raise funds for £25k annual budget
 Monitoring of the process by CAP HQ Bradford — requirement for us to report to CAP HQ and to work to their requirements.

Resource Implications for the coming year

Financial Needs:

At least £25k per year from April 2010

People Required:

CAP Centre Manager 3 days per week

Possible Debt Coach (later)

Money Coaches (as many as possible)

Admin Support:

We are well placed with administrative skills and resources in our steering group but when a CAP Centre manager is in place it would be useful to consider some admin support from the church office. (not known how much needed as CAP HQ makes appointments with clients etc.)

Communications Support:

Publicity via Website and Blether ongoing

Technology/ Equipment:

From April 2010 Centre Manager will need PC with internet connection, mobile phone, access to office resources such as photocopying, printing and postal services.