

Group work on “Next Steps” from post-it notes after presentation

How do we take this forward? What are the next steps?

- Ask members what they would be able to offer – skills. E.g. lifts to events
- Take a section of the report and ask the churches to work on it
- Build a team BEFORE starting a project
- How do we find the lonely/isolated who are not part of our churches? Partnerships
- Next steps – Ministers building strong relationships meeting regularly
- Get a team together to identify some ideas from the big list
- Need to find out what is already being addressed in churches
- Need to be focussed and realistic in what churches can do.
- Keep balance between social action and gospel proclamation
- Target SPECIFIC projects
- Intergenerational events/work
- Be convinced
- Don't try to achieve EVERYTHING in a short time
- Identify buildings could use – cheaply (!) – for e.g. café (internet or not), computer training, sports clubs
- Students as an asset – can we use them to address loneliness/isolation?
- Establish sources of income and pursue charitable status
- Falmouth Christian Union Advisory Group to consider a contribution in response
- Focus on one particular area of need. E.g. poverty
- Choose 2 or 3 needs to concentrate on first
- Prioritise – one topic for each ‘problem area’
- Identify what can be done with other organisations
- Suitable space – that's nice warm friendly
- Talking more together
- Communicate with each other
- Tell the congregations and encourage them
- Lots more working parties like this – great way of getting things done
- Resist the temptation to set up sub-groups or sub-committees
- These are all things FPCT used to do – the fire has gone out – we need to rekindle it
- Doing more things TOGETHER
- Formalised relationships so company for the lonely is predictable e.g. 2pm on a Wednesday CONSISTENCY

Any ideas or suggestions?

- ‘Growing Old Disgracefully’ – Retired Men's Group
- Visit the Art Gallery
- Read papers in the library - reading is a great pastime
- Salvation Army lunches (Tues/Thurs) for anyone lonely
- Singing nights (with different age groups) would be fairly easy to organise. Little opportunity at present to meet a partner in a non-threatening environment
- ‘Who let the Dads out’ Toddler groups for dads, Saturday mornings
- As a widow coffee mornings would be a great idea. Not much fun going into cafes on your own
- Afternoon classes. Keep fit?
- Reinstate the “Cruse” as in the “widow's Cruse” Bereavement group that used to meet at EBC
- We want to take part in visiting our neighbours and get to know them