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Ten people were recently interviewed by Paul Blakey as part of a nine part TV series produced by CNI Network to be called "Making The Difference".

Filmed at a studio at Moggerhanger Park in Bedfordshire, the series aims to show the variety of ways the church in the UK is making a difference for individuals and the wider community.

The series is to be shown on Revelation TV, on www.makingthedifference.tv and will be distributed to other Christian based TV channels as well.

Those interviewed were: Derek Baker from Arrun Angels; Trevor and Helen Bendrien, chair of CNI Trustees, musicians and FGBMFI; Steve Brock from Stockton Town Pastors; Tony Buck from Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools; Natalie Collins from Restored Relationships; Sarah Digby from Watford Street Angels; Stephen Elphick from Bedford Street Angels; Adam May Director of Development for CNI; and Laura Woodfine a Church and Youth Link Worker in Halifax.

The 27 minute chat show style programmes went from a vision to reality in six weeks and our thanks go to Carl and Tim from Moggerhanger Park and Ben from Bedford Street Angels who made this a reality.

A further series is planned to be filmed in January again at Moggerhanger Park - if you are interested in becoming part of this please contact paul@cninetwork.org.uk

Who we believe to be the oldest volunteer within the CNI Network was interviewed at the Youthwork Summit at Audacious Church in Manchester in October. The event attended by nearly 1000 young people and youth workers was co-hosted by Beth Tash the Pioneer Minister for the Night-time Economy in Leeds. Beth interviewed John Langdon who celebrated his 90th Birthday at Easter and is regularly out and about as a Ripon Town Pastor. John said he had become an advocate for elderly people getting involved in youth work and shared of the value added to his life from being a Town Pastor. John left the stage to a standing ovation!



Halifax Street Angels have produced a new **90 second video** which shows the work on the streets and talks about the impact of projects UK wide. The video is available at www.streetangels.org.uk and on the Facebook page.



Paul and Jean Blakey attended the first CNI Network training day in Stockton which is to be accredited by the Open College Network. The course "Supporting Users of the Night-Time Economy" consists of a day of workshops and teaching, a workbook and an assessment of the volunteers on patrol. As well as Police and Licensing the day had training from the course developers Steve Brock (Stockton Town Pastors) and Tracey Brittan (Boro Angels) and included subjects including Communication, Conflict, general Volunteer Guidelines, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Initial Actions at Crime Scenes and an overview of the Night-time Economy. It is hoped to make this accredited course available nationally shortly...

## Celebrating a year of making the difference...

Week in and week out around 100 local expressions are out and about on the streets, in the parks, on the beaches and in the nightclubs and lap dancing bars helping turn the night-time culture from binge to better. Over the next few months we are going to help celebrate all that happens by telling some of the local stories in our newsletters. These are to be collated onto a special Annual Report web page which will be distributed in January. To include what God is doing through your project and volunteers email hello@cninetwork.org.uk...



In the small market town of **Skipton** (pop 14,000) Street Angels started in April 2009. A team of 33 Angels invest over 2,500 volunteer hours each year into the Skipton community. In  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years we've helped people collapsed on the pavement, one having epileptic fits, some with concussion and a few with cut feet, despite disposing of over 4,000 abandoned bottles and glasses.

However, we've mainly greeted and chatted with hundreds of people, and received compliments and high fives from grateful members of the public.

Inspector Craig Linton of North Yorkshire Police says "Skipton Street Angels are an asset to my policing patrol strategy. Their enthusiasm, commitment and strong community spirit has in my opinion helped to make Skipton a safer place to visit and socialise."

## **Guildford** Street Angels write:

We held our fourth commissioning service for our latest Street Angel recruits on Sunday 16th October with 23 new recruits (pictured below)

On the 17th October Guildford Street Angels started to go out on Monday nights once a fortnight (Student night in Guildford).

We are planning to open a 'Safe Space' from the beginning of December to cope with the additional festivities running up to Christmas. This will be a bit of a trial run, and we hope we shall be able to continue every week from the New Year.

Six volunteer Chaplains were commissioned on the 16th October who are already beginning to engage with various areas of the business community.

Www.gtcc.org.uk



Beth Tash writes about the **Leeds** scene...

So I started work in Leeds city-centre at the beginning of September & employed by the Church of England, with the brief of finding ways to connect Christianity & nightlife culture...it's been a great couple of months of seeing what's out there....i have been mostly:

...praying, thinking, dreaming, wondering about what God might want to do here

....having great meetings with the city council, a group of landlords called 'pubwatch' and the police who are all really keen on the restart of Street Angels. We are planning for around Christmas time linking with Halifax and Headingely Street Angels.

...going out and about prayer walking 2 nights a week....asking God to show us what he sees, what he wants, chatting to people along the way

...hanging out in clubs & bars...meeting workers & clubbers there, learning about their lives, the issues, the hopes, their thoughts on my job, faith, God...life, the world & the universe!



...chatting with & being blessed by others who are doing some incredible work all over the UK

...reporting back in church meetings wanting to tell a few stories and see where people are at.

...some immediate ideas floating around...Club Angels (Street Angels but inside!), 24-7 prayer, Halloween prayer stuff outside....

Be great to hear from you if any of this sparks wisdom & ideas!

Beth Tash 2011- bethtash@gmail.com



Whilst in the Tees Valley region Paul Blakey had a tour round the three projects in that area. Starting with Stockton Town Pastors Paul met with a Police Inspector who was sharing her support of the work and the incredible impact the volunteers have had in Stockton town centre. Paul also met with the three volunteers and door supervisors and those out and about in Stockton town centre all of whom praised the work of Town Pastors and talked about the value they add to the town at night.

The next stop was Hartlepool where the Town Pastors were launched earlier this year. Based in Living Waters Elim church it was great to hear how the project has won the support and backing of the pubs and clubs with the chair of Hartlepool PubWatch calling in to the base to say hello and offer his support and give details of a fundraising event the pubs are holding with half the money supporting the Town Pastors. On patrol lots of lollipops were handed out and it was fantastic to see the commitment of the volunteers and te respect they have won from the local community.

The third stop was Middlesboro to see the Street Angels in action. Boro was the busiest of the three towns and it was great to meet six volunteers who were patrolling that night. Paul toured the town and heard of the way the Street Angels are accepted by those out clubbing and the links with CCTV, Police, Local Authority and Town Centre Management. Several lollipops and flip-flops were handed out to some struggling to walk clubbers! Please pray for all these projects...

CNI was highlighted at the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International conference in Nottingham along with an encouragement for people to get involved in More Than Gold as a response to the Olympics in 2012. Paul and Jean also visited the Street Angels in Beeston and Street Pastors and Malt Cross Café in Nottingham and met the amazing team of volunteers who invest so much into the city of Nottingham.

Paul and Adam attended a 24 hour event in Milton Keynes bringing together Christian Community Franchise projects from across the UK. Organised by Christians Against Poverty and The Cinnamon Network the day included talks from Nandos and Thrifty Car Rental. It was great to meet and network with other similar organisations to CNI including Hope For Justice, The Message Trust, Refugee Support Network, Resurgo and The Lighthouse Group all of whom are seeing local models taken up to impact individuals and communities nationally.

The Application process for More Than Gold Games Pastors has now opened with over 1000 Games Pastors needed next Summer, see www.cninetwork.org.uk



Thu 3rd Nov - Paul and Adam speaking at the Archbishop's Church Commissioners Gathering in London

Tue 8th Nov - Adam at Games Pastors leaders meeting and then meeting MP's in afternoon

Sat 12th Nov - Calderdale Christian Resource Exhibition in Halifax 10am - 3pm with evening celebration and speaker Debra Green from Redeeming Our Communities.

Sun 13th Nov - Paul attending the commissioning of a new Youth Worker in Cumbria.

Tue 22nd Nov- Adam at the Association of Town Centre Management Night Time Economy meeting in Cambridge.

Wed 23rd Nov - Adam attending More Than Gold meeting in London.

Tue 29th Nov - Paul and Adam speaking at the URC Missioners Gathering in London.

Please pray for: those local expressions of work mentioned; those who volunteer week in and week out; the Making The Difference TV series that it will impact and reach many with news of the exciting things God is doing; towns and cities as they plan Christmas in terms of street safety; plans for 2012 especially More Than Gold as the response to the Olympics; Townsville Street Chaplains in Australia and possible links for CNI in Australia; the CNI Regional Leadership Team along with Paul and Adam and for finances to cover all we are doing.