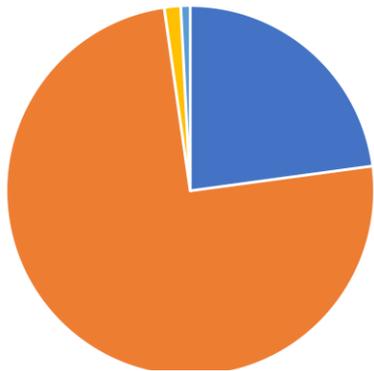


Finances

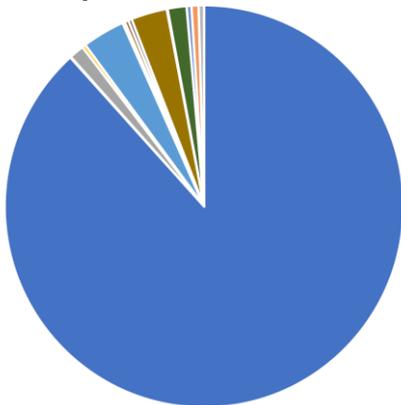
Our finances go from April 2016 to March 2017. In this time our **income** was **£91,587** and our **expenditure** was **£85,633**. We are pleased that our charity has become more self-financing through this year as more Newham churches and individuals have given financially to our work. We have seen personal and church giving continue to be almost a quarter of our income, for this year being 23% of our overall income. Of the balance left in our account, £214 is in restricted funds for wages due to being paid in the financial year 2017-2018 for projects that are part way through completing. This leaves £19,270 in unrestricted funds.

FiS Income 2016-2107



Income		£
Donations and other similar receipts		20,938
Grants		68,570
Investment income receipts		
Interest		12
Other Income		
Sale of resources		1,316
Other Income		751
		91,587

FiS Expenditure 2016-2017



Expenditure		£
Charitable Payments & Activities		
Salaries and Pension		75,603
Travel		52
Resources		1,029
Conferences		252
Training		2,950
Equipment		28
Website		144
Christmas Journey		253
Easter Experience		250
Office Costs		2,500
Hall Hire		60
Sundries		1,311
Printing, Stamps & Stationery		332
Management and Administration costs		
Accounts		490
Insurance		379
		85,633

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Faith in Schools

Annual Report

September 2016– August 2017

Achievements and activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham over the last 12 months. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people, particularly in schools and in partnership with churches in Newham. We aim for every child and young person in Newham's schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

To this end, we taught **599 lessons** in over **40 different schools**, teaching **21,100 pupils**. We saw almost **3000** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. Volunteers have given over **2450 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. This sees a growth of **30%** from last year. Our average lesson score was 5.6 out of a potential score of 6, which sees a slight improvement from last year's lesson evaluations by teachers.

We trained **29 different people** through our training programmes and saw a 75% success rate getting volunteers from training into working with us in schools. Our training this year included: assembly training, volunteering in primary & secondary school lessons and learning to lead primary school lessons. We also continued to train up peer mentors from a primary and secondary private Christian school to come with us into schools and talk to other children their age about their Christian faith. As a team we received one day's training all together, and also had a retreat day together outside of Newham.

599
Lessons
taught



21,110
pupils taught



41 schools
worked in



1,640 pupils,
18 schools involved



1,290 pupils,
14 schools involved

20% growth
of work with
Newham
schools



2,457 volunteer
hours given

5.6
/
6
Lesson
average rating

14 schools
involved

Volunteers make all the difference

Over the last 12 months we have trained 29 individuals to start coming into schools to be part of our visitor lessons or to lead assemblies in local schools. We are so grateful for the unique contribution each of our volunteers makes to our work in schools. Teachers again and again comment on our evaluations about how great it was having a number of visitors in the lessons that the children could talk to. Volunteers bring our lessons to life, as children and young people get the opportunity to ask their questions and hear about what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.



Assembly Training, Stratford Salvation Army Hall, October 2016 & pictures of pupils' work

Pupils work inspired our volunteers

Pupils (aged 5-6) from Forest Gate this year investigated the topic of "Belonging in Christianity" in their Religious Education lessons with the support of Faith in Schools. Woodgrange Infant and Sandringham Primary Schools welcomed us into their classrooms to share about our beliefs, carry out a pretend Baptism and design a card (see above).

"Our church members enjoyed having children of different faiths in our church, and I welcomed the opportunity to talk to them about Jesus, the cross, Baptism and Easter etc. Thank you very much for arranging the school visit." (Rev Kim)

Secondary work continues to grow



Christian Q & A Panel, Forest Gate Community School.

2016 saw the start of Faith in Schools offering out Christian question panels into secondary schools as a way of providing the expert subject knowledge needed for the new GCSE examinations that have begun

in schools. These give students the opportunity to meet a range of local Christians from different churches and denominations and find out some of their diverse views on issues such as homosexuality and abortion.

Farewell to Jennifer

Congratulations to Jennifer, who successfully completed a Business Analyst course in 2016-17. We had to say a fond farewell as she seeks opportunities to use her new qualification and abilities in the corporate world from April 2017.

Sadly, this means we said goodbye to our colleague who has been many things to many people over the last two years. From raising our profile with Newham churches, to teaching in more than 14 local schools, Jennifer has made such a positive contribution to the mission of Faith in Schools. Teachers said Jennifer's lessons were:

"Very informative, had great pace and always lots of interactive activities that got the children talking, moving and recording." "Well planned and well delivered session."

FiS Director, Claire says *"We will miss her confidence to step out in faith, her wonderful teaching and speaking skills, and her calm manner under pressure."*



Jennifer with Rev Tim-Hastie-Smith, UK Director of Scripture Union, and working with children



The power of peer witness

Stratford Christmas Journey had the "X Factor" during the last year ... with twelve student volunteers from St Edward's Catholic Primary School in Upton Park. The Key Stage 2 pupils led the "Mary's Kitchen" scene independently as well as supporting other parts of the event. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, they used storytelling to share the Good News with their Year 1 peers from other local primary schools at Highway Vineyard Church on 5 December, 2016. Bluebelle, in Year 4 (pictured above), played the role of Mary. She said, "I enjoyed sharing my religious faith with younger children"

Thanks to Frances O'Connell and the other staff who helped to arrange the pupils' participation. Faith in Schools continues to be privileged to empower local Christians of any age to have the opportunity to talk about their faith appropriately. We often find that other children and young people are very open and receptive to hearing from Christians their own age about their love for Jesus.

We are grateful to Grangewood primary & Promised Land schools for their contributions to our lessons over the course of the year. Peer witness is powerful.