

Agencies providing resources, advice & training opportunities to support mission and Church Related Community Development Work.

(The programmes and definitions below refer to England unless otherwise stated)

Some Christian & faith based agencies & organisations:

AMAZE www.amaze.org.uk Tel. 0121 503 0824. A professional body for Christian youth and children's workers in the UK. For churches and organisations which employ youth and children's workers, AMAZE offers a comprehensive advisory service.

AVEC Resources Tel. 020 8868 0628 / 886 2195. Excellent resources for people working and consulting in church and community.

Barnardos www.barnardos.org.uk Tel. 020 8550 8822. Working with vulnerable children and young people in the UK. Support for community projects. The CANDL Project in London offers training and consultancy to churches and community groups.

Building Bridges of Hope (BBH) www.ccom.org.uk Tel. 01787 227979. An extensive practical exploration of what it means to be a mission-engaged church. A work book & video enables congregations to share insights and reflect on community engagement.

Caritas-social action www.caritas-socialaction.org.uk Tel. 020 7901 4875. A federation of organisations & individuals within England & Wales who are involved in the relief of poverty; the promotion of social justice, care & community development.

Centre for Youth Ministry (CYM) www.centreforyouthministry.ac.uk Tel. 01793 418336. Creating and providing training and resources in Christian Youth Work and theology.

Children in Urban Situations (CURBS) www.curbsproject.org.uk

Christian Action Networks (CANs) www.eauk.org/cans Tel. 020 7207 2152. An initiative of the Evangelical Alliance which attempts to bring together all the church-based social action projects in a given area, to share best practice and offer mutual encouragement.

Church Action on Poverty (CAP) www.church-poverty.org.uk Tel. 0161 236 9321. An ecumenical, educational & campaigning agency committed to tackling poverty in the UK. Excellent resources & forums.

Church Army www.churcharmy.org.uk Tel. 020 8309 9991. CA Evangelists seek to make a difference in our communities by sharing the Christian faith through words and action.

Church Urban Fund (CUF) www.cuf.org.uk Tel. 020 7898 1647. Supporting practical action for justice in disadvantaged and marginalised communities. Grants, publications, training, events and advice.

Churches Commission for Racial Justice www.ctbi.org.uk

Churches Community Work Alliance (CCWA) www.ccwa.org.uk Tel. 0191 334 3346. An umbrella organisation for all those who are engaged in church related community work and community development. Excellent briefing papers, newsletters, events, publications, conferences, training directory & database of church & community projects. A Formal Network of CTBI.

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) www.ctbi.org.uk Tel. 0207 654 7254. CTBI was set up by the Churches so that they could think, pray and work together.

Community Action Network (CAN) www.can-online.org.uk Tel. 020 7401 5310. A mutual learning and support network for social entrepreneurs. Connecting people, unleashing potential and creating change using state of the art technology as a tool for communication.

Community Pride www.communitypride.org.uk Tel 0161 231 4111. Working with community groups, church and other faith organisations to explore with them ways in which they can have more say over the major decisions that affect their futures and the future of Manchester & Salford.

European Contact Group on Industrial Urban Mission (ECG) www.ecg.ecn.cz An ecumenical network for those involved in social & economic action in 26 European countries, including the CCWA.

Faith Based Regeneration Network fbrnuk@aol.com Tel. 0208 8947 6160. Conferences, resources & networking for people from faith based organisations involved with regeneration.

Faithworks www.faithworks.info Tel. 0207 450 9052. The Faithworks Movement is built around 11 leading organisations and exists to empower and inspire every local church to rediscover its role at the hub of community; & to challenge and change the public perception of the Church by engaging with both media and government. Many excellent resources.

Frontier Youth Trust (FYT) www.fyt.org.uk Tel. 012 1687 3505. A Christian network dedicated to advancing the kingdom of God by supporting, resourcing and training those working with and on behalf of disadvantaged young people. Many excellent resources.

Housing Justice www.housingjustice.org.uk Tel 020 7723 7273. The national voice of Christian action in the field of housing. Advice, resources and Homelessness Sunday packs.

Institute for Contemporary Christianity (& IMPACT groups) Tel. 0207 9629 3615. Offers training, publications and local Impact groups for study and action on local issues.

Meta-Net www.meta-net.info Links networks which develop and promote contemporary expressions of integrated spirituality, including new ways of being church.

Ministry among Asians in Britain (MAB) Tel. 0121 643 7771. Training and advice for churches in cross cultural work.

Inter Faith network www.interfaith.org.uk Tel. 020 7931 7766. The Inter Faith Network for the UK works to build good relations between the communities of all the major faiths in Britain.

National Estates Churches Network www.bishoplauriegreen.com Tel. 01793 418336. Resources, events, conferences and network meetings for those living or working on estates.

Regeneration Officer, URC Southern Synod, Peter Southcombe. Tel. 020 8688 3730.

Scottish Churches Housing Agency www.churches-housing.org Tel. 0131 477 4500. Brings together the main Churches in their work to eliminate homelessness in Scotland.

Shared Interest www.shared-interest.com Tel. 0191 233 9100. An innovative and award-winning financial co-operative that uses the pooled investments of its members in the UK to lend to small producers and fair trade coops in the developing world. Your opportunity to finance fair trade!

The Childrens Society www.childrensociety.org.uk Tel. 0845 300 1128. A child-centred, social justice organisation with various community projects in the UK.

The Iona Community www.iona.org.uk Tel. 0141 445 4561. A support and resource for those engaged in ministry, mission & community work. Workshops & worship resources.

Liability Community Mission: www.communitymission.org.uk Tel. 0845 330 6033. Working to see communities transformed, by supporting churches to respond to local needs in practical ways. Services include working in partnership with local churches & organisations, training & events, & a variety of excellent resources including practical development tools & booklets.

The United Reformed Church, Church Related Community Work ministry (CRCW) www.urc.org.uk/crcw Tel. 0207 916 8653. Supporting churches involved with community development work. CRCWs are called, trained in theology and community development, commissioned, provided with housing & paid a stipend to work with local church-in-communities & neighbourhoods.

The William Temple Foundation (WTF) www.wtf.org.uk Tel. 0161 249 2502. Research, publications and newsletters about community regeneration from a theological perspective.

Toc H www.toch.org.uk Tel. 01296 642020. Supporting community action. Renewal, regeneration and rebuilding in local communities with people of all faiths and none. Excellent resources, programmes, centres, volunteer opportunities and community projects.

Touching Place www.touchingplace.co.uk Tel. 01604 633918. An occasional newsletter about residential Christian communities published by The Neighbours Community. A very informative resource.

UK Action Tear Fund www.tearfund.org Tel. 0845 355 8355. Christian Action with the world's poor. Excellent resources, training, advice, information and grants for church community projects in the UK.

UNLOCK www.unlock-urban.org.uk Tel. 0114 276 2038. Some excellent resources and trainers to enable churches to respond to challenges in their neighbourhoods, especially in a 'non-book' culture.

Urban Churches Support Group <http://jimgould.webspace.fish.co.uk/page6.html> Tel. 020 8881 7733. Advice, support, networking and training for those working in urban situations.

Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield (UTU) www.utusheffield.fsnet.co.uk Tel. 0114 2435342.

World Vision www.worldvision.org.uk Tel. 01908 841 000. One of the world's leading relief and development agencies. Resources, information and training based on its experience of community development projects around the world.

YMCA www.ymca.org.uk Tel. 020 8520 5599. Reaching out to young people, families and the community to help people grow in mind, body and spirit. Resources, training, directories and events for youth & community work.

Some other agencies & organisations:

Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) www.acre.org.uk Tel. 01285 653477. A national charity whose purpose is to support sustainable rural community development.

Active Communities Unit www.homeoffice.gov.uk/acu Tel. 020 7035 5328. A unit in the Home Office which aims to promote the development of the voluntary & community sector & encourage people to become actively involved in their communities.

Age Concern www.ageconcern.org.uk Tel. 0800 328 0894. The UK's largest organisation working with and for older people. Providing vital local services as well as influencing public opinion and government.

Association of British Credit Unions Ltd. www.abcul.org 0161 832 3694. Major information and news site about Credit Unions and the main trade association for credit unions.

Association of Independent Credit Unions Ltd. Tel: 01274 652042. For Credit Unions to express their own individuality and independence thereby controlling their own destiny.

BASSAC www.bassac.org.uk Tel. 020 7735 1075. The British Association of Settlements & Social Action Centres is a membership network of multi-purpose community organisations.

Communities Online www.communities.org.uk A not-for-profit registered company which exists to harness the potential of information & communications technology for the benefit of all communities & neighbourhoods.

Communities Scotland www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk Tel. 0131 313 0044. Part of the Scottish Executive working for housing and regeneration in Scotland.

Communities that Care www.communitiesthatcare.org.uk 0141 766 0000 (Scotland) 01792 648833 (Wales) 0207 619 0123 (England). CtC is a long-term, evidence-based community programme that seeks to build safer, healthier and more cohesive communities.

Community & Youth Workers Union (CYWU) www.cywu.org.uk Tel. 0121 244 3344. Training, support & a specialist newspaper for play workers, community workers, youth workers, & personal advisers.

Community Development Exchange www.cdx.org.uk Tel. 0114 272 9890. Formerly known as the Standing Conference for Community Development (SCCD), CDX is the UK-wide membership organisation for community development.

Community Development Foundation (CDF) www.cdf.org.uk Tel. 020 7226 5375. CDF strengthens communities by ensuring the effective participation of people in the decision making processes which affect their lives. Some excellent resources and training.

Community Education Training Unit (CETU) Tel. 01422 357394. Offers training, consultancy and support to community workers and groups.

Community Links www.community-links.org Tel. 020 7473 2270. An independent social action centre in East London and a Training Unit in Sheffield with an extensive network of community projects.

Community Matters www.communitymatters.org.uk Tel. 020 7837 7887. A federation for community associations with 1100 member organisations across the UK.

Confederation of Indian Organisations www.cio.org.uk Tel. 020 7928 9889. Provides support services, advice and consultancy to South Asian Organisations in the UK.

Connexions www.connexions.gov.uk Government agency for 13-19 year olds.

Development Education Association www.dea.org.uk Tel. 020 7490 8108. Development education aims to raise awareness and understanding of how global issues affect the everyday lives of individuals, communities & societies and how all of us can & do influence the global.

Development Trusts Association (DTA) www.dta.org.uk Tel. 0845 458 8336. National body of development trusts.

ENSURE www.ensure.org Exchange Network for Sustainable Urban Revitalisation Experience is established as an umbrella site to provide a resource guide and forum to urban neighbourhoods considering, planning or implementing revitalisation programmes.

Federation for Community Development Learning (FCDL) www.fcdl.org.uk Tel. 0114 273 9391. Supports a network of individuals, organisations and groups interested in community development learning and training. Excellent training and newsletter.

Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens www.farmgarden.org.uk Tel. 0117 9231 800. Community-managed projects working with people, animals and plants.

Groundwork www.groundwork.org.uk Tel. 0121 236 8565. A leading environmental regeneration charity working for sustainable development in many of the UK's poorest communities. Magazine, ideas & advice.

HM Government's Urban Policy Unit www.urban.odpm.gov.uk

Learning & Skills Councils (LSC) www.lsc.gov.uk Government agency responsible for adult learning.

National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux www.citizensadvice.org.uk Offers free, confidential, impartial and independent advice.

National Association of Council for Voluntary Services (NACVS) www.nacvs.org.uk Tel. 0114 278 6636. Exists to promote voluntary and community action by supporting member CVS and by acting as a national voice for the local voluntary and community sector.

National Association of Volunteer Bureaux www.navb.org.uk The membership association of Volunteer Development Agencies - local voluntary organisations rooted in urban and rural communities.

National Centre for Volunteering www.volunteering.org.uk Tel. 020 7520 8900. An essential on-line resource for volunteer managers, potential volunteers and anyone seeking up to date information about volunteering.

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) www.ncvo-vol.org.uk Tel. 020 7713 6161. Works with & for the voluntary sector in England by providing information, advice & support and by representing the views of the sector to government & policy-makers.

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) www.ncvys.org.uk Tel. 020 7422 8630. Supporting voluntary and community organisations that work with young people.

National Institute for Adult & Continuing Education (NIACE) www.niace.org.uk Tel. 0116 204 4200. Advancing the interests of adult learners and potential learners.

National Tenants Resource Centre www.traffordhall.com Tel. 01244 300246. A national charity and residential centre dedicated to offering training resources, networking and help packs eg. community enterprises, LETS schemes; especially for those in disadvantaged areas.

National Youth Agency www.nya.org.uk Tel. 0116 285 3700. Supporting those involved with young people's personal and social development.

Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation www.nif.co.uk Tel. 0870 7700339. 'Planning for Real' and other excellent community development tools, training, research and publications.

Neighbourhood Renewal Unit www.neighbourhood.gov.uk

New Economics Foundation (NEF) www.neweconomics.org Tel. 020 7089 2800. An independent charity and one of the UK's leading 'do-tanks'. It aims to put people and the environment back at the centre of economic thinking. Uses many practical participation tools.

Partnership at Work www.partnershipatwork.org.uk Tel. 0121 244 5969. Improving the quality of working lives in voluntary youth, community & play organisations by providing support, advice & training on employment issues to managers & management committees.

PAULO www.paulo.org.uk The Standards Setting Body (formerly the National Training Organisation) for the Community-based Learning and Development sector.

People for Action www.peopleforaction.org.uk Tel. 0121 233 9003. A national network for housing and regeneration organisations throughout England and Wales which puts power and influence into the hands of local people and provides training, resources and support.

Regen.net www.regen.net The information network for regeneration partnerships. Publications, contact details for Government offices, events, & a regeneration magazine.

Renewal.net www.renewal.net The on-line guide to what works in neighbourhood renewal. The site include 'how to' guides, case studies, project summaries & much more.

Scottish Poverty Alliance www.povertyalliance.org Tel. 0141 353 0440. Committed to justice for residents of Scotlands most deprived communities.

Social Enterprise Coalition www.socialenterprise.org.uk Tel. 020 7968 4921. Social enterprises are businesses distinguished by their social aims, by the way they use their surpluses to achieve these aims, and by their ownership and management structures.

The Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion www.cesi.org.uk Tel. 020 7582 7221. Training and advice about issues relating to supporting people into employment.

The Community Work Forum www.fcdl.org.uk Tel. 0114 273 9391. The body which involves the different interests in the community development work field to work strategically on training and development needs in the sector.

Ubuntu www.fcdl.org.uk A network for black perspectives in community development learning and training, whose bulletin forms part of the FCDL bulletin.

Urban Forum www.urbanforum.org.uk Tel. 020 7253 4816. An umbrella body for community & voluntary groups with interests in urban & regional policy and regeneration.

Wales Council for Voluntary Action www.wcva.org.uk Tel. 029 2043 1700. Services from information sheets and funding searches to purchasing publications online.

Welsh Development Agency www.wda.org.uk The main economic development agency in Wales.

Your own local authority will also (hopefully) have a community development officer (or equivalent). The different Church denominations in your area will also have highly skilled people to consult with. (eg. community projects officers, social responsibility officers, youth and children's work officers)