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Cinnamon Faith Action Audit
National Report

CINNAMON FAITH ACTION AUDIT

To serve the nation

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CINNAMON FAITH ACTION AUDITS ON DEMAND

Drive the conversations that shape your community

Following the success of our Cinnamon Faith Action Audit, we can help you conduct an audit to demonstrate the impact faith-based organisations are having in your area and, open up new opportunities for collaboration with local authorities and agencies.

How it Works

You'll need a Sponsor to finance the Audit and a volunteer Champion to gather data from faith-based organisations in your region, which is usually a borough council or unitary authority. The information will be collected over roughly a month, using a specially designed questionnaire. Our data insight team will then analyse the details and turn them into accessible highlights and infographics that you can share.

How much does it cost?

Package A - £2,400 - We'll provide everything you need to manage an audit by yourself. Once the information has been analysed, you'll have online access to a comprehensive summary, infographics and key data highlights as well as the raw data for further research. We also provide you with an interactive map to visually demonstrate the extent of activity being carried out by faith-based organisations in your area.

Package B - £3,000 - You'll receive all the benefits of Package A with extended telephone support from Cinnamon and a professionally designed, print ready PDF of the final report for your area.

Added extras

For £480 we can professionally print and deliver 500 copies of your final report for you to share with civic and business leaders in your community.

If you're interested in finding out more about running a Cinnamon Faith Action Audit in your local area, we'd love to hear from you.

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INTRODUCTION

We're delighted to introduce to you the latest edition of our Cinnamon Faith Action Audit. This comprehensive report provides evidence for the social impact and the economic value of all that churches and other faith groups do in communities across the UK.

Following the success of the Audit we are now thrilled to be able to launch Cinnamon Faith Action Audits on demand, to help churches across the country to assess the impact faith-based organisations are having in their communities.

The Cinnamon Network believes that faith is a force for good in our society and wants to build confidence in the work carried out by faith-based organisations. By producing this report we hope to show real, quantitative evidence that the value of the time given by churches and other faith groups to their communities is worth more than £3 billion each year.

Our hope is that this fresh confidence will help local churches to develop conversations and form new partnerships across a range of sectors of society. By building stronger relationships with police, local authorities, health services, schools, businesses and other community organisations, the local church can do even more to help those people most at need in our communities.

Cinnamon Team

“I am delighted to introduce the latest Cinnamon Faith Action Audit and that it now covers 87 towns and cities across the UK. Policing in this country has always been based on an effective partnership between the public and constabularies. Over many years churches and other faith groups have played an important role in those partnerships and it is great to see the range and extent of the work. In particular, the focus on vulnerable people is a priority which policing shares with churches and other faith groups and which we welcome.”

Sara Thornton, Chair of National Police Chiefs' Council

CINNAMON NETWORK

At Cinnamon, we're passionate about helping churches make a positive and transformational difference at the heart of their communities.

Cinnamon Network works closely with churches across the UK and Ireland to help them transform communities by reaching out and building relationships with those in greatest need. We describe ourselves as 'faith-based but not faith-biased' because, whilst we are motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we indiscriminately serve people of all faiths and none.

Our work revolves around four key objectives:

- **Cinnamon Incubation**
We help to identify and incubate great church-based social action projects, building their capacity to be replicated in other churches. We are committed to innovation and seeking out pioneering projects that meet some of society's most challenging needs.
- **Cinnamon Impact**
We help churches to positively influence their communities by guiding them as they select a Cinnamon Recognised Project that best meets these needs. We also provide start-up grants, training and civic engagement support to ensure projects are as effective as possible.
- **Cinnamon Influence**
We develop resources and publish research that gives churches confidence in what they are already doing and enables them to start conversations and build strong, effective partnerships with local authorities, the police and other civic organisations.
- **Cinnamon International**
We want to be generous with our knowledge and expertise as we support churches across the world in replicating the Cinnamon model. We also want to learn from the experience of these churches to improve the support we provide here in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

To find out more visit www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The value that faith groups bring

At a time when budget cuts, changes to benefits and rising housing costs are affecting many communities across the country, there are groups of committed and faith-driven individuals who are stepping into the gap.

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit approached 6,537 local churches and other faith groups. 3,003 responded saying that they were actively working to support their local community. These 3,003 groups were generating almost 195,000 volunteer roles and 12,500 paid staff activities to support 5 million interactions with individual beneficiaries each year. The time given by churches and other faith groups alone in our survey was worth over £315 million. Nationally this puts the time given by churches and other faith groups into their communities through social action projects at more than £3 billion a year.

We want to see local churches and other faith groups more empowered and more encouraged to take up their place as they serve at the heart of the community. We also want to see their work externally recognised and properly resourced as part of the overall picture of provision in any given community.

22,400

Total Number
of Projects

5 million

Total Number
of Beneficiary
Interactions

46%

Completion
Rate

12,500

Total Number of
Paid Staff Activities

8 million

Total Paid Staff
Hours Per Year

195,000

Total Number
of Volunteer Roles

Local churches and other faith groups work with families, provide debt advice, coach people back into work, offer emergency food parcels and provide a safe place to belong and build friendships. These groups are uniquely positioned to support those in most need on multiple levels and the Cinnamon Network believes that they should be celebrated and encouraged.

To glean a picture of the current level of commitment of local churches and other faith groups, in February 2015 and March 2016 the Cinnamon Network undertook a comprehensive survey of local faith-based social action across the UK. 87 'Local Champion' volunteers worked in their area to create a list of as many faith groups as possible to invite them to take part in the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit.

The online surveys were undertaken in a wide range of areas across England, into Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Urban and rural areas were covered including places with high levels of deprivation and more affluent areas alike. Nationally, 6,537 groups were invited to take part in the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit and 3,003 completed the survey, an impressive response rate of 46%.

Cinnamon's aim in undertaking the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit was to take a pragmatic approach and recognise that any government will be facing budgetary challenges. There is a very real prospect that statutory provision will be increasingly limited for the foreseeable future, which in turn will create widening gaps in services. Into these gaps, the Cinnamon Network wants to see local churches and other faith groups grow in confidence and capacity in their role at the heart of the community.

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Average Number of
Projects Per Group

£315 million

Financial Value of
Volunteer Hours

68%

Working with
Other Organisations

63%

Wanting a Closer
Relationship with
Other Organisations

30 million

Total Volunteer
Hours Per Year

3,003

Faith Groups
Responding to
the survey

CALL TO ACTION

Each Local Champion and Local Sponsor who carries out a Cinnamon Faith Action Audit is encouraged to hold a launch event in their area to promote their findings. We hope that the results of the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit will build confidence, capacity and connectedness amongst local churches and other faith groups. As such, our Call to Action checklist for Local Champions using the results following their local launch event includes:

Use this report to begin conversations at every level of the local community, including with the local authority, police and other agencies. See www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cfaa-reports/ for the full list of Cinnamon Faith Action Audit reports

Ask the local authority to sign up to the All Party Parliamentary Group Covenant on working with faith groups. www.faithandsociety.org/covenant/

Attend and invite your Member of Parliament to the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. www.christiansinparliament.org.uk

Encourage people of faith to take up roles in civic life such as Councillors, School Governors, Magistrates, Special Constables or Community Champions

Speak to a Cinnamon Advisor and plan a Civic Prayer Breakfast in your area. See resources available at www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/prayer-event/

Start a Cinnamon Recognised Project
www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cinnamon-projects

The National Picture

Out of the 3,003 respondents to the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit we found that each year, on average, each faith group contributed to their local community:

- 8 social action projects
- Support for 1,650 beneficiary interactions
- 4 paid staff activities
- 65 volunteer roles
- 2,700 paid staff hours
- 10,000 volunteer hours
- £105,000 worth of support (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

There are around 60,000 faith groups in the UK. If only 46% of them (the same percentage that completed our survey) delivered what the Cinnamon Faith Action Audits' average group did, this would mean that together the faith sector annually contribute:

- 210,000 social action projects
- Support for **47 million beneficiary interactions**
- 117,000 paid staff activities
- **1.8 million volunteer roles**
- 75 million paid staff hours
- 280 million volunteer hours
- **£3 billion worth of support** (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

These figures only count the time that staff and volunteers directly give in the preparation and delivery of social action projects. If the knock-on benefits of all the combined social action projects were added (for example the savings to local authorities, or reduction in benefits claimants as a result of the work of faith groups) then this financial contribution would be considerably larger. Similarly, these figures do not include all the physical resources, such as the cost of buildings and equipment provided in the delivery of social action projects by local churches and other faith groups.

The 2016 audit gave additional time for quality checking of data and for refining our methodology. The outcome of this investigative process gave us greater confidence in the data and therefore in the presence of the work underlying it.

WHO RESPONDED?

Faith groups

94 percent of the responses to the survey were from Christian groups, with the remaining 6 percent coming from Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh and Jewish groups (and a handful of other religions).

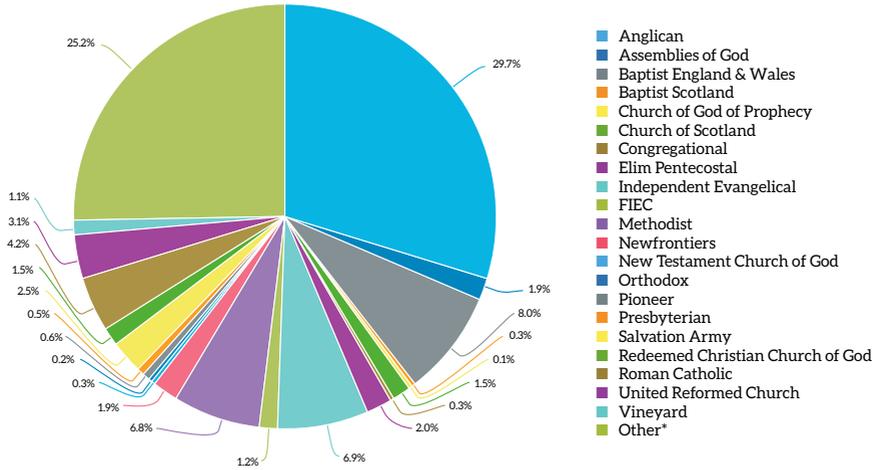
In order to create as full a picture as possible of faith-based social action in the UK, an integral part of the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit's approach was to extend the pool of respondents as far as possible. Local Champions were members of local church networks, chosen for their can-do attitude and proactivity in engaging with faith groups.

For the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit, all Local Champions were encouraged to invite faith-groups of all descriptions to take part. Many Champions went to some lengths to achieve this and build relationships with groups from other faith traditions. One Champion in Birmingham went as far as to drive round the city visiting as many places of worship and faith-based community groups as possible to ensure they were included.

However, even with all this effort, we are not saying that Christian groups are carrying out 94% of all faith based voluntary work in the UK. It is expected that some other faith groups found it harder to access the survey (for example, there may be issues related to English as a second language), equally, they may have been less willing to provide information for a variety of other reasons.

That said, Cinnamon Network has developed an extremely broad reach across the Christian communities as evidenced by an extremely diverse cross section of denominations who have already responded to the survey.

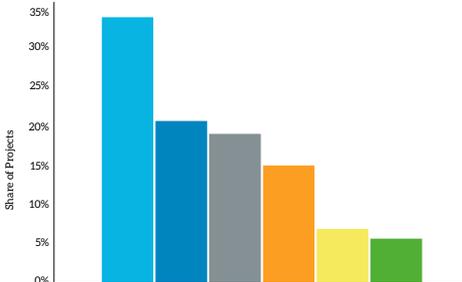
Christian Denominations



*The 'Other' category includes churches which represent more than one denomination, such as multi-church charities or groups and also a range of smaller independent church denominations and streams such as the Seventh Day Adventists, Ichthus, Quakers and Groundlevel.

THE NEEDS BEING MET

Needs addressed

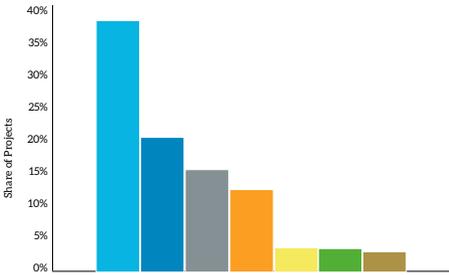


- Families, Children and Young People**
 - Children
 - Young People
 - Families
- Community Life**
 - Safer Communities
 - Building Community
 - Other
- Social Inclusion/Helping Aged**
 - Reducing Isolation
 - Helping Aged
- Social Action**
 - Trafficking
 - Financial Crisis
 - Homelessness
 - Refugees
- Health**
 - Healthier Lives
 - Addiction
- Training and Business**
 - Skill/Employment
 - Economic Develop
 - Sustainable Living

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit showed that churches and other faith groups were working to meet a wide range of needs in the community. This included supporting families, children and young people and those in crisis. This may reflect the demographics of the members of those faith groups, or the visible needs within those communities. There are also many effective social action models already in place to tackle these issues, which other churches can easily replicate. Cinnamon for example has a large proportion of its Recognised Projects targeted at these areas and many of them cost very little to start.

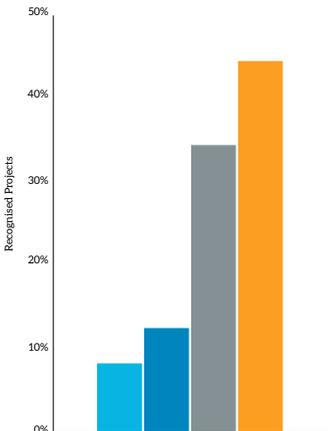
There were comparatively low numbers of churches and other faith groups who were working with people trapped in trafficking or prostitution or with refugees and asylum seekers. There may be many reasons for this. These are highly challenging areas to engage with, and Cinnamon is looking to expand work in this area by seeking to engage with established projects to find models of delivery which could be replicated at scale by numerous churches and faith groups.

Types of activity offered



- **Community Groups**
 - Community Group
 - Community Activity
 - Disabled Services
 - Befriending
- **Training/Coaching/Counselling**
 - Counselling/ Advice
 - Debt Advice
 - Job Club
 - Mentoring
 - Personal Support
 - Training Education
 - Drop in Centre
- **Providing Food/Housing Accommodation**
- **Alms**
- **Facilities**
- **Foodbank**
- **Night Shelter**
- **Providing meals**
- **Childcare, Youthwork, Family Support**
 - Playgroup
 - Family Support
 - Childre & Youth
- **Health and Fitness**
 - Fitness Activity
 - Healthcare
- **Other (including fundraising)**
- **Street Patrol**

Cinnamon Recognised Projects

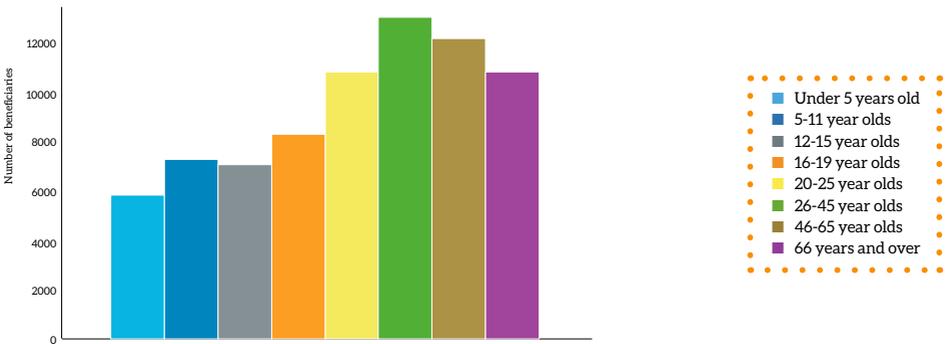


- **Enabling children and young people to flourish**
 - Make Lunch
 - Reflex
 - Resurgo Spear
 - TLG Early Intervention
 - TLG Education Centres
- **Supporting safer, stronger families**
 - 4 Family
 - Baby Basics
 - TLG Journey Makers
 - Welcome Boxes
 - Who Let the Dads Out
- **Building safer, stronger communities**
 - CAP Life Skills
 - CAP Release Groups
 - Christmas Lunch on Jesus
 - Clean Sheet
- **Germinate Enterprise**
- **Intentional Health**
- **Linking Lives UK**
- **Mega Fitness**
- **Parish Nursing**
- **Passing the Baton**
- **Peaced Together**
- **Street Angels**
- **Street Pastors**
- **Word 4 Weapons**
- **Fighting poverty**
 - CAP Debt Help
 - CAP Job Clubs
 - Community Money Advice
 - Housing Justice Night Shelter
 - Ignition
 - Trussell Trust Foodbanks
 - Hope into Action

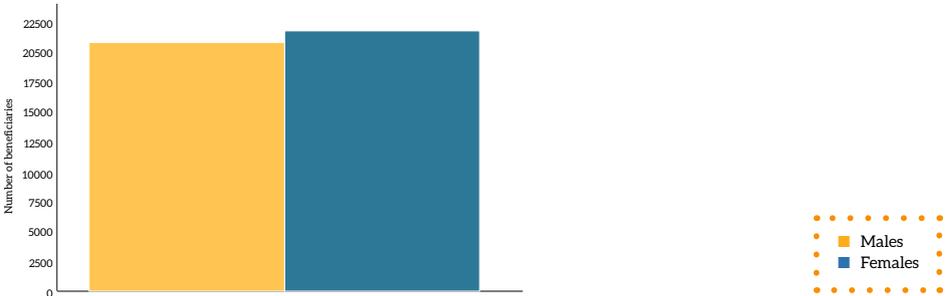
THE BENEFICIARIES

The results of the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit show that local churches and other faith groups work with a vast cross-section of beneficiaries. Rather than being focussed on one particular age group or gender, faith-driven volunteers and paid staff are actively working with people from all ages and with men and women in almost equal measure. This confounds the stereotypical image of a church engaging mostly women and children through a few coffee mornings and parent and toddler groups and gives an insight into the true breadth, value and impact of all that local churches and faith-based groups do.

The age of people supported in the community



Gender of beneficiaries



CINNAMON RECOGNISED PROJECTS

Out of the 3,003 respondents, we found more than 1,500 churches were delivering or helping deliver a Cinnamon Recognised Project as part of their commitment to supporting the local community.

Cinnamon Network enables local churches to transform their communities through social action projects. Using tried and tested, off the shelf projects, local church volunteers can set up and run activities which meet the needs around them without having to start from scratch.

Our current suite of Recognised Projects are grouped into four themes:

1 Enabling children and young people to flourish

2 Supporting safer, stronger families

3 Building safer, stronger communities

4 Fighting poverty

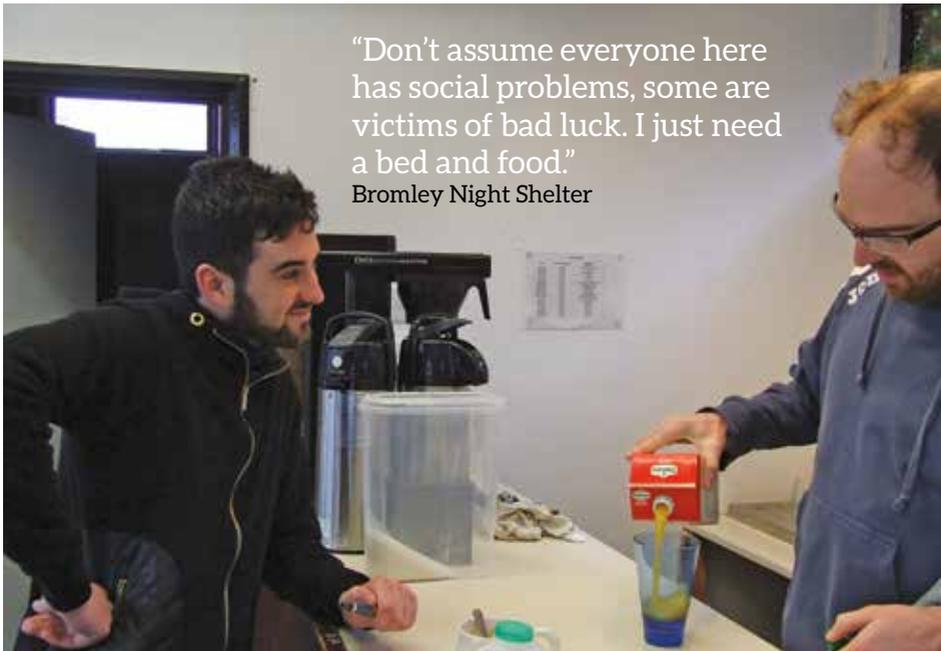


"I fully recommend CAP Job Club. Its accessibility and one-to-one support was excellent. Far better than the compulsory courses I had attended."
Barnsley

"Since receiving a visitor, I no longer feel trapped inside my house. I feel like I'm living again."

Wokingham Link Visiting Scheme





“Don’t assume everyone here has social problems, some are victims of bad luck. I just need a bed and food.”

Bromley Night Shelter



“I thought you just come here, give your voucher in and get your food and go. But you are so much more than that here. I’ve seen so much kindness.”

Visitor, Birmingham Foodbank

“I now feel like I am getting my life back. I really don’t know what I would have done without them.”
Mother and family helped by Ipswich 4 Family mentor and link workers.



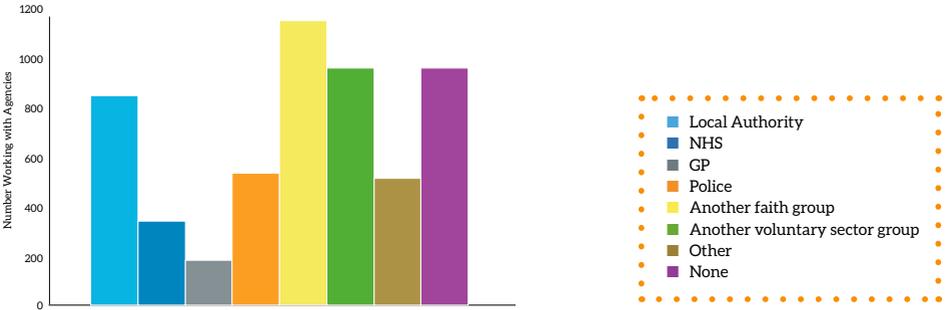
“Thank you Street Angels for coming to rescue my rather worse-for-wear son. You kept him safe until I could collect him.”
Guildford Street Angels



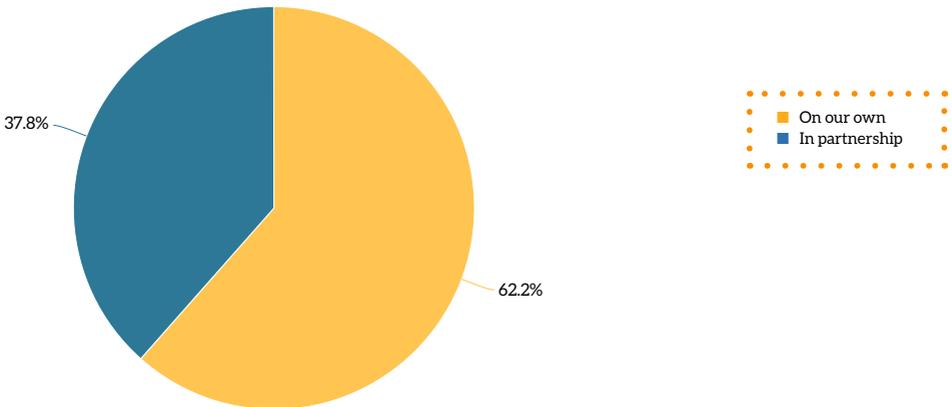
PARTNERSHIPS

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit found that there were stronger partnerships already emerging between faith groups and local authorities and other agencies. Through this audit we aim to provide the momentum for local churches and other faith groups to expand their partnership working further. Cinnamon believes that there is huge potential for effective partnerships between faith groups and civic bodies, which could have enormous benefits for local communities.

Working in partnership with



Who runs the activities?



ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audits included respondents from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Across the board the data showed that each nation's level of activity amongst local churches and other faith groups were consistently high.

England

In England, on average each faith group contributed to their local community:

- 8 social action projects
- Support for 1,700 beneficiary interactions
- 4 paid staff activities
- 65 volunteer roles
- £106,000 worth of support (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

Scotland

In Scotland, on average each faith group contributed to their local community:

- 8 social action projects
- Support for 1,125 beneficiary interactions
- 4 paid staff activities
- 64 volunteer roles
- £88,000 worth of support (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

Wales

In Wales, on average each faith group contributed to their local community:

- 7 social action projects
- Support for 850 beneficiary interactions
- 4 paid staff activities
- 44 volunteer roles
- £81,500 worth of support (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, on average each faith group contributed to their local community:

- 9 social action projects
- Support for 1,750 beneficiary interactions
- 5 paid staff activities
- 84 volunteer roles
- £114,000 worth of support (paid staff hours, plus volunteer hours calculated using the living wage of £7.85, plus management)

CONCLUSION

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit has shown that an incredible amount of social action work is being done by faith-based communities across the UK. Nationally the time given to carry out these projects is worth over £3 billion a year, and between them local churches and faith groups in the UK support over 47 million beneficiaries.

We anticipate that this updated report will continue to build the confidence of local churches and other faith groups as they work at the heart of their communities. We also expect that, having been part of the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit, churches and other faith groups will be able to further engage with local authorities, the police and other agencies.

Following this Audit, the Cinnamon Network wants to see local churches and other faith groups externally recognised and fully resourced for the crucial role they play in galvanising and supporting local communities. Most of all, we hope that through the ongoing work of committed people of faith, millions of lives will be transformed for the better.

METHODOLOGY

For this piece of work, measuring the breadth of activity was of central importance. With this in mind, the mechanics of gathering the data and the design of the questions aimed to collect a large spread of results within a defined time-span. This created a snap-shot of activity across the country during a specific time frame.

By using an online survey the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit could be carried out in 57 locations across the UK in 2015 and an additional 30 locations in 2016. Local Champions led on each Audit and invited as many faith groups in their area as they could to participate. 6,537 faith groups were invited to complete the survey nationally with a national response rate of 46%, that's 3,003 faith groups completing the survey.

'Faith groups' included places of worship, charities and community groups driven by their faith, working at a local level for the benefit of the community. For example, this would include a local church running a Make Lunch Kitchen, a Jewish-led charity working with older people at a local level, or a Gurdwara offering meals to the community. If respondents self-defined as a faith group then they were eligible to take part, thus enabling Local Champions to invite as wide a pool of different groups as possible.

The survey itself was simple to complete and designed to be as accessible as possible. It asked quantitative questions about the level of social action carried out regularly by the faith community, the type of social action carried out and the level of staffing and volunteers working on the project. In addition to this, the survey asked about the number and type of beneficiaries who access the activities provided.

Respondents recorded how many social action activities (or 'projects') their faith group ran. These projects had to be regularly carried out and delivered for the social or economic benefit of the local community to be able to be included. For example a Street Pastors project, Job Club or parent and toddler group would qualify, but not a prayer meeting or worship service.

Where there was more than one faith group involved in delivering a joint project, Local Champions worked with the specific faith groups involved to determine whether it would be more accurate to count that joint project as a respondent in its own right, or for each faith group to record their individual contribution to the project. This was done in order to create the most accurate picture possible. In a research piece of this size duplication was inevitably a risk, where several groups were working on the same project together. With Local Champions to mitigate against this, it was felt that any double counting would be minimal and not significantly impact national results.

For each activity or project, respondents detailed how many beneficiaries used the project, how many paid staff were deployed in running it and how many volunteers were involved. This data was then collated in order to provide an overall picture locally. The totals therefore for these three data points (beneficiaries, volunteers and paid staff) are cumulative and the figures may well include the same individuals more than once

if, for example, an individual used a foodbank, toddler group and debt centre. This would mean that they show up in the figures as three 'beneficiaries'. Similarly, if one member of staff worked across several projects they would be recorded for each project they worked on. After learning from pilot projects, it was agreed by the Cinnamon team that a cumulative approach was useful to see the overall impact of provision and its breadth in full.

To provide a balance to the cumulative volunteer and paid staff numbers, respondents also inputted how many volunteer hours and how many paid staff hours were spent on each project. This enabled Cinnamon and the Local Champions to assess the financial value of the time spent on each project, without double-counting. For volunteer hours, the financial value was calculated based on the Living Wage (£7.85 per hour). These figures, along with management costs, have formed the basis of the total financial value of each faith group.

Each local Audit was carried out over four weeks in February 2015 or in March 2016. This provided a coherent and like-for-like picture of the breadth of faith-based social action in 87 areas across the UK, which helps to form a national picture.

In order to extrapolate a national picture, Cinnamon took the combined local reports and calculated what the average faith group contributed to their local community in terms of beneficiaries, paid staff and volunteers. With 2,109 data points from across the UK in 2015 and an additional 898 data points in 2016, these figures were felt to be considerably robust. Additional quality checks in 2016 and improvements in methodology confirmed the reliability of the 2015 data and built upon it.

Our research based on data from the Evangelical Alliance, the Charity Commission and Muslims in Britain showed that there are approximately 60,000 groups in the UK meeting our definition of 'faith group'. Given that 6,537 faith groups were invited to take part in the Cinnamon Faith Action Audit, and 3,003 completed a full audit return, Cinnamon asserted nationally that at least 46% of faith groups were delivering some form of social action projects. As a result, our nationally extrapolated figures are based on the assumed average activity of 46% of the 60,000 faith groups in the UK.

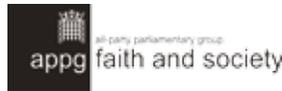
UK population data

The 87 areas listed are predominantly local authorities, London Boroughs or similar sized regions, although some were smaller than a local authority area. Using the Office for National Statistics Mid Year Population data (2015), the 87 areas that have conducted a Cinnamon Faith Action Audit cover 24.6% of UK population.

THE 87 AREAS

Aberdeen	Clitheroe	Kendal	Southampton
Angus	Coventry	Kilsyth & Cumbernauld	St Helens
Ashford	Croydon	Kingston upon Thames	Stamford
Aylesbury	Durham	Knowsley	Stirling
Barnsley	Ealing Borough	Lincoln	Suffolk Coastal
Barnet	Eastbourne	Liverpool City	Sunderland
Bath & NE Somerset	East Grinstead	Luton	Tendring
Belfast	Edinburgh North	Maidstone	Three Rivers
Bexley	Enfield	Midlothian	Thurrock
Blackburn with Darwen	Epping Forest	Northamptonshire	Trowbridge
Birmingham (central)	Forest of Dean	Northern Ireland	Tunbridge Wells
Bolton	Gloucester	Norwich	Watford
Brent	Gosport	Plymouth	Waveney
Bridgend	Greenwich	Poole	West Cornwall
Bristol	Guildford	Reading	Weston-super-Mare
Bromley	Halton	Reigate & Banstead	Weymouth & Portland
Calderdale	Haringey	Richmond upon Thames	Whitby
Cambridge	Hastings & St Leonards	Salisbury	Wirral
Canterbury	Havering	Shepway (Folkestone)	Wokingham Borough
Carlisle	Ipswich	Shipley	Wrexham
Chesterfield	Isle of Wight	Skipton & Craven	York
Chiltern & South Bucks	Islington	Solihull	

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CINNAMON INCUBATION

CINNAMON PROJECT LAB

Helping church-based social action projects to replicate their work

Local churches are constantly pioneering new, creative ways to address the needs they see within their community. Rather than reinventing the wheel, Cinnamon wants to find these innovative projects and, through the Cinnamon Incubator, develop them to a point where they can be replicated by other churches for the benefit of their communities.

Each year Cinnamon runs the Project Lab initiative to find the very best church-based social action projects across the country. The winners receive a development grant of £30,000, plus entry onto the Cinnamon Incubator programme where they'll benefit from expert coaching, world class professional advice, targeted marketing support and access to industry and government contacts to help their projects grow.

Cinnamon Project Lab 2017

Project Lab 2017 aimed to find local, church-based social action projects, led by young people or helping to tackle issues of poverty and social exclusion faced by young people.

The worthy winners of Cinnamon Project Lab 2017 were: BoxUpCrime, an initiative that helps young people to rebuild misguided dreams, using non-contact boxing sessions and mentoring; and The Primetime Project, which empowers disadvantaged young people to develop key skills for employment, life and leadership. The two projects will now receive funding and support to develop and grow so other churches can start impacting their communities with similar initiatives.

To find our more visit cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cinnamon-project-incubation

"It's given us the encouragement that this is the right thing to do. It was so encouraging to meet the other finalist and hear from last year's winners too," Liam Jagger, The Primetime Project, co-winner of Cinnamon Project Lab 2017.



CINNAMON IMPACT

CINNAMON RECOGNISED PROJECTS

Making it easy for churches to help their communities

Cinnamon Recognised Projects are brilliant, life-changing social action initiatives that your church can literally take off the shelf and put into action.

We know that churches want to support their communities in the most effective way, so Cinnamon Recognised Projects are established, best-practice initiatives that have already been tried and tested by churches across the country.

Alongside our menu of more than 30 Cinnamon Recognised Projects, we offer Cinnamon Leadership Training days, support from our Cinnamon Advisors and, in some areas, we even have Cinnamon Micro-Grants of £2,000 available to help projects succeed.

To find out more about Cinnamon Recognised Projects visit cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/projects .

Community Impact in Action

When Warley Baptist Church in Oldbury began looking for ways to support struggling new mums in their community, Baby Basics, one of our Cinnamon Recognised Projects, caught their eye.

With the help of a Cinnamon Advisor, the church was able to secure a Cinnamon Micro-Grant to get started and set up in-house training for key volunteers and the church leadership. “[It] was a very positive experience for us,” says Esther Spence, a volunteer at the church. “The fundraising and budgeting was particularly useful.”

The church now has a network of volunteers, from within the church and the wider community, who put together beautiful Moses baskets full of baby essentials for mums in their community. They have even inspired other churches in the area to get involved.

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