



# CINNAMON SOCIETAL INFLUENCE

We believe that faith is a force for good in our society and want to build confidence in the work carried out by local churches and faith-based organisations across the UK and Ireland. Cinnamon provides tools to help local churches build stronger relationships with local authorities, police and other agencies in their area. Time and time again we see that effective community transformation is brought about when churches work in partnership with other organisations who have similar goals for their local area.

## Cinnamon Faith Action Audit

Our Cinnamon Faith Action Audit provides quantitative evidence of the value of the time given by local churches and other faith-based groups to meeting the needs of their communities each year. The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit is a really great tool to help local churches start conversations and build stronger, more effective partnerships with local authorities and civic society.

Our 2016 Cinnamon Faith Action Audit was carried out in 87 areas across the UK and discovered that collectively, faith-based organisations deliver 220,000 social action projects, serving 48 million beneficiaries each year. In total their contribution is worth more than £3 billion to society.

## Cinnamon Faith Action Research

Our Cinnamon Faith Action Research offers recommendations to help the church work more effectively with civic authorities. In 2016 we published quantitative research on effective police and church partnerships. The report suggests ways that local churches and police forces can work together to tackle key community issues of anti-social behaviour and crime. In the future, we will be conducting further research to assess how churches can partner with other organisations, such as health services and local authorities, for the wider benefit of the community.

## Civic Prayer Events

To encourage stronger civic and community relationships, Cinnamon Network has produced a whole host of resources to help churches around the UK and Ireland to host Civic Prayer Events. Civic Prayer Events are hosted in neutral venues where a range of guests from leading sectors of society can come together and discuss their greatest needs and challenges. The purpose of the event is to help local church networks strengthen their relationship with civic organisations and establish a new level of prayer for, and in partnership with, our communities.

"Cinnamon Network is making an important contribution to the collaborative work between churches and police forces. These partnerships are a great example of community policing and it is encouraging to see the extent of the work and the plans to grow it."

**Sara Thornton, Chair of National Police and Crime Commission, 2016.**

"Our prayer breakfasts are significant and have demonstrated how the Christian faith cares about and contributes to the welfare of local communities."

**Arthur Cornell, Eastbourne**