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#### **CINNAMON NETWORK**

### **Fill gaps in health and social care**

As the NHS experiences continued financial challenges, faith groups are being increasingly utilised to fill gaps in health and social care. The Cinnamon Network, a faith-based charity that builds partnerships between local churches and civic groups has just released a report which addresses pressing needs in our communities. "The Church's impact on health and care" can be viewed at [www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk](http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk).

Thirty-two local church community projects have been created. Churches can select one of these off-the-shelf projects and put them into action to practically support their communities. Currently 3,500 are mobilising more than 200,000 volunteers a year and impacting the lives of over two million people.

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