



Cinnamon Recommended Project



Street Pastors

Activity Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a Friday and Saturday night, to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.



Time Frame It can take up to 18 months to commence a Street Pastor initiative from initial registration to first patrol. Training takes place locally or regionally and is made up of core sessions and a programme of other sessions that are tailored to the local context and needs. It is generally recommended that Street Pastors complete 42 hours of training in the first 18 months after being commissioned.

Financial Costs/Contribution

License Fee to Ascension Trust is 15% of income received for each project. The cost for training a new Street Pastors is £450 including uniform. There are other costs involved including equipment (rucksacks, flip flops, first aid kits, mobile phones). It is important to have a coordinator for the project which can be a paid or voluntary role.



Church Involvement

Street Pastors is very much a joint church initiative and each person involved has to be a member of a local church for at least a year. Street Pastors are backed up by a team of Prayer Pastors who are also members of local churches.



Project Support

All Street Pastors coordinators receive support locally and from Ascension Trust as well as an annual Conference. Each Street Pastor has to do 8 core models of training and undertake refresher training every three years.

Physical Resources

Your team will need a 'base, where they meet prior to patrolling and at their break. Also for use by Prayer Pastors. It is also recommended to have a computer and a secure way to store information, and branded clothing.



Community Support

You will need to work alongside the local council and police. It is important to have them involved early in planning the project

Human Resources

A minimum of three Street Pastors are allowed patrol on per night. Also a management committee to oversee the project

"Please pass on our thanks and our gratitude to the Street Pastors who supported our 22 year old son last night. He said they were really kind and found him a taxi home. Without your help it could have been much worse." (Parent)

Replications

Street Pastors has

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Projects across the UK

"My first time as a Street Pastor was amazing! So many of the young people told us how much they appreciated what we did. One young person said that we give peace on the streets. It was such a huge blessing and complete privilege that God has chosen to use me in this way.., (Street Pastor)

To start a **Street Pastors** project in your town or city, visit www.streetpastors.org