

Supporters' Newsletter

Autumn 2017

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Expansion into Scotland

Earlier this year David Swan and Claudia Dean joined the Junction 42 team to develop our ministry of prison work, through the gate support and community work in Scotland. This work is starting with a focus on Edinburgh and the prisons across the central Scottish belt. We're really excited to see what God is doing in Scottish prisons and we're currently exploring partnerships with other agencies working in the same field as Junction 42. Watch this space!



Job Club Alpha & Baptisms

Since the start of 2017, our Job Club in Newcastle has seen 25 individuals journey into paid employment, more than doubling the same figure from 2016! It has been amazing to see the community created in Job Club and hear the encouraging stories of lives transformed. The men and women asked so many questions about faith that we started an Alpha course with Brunswick Methodist Church and, over the summer, four men from Job Club were baptised on the beach!

Summer Lecture Series

The team at HMP/YOI Low Newton recently hosted a summer lecture series which was promoted by the women as a 'festival of ideas'. The lecture series brought inspirational characters to speak and share their stories. This year our series featured Nikki, speaking on tackling food waste; Harri, a local musician and song writer; and Hannah, a crew member for the Mars One mission. This series was a huge success and we are planning next year's already.



Leadership Training School

In September we launched a new and improved Leadership Training School (LTS) for our Connect communities. The LTS has a fiery 6am prayer meeting each week, a Bible study programme, a mission trip to Norway and the opportunity to attend some of the best national Christian conferences.

Five of the LTS participants are also attending the School of Theology run by King's Church, Durham. The hunger in the LTS participants is so evident for all to see and we're so grateful for the opportunity to invest in them.

Stories from Prison: Northumberland & Holme House | The Big Give

Creative Engagement in HMP Northumberland

Junction 42 ran a creative writing course earlier this year, where the men produced a book of short stories and poems. The pieces written were really inspiring and built up the confidence of those involved. Currently, there are two choir groups rehearsing for a performance inside the prison in December.



J initially engaged with our team through the creative writing course. He was really low and seemed to have given up, he had been in prison since he was 15 years old and had served 12 years so far. He asked to join the next Alpha course, made a faith commitment during this course and is now in the Junction 42 discipleship group. He's really hungry for God and is planning to read the whole Bible in year!

HMP Holme House Alpha

We started our second Alpha course in September in HMP Holme House, the newest prison that Junction 42 has started working in. The course started with 8 men which has now increased to 13, so far we have seen some incredible stories of God answering prayer. J had been having regular night terrors which were a symptom of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that he was suffering from. One of the team had a word from God about these night terrors so he was prayed for and has had full nights' sleep ever since!



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Thank you so much for supporting the work of Junction 42 as we see lives visibly transformed by the hope of the gospel.

We hope you are encouraged by reading about the amazing things that God is doing!

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