

HULL LIGHTHOUSE

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 1996 –2016

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MESSAGE FROM REV. DAVID LITTLEWOOD

I believe there are two key periods in any organisation. The first is its beginning - that point when desire turns into action. It may sound obvious, but over the years I have seen many people have some fantastic ideas. Passionate people with clear vision, who for one reason or another never got past the starting line. To get something started from nothing takes determination, commitment and courage. But most importantly it needs heart; it's the heart that keeps the life blood pumping through the veins and sustains life. It's the heart that pushes forward in the disappointment, that reaches out in the pain and confusion and it's the heart that carries the strength to carry on believing. The second and equally important time, is what I'm calling the "change-over" period. It's that point in any organisation when the original founding members have retired, moved on or stepped aside. It's inevitable and essential that a new generation needs to take the reins, if fresh ideas and energy are to continue to flow. However this can often be the transition into decline if passion is lost, or if determination, commitment and courage fade into anecdotes from the past

It delights me to be able to say that in the past 20 years, the Lighthouse Project has remained faithful to its core values and has never lost its heart. The staff, volunteers and friends have continued with the same unrelenting and inspirational faith, that things can change for the better. Lives can be rebuilt, families restored and addictions can become a thing of the past.

The underpinning hope of the lighthouse was in the promise found at the core of our Christian faith that love never fails. Our lives and experiences can often seem to challenge this hope. However I believe the "Love" in question is "True Love" - the stuff of fairy tales! You know the love I mean, the one that can awaken the princess from the deepest darkest nightmare, or can deliver the frog prince from his prison to find his full potential. True love, that flows from the heart of God to each and every soul on the planet. It's this love the Lighthouse has sought to carry and share, on the streets of Hull for the past 20 years.

Congratulations to all who have served and to those who have been served, to those who have dared to reach out and to those who have dared to take hold. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to be just a small part of this wonderful story so far, and to see the fruit of all the hard work. Long may the story continue.

'ALL THE WORK AND SUPPORT THAT YOU GIVE THE WOMEN IS INVALUABLE. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS IN HELPING SO MANY VULNERABLE WOMEN.'



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

During the past 20 years we have supported many women. Unfortunately, we have lost some along the way, but we want to make sure they are remembered. Each woman is individual, beautiful and their lives precious. We have a simple box of buttons; each button completely different. For every one of the lives lost, a button has been sewn on to fabric representing each woman. It is important to remember, reflect and celebrate the lives of all these women.

CHALLENGE 20/2000 !!!!!

CAN YOU HELP US RAISE £2000 IN OUR 20TH YEAR?

We have set ourselves a challenge in this 20th year of the project; raise at least £2000 by holding sponsored or fundraising events.

If you would like to hold such an event, sponsor someone or have an idea of what we could do, then please contact us on 01482 442953.

As a charity any financial or in-kind support is greatly received.

We have a strong belief in our core ethos of supporting vulnerable women involved in street prostitution. As a result, we do not chase funding for the sake of it. Therefore, financial or in-kind support is important.

If you can support us, please contact Carl Duck, Admin and Finance Manager on 07958958110.

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*Wow.....20 years!!
Well, congratulations to the Lighthouse Project.
It is such a fantastic service and the women of Hull
would be lost without it.
May you run for another 20 years and more '*

OUR CHRISTIAN ETHOS

Motivated by Christian love, the Hull Lighthouse Project offers unconditional friendship, advice and opportunity for change to women involved in street prostitution in Hull.

The role of faith has been integral to the development of the Hull Lighthouse Project and has supported the staff through the emotional labour involved in the support work. Faith also continues to be the driving force behind wanting to continue to make a difference in the lives of the women. We believe that the Gospel is about turning lives around, introducing them to a loving, non judgemental environment and not giving up on them.

The project has strong foundations at local church level with 8 churches represented within the trustees, staff and volunteers. Furthermore, the project is part of the steering group Beyond The Streets (formerly known as the National Christian Alliance on Prostitution) and as such shares resources, including training manuals, policies and development plans with approximately 40+ Christian groups across the United Kingdom.

PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

Please pray for the continued success of the new weekly groups at hostels in the city, and that through these sessions, we are able to reach those women who are most vulnerable and at risk of exploitation.

We are thankful that we continue to have an increase in women asking for our support and we pray that we can quickly establish a good supporting relationship with them.

Please pray that the recently submitted funding bids find favour with the Grant Trusts so we can continue in the work we do.

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