

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY 2024

NEW PARTNER CHURCHES

January has seen a flurry (and not just with the weather) of interest for TBT. This month we advertised for freelance storytellers and have had several people in various locations (including Norfolk where we have an existing link) get in contact. This has been very encouraging with plenty of conversations on how we move forward to work with them and their local church.

Vicky met with Tessa, the vicar at St Michaels in Hamworthy who loves the concept of TBT and has a potential care home in mind to work with who were also excited about our meeting, further discussion is required but there was lots of positive feedback. She also met with Gail Adcock who oversees Children and Youth for the Methodist Church with a view to looking at how we could partner down the line.

After sending out our initial world book day fundraiser to local schools, we have contacted a few individuals and have some links to speak to regarding working with reception and Y1 aged children looking at how we can help forge relationships with care homes local to them and churches in the community.



CURRENT GROUPS RUNNING

January-2024	Jul-23	Current	% Increase	2026 Target
Partner Churches	9	10	10%	30
Care Homes	9	9	0%	
Other Settings	1	6		
In the Pipeline	13	11	-18%	
	Average attendance	Total this month	New moments of...	Total
Older Adults	10	284	Confidence	144
Care Home Staff	1	43	Participation	188
Children	5	148		
Parent/Child Carer	4	109		
	Total	584		
	Sessions run in January	29		

January Highlights:

Faye had the residents working together to make an arch for the children as they sang 'Oranges and Lemons'.

Sophie had a resident who often sings loudly and disruptively, joined in with dancing and singing, she was generally more settled than previously.

At the end of a session a carer came up to Sophie to say she'd done a good job, and that she hadn't got a sticker. So Sophie pressed a

sticker saying 'I am valued' on her and she welled up with tears so she spoke to her some more about how God loves her and values her and sees her and she was really moved and said I can feel your energy (Holy Spirit).

Mel saw one of the children shouting 'Hello June' to one of the residents, as she came in a tiny bit late. June was very touched by the fact she had been remembered by name.

In one of the groups when they sang 'Mary, Mary', they had a cockle shell in one of the pockets. A resident said her father was a cockle shell hero and was on a submarine.



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Jill had a resident tell her - I just love it, I just can't get enough of it and seeing all the children's expressions is just wonderful. She also witnessed one of the residents helping a child zip up their coat at the end of session.

In Dorchester it was great to see a lady who has Parkinson's sing 'Yes, Jesus Loves Me', and 'This little light of mine'.

In Christchurch a resident who often attends, but appears mostly asleep and is largely unresponsive, became more alert towards the end, eyes open, occasional smile.

Yvonne shared 'The 66' session based in Greenland and one of the children said - It should be Redlands not Greenland - the flag is red!

Paul and Julie had a young child attend for first time, and he was eager to delve in the bag. They also had an older friend who delighted in honking the horn for the story.

In Surrey, Sue had an older friend share about her youth helping her dad harvest watercress. It was the first time she'd shared any information about herself.



TBT ESOL

We restarted our TBT ESOL group in Bournemouth this month and have seen numbers increase along with the joy in the room.

Gemma and Rachel visited Hope Community Church in Birmingham to see their wonderful international toddler group. Gemma shared the story of 'The Lost Bunny' with them, all the children were really engaged and enjoyed getting involved in the search! Hope Community Church will be running a pilot of TBT ESOL after February half term to see how this works in their setting.