

# E Newsletter from Faiths4Change



Enabling faith based and local communities to engage in environmental and social action that sustainably transforms their neighbourhoods

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## The Chief Associate Project Manager writes .....

Hello again, what an incredible month it's been here! Faiths4Change has been so busy this month delivering our '[Sowing Seeds for Transformation](#)' schools programme from the far reaches of the Wirral to Wigan, evaluating the Love Food Hate Waste workshops we delivered for [Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority](#) planning bread making sessions in Stockbridge Village with St Alberts Church and so much more. Our services are in great demand and I'm pleased to say Faiths4Change is flourishing. We're still supporting individuals and faith communities to get a free quote on green energy from [Ecotricity](#) - so far 2 individuals and 3 faith communities have signed up - saving them money & cutting their carbon footprint.



Paul Beardwood, a member of the Green Team @ St Luke's, Crosby shares why they signed up, " St Luke's Church was challenged by Bishop James on the question of brown & green energy. He emphasised that churches should pay the 'just' price and as we are caretakers of God's creation, the goods that we purchase should reflect this. Our church now buys a 100% green tariff from Ecotricity, reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and our carbon footprint".

It's great for Faiths4Change too - every sign up gives us a small donation enabling us to offer more support to faith communities across Merseyside & Lancashire. We really appreciate your support and so do the faith communities we work with.

As always,  
Annie

[Contact Annie](#)

Welcome to our latest e newsletter. You can [unsubscribe](#) from here. We are keen to keep in touch with people but are aware that not everyone has access to the internet. Please feel free to pass on any information from our newsletter to others who may be interested.

Comments and views expressed are not necessarily the views of Faiths4Change but the views of the individual.

## Upcoming events

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 10 am - 3pm** Christ Church Pennington, St Helens Road, Pennington. Environment Workshops for Parents & Toddlers Group. Faiths4Change will deliver growing your own food and healthy eating. Project is supported by Church Community Fund Wigan EPN.

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Court Hey Park** Faiths4Change will be attending Knowsley Council's **Green Fayre**. - Contact [Lesley Barnabas](#) Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Stretton Way, Merseyside L36 6JF Tel: 0151 443 2485

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - St Gabriel's CE Church, Huyton Apple Centre Gala Day**  
Attending Event - Contact Jane or Heather - Apple Centre 0151 489 4120

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 St Bartholomew's CE Church, Roby, Summer Fair.**  
Attending Event - Contact Heather - Apple Centre 0151 489 4120

## Out and about with our Associate Project Managers

### [Burnley](#)

#### Associate Project Manager



Faiths4Change have secured some funding for environmental workshops for parents and toddlers groups in Wigan.

Faiths4Change will deliver the following objectives:

- greater awareness of the need for environmental stewardship and the skills to enable behavioural change to achieve this amongst participants
- utilising and developing the relationships, commitment and reach of faith communities in deprived areas to bring about long term sustainable change.

We are looking forward to engaging with five parent/child groups with the support of group leaders enabling them to build in key elements of the workshops such as Food Growing, Healthy Eating, and Energy Efficiency.

To book a workshop for your group please email me or ring 07894423246.

[Contact Samia](#)

### [Merseyside](#)

#### Associate Project Manager



**School Food Growing Programme/Faith Gardens** I continue to work with Schools through the Liverpool Diocese and I am confirming further project planning and workshop support for schools during the spring and summer 2011

Following from a Presentation to Archdiocese Schools Representatives on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011, I have received much interest from schools and I am in the process of undertaking project planning and workshop delivery sessions at Schools which commenced at the end of April.

***Any further details on the services Faiths4Change provides, please contact Calvin Stockton (Project Manager, Merseyside) for our new leaflet and a discussion on how we can support your school.***

**Love Food Hate Waste** Currently working with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) in evaluating the recently conducted Love Food Hate Waste "Train the Trainer" Workshops. Soon to conduct a feedback session with workshop delegates on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 to seek views on how the programme can move forward.

Supported MWDA at the Southport Food and Drink Festival on 15<sup>th</sup> May on the Love Food Hate Waste Awareness Road-Show – gauging awareness and seeking views on campaign effectiveness.

**Church and Community Programme - Wigan** Working alongside Samia in delivering further Eco-Parents Workshops in Faith Communities in Wigan – First workshops to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May. (For further details contact Samia or Calvin)

**Liverpool Anglican Cathedral "Blitz" 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** – 17/18 May 2011 – Conducted 2 day seed planting workshops with Schools as part of the "Dig for Victory" Theme.

[Contact Calvin](#)

#### Food Officer, Merseyside



Liverpool City Council's 'Eatright' programme provided training for 12 Asylum Link Merseyside food volunteers to attend the level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering. 12 people with only 1 native English speaker the positive results were amazing.

12 (yes again) of us went to a tea dance (we were aged 20 - 61) in Bootle at Brunswick Boys Club. Live music, tea, cake a pool table and an amazing welcome! 'Viva Espana' got even the youngest of us moving with enthusiasm around the floor. An impromptu choir was formed and performed a moving hymn. The friendship offered was great and we are looking forward to a return visit with some Egyptian dance lessons promised.

We are looking to grow herbs and some vegetables to share and use in food on our return visit. [Contact Janet](#)

## Community Engagement Volunteer - Robert Ritter



The second Circle of Silence took place at the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. We stood for one hour of silence because we believe that asylum seekers are human beings who by birth possess basic human rights (like everybody else) which appear to be often disrespected. I become ever more aware that asylum seekers actually have no rights. No asylum seekers dared to join us for our protest because they fear a negative impact on their faith. One asylum seeker was asked to tell his/her story at a fundraising event but the person said this would be 'suicidal'. Somebody once told me, if you want to judge a society look how it treats its weakest members. Britain would not do very well in such a ranking (nor would Germany).

I was fortunate enough to spend some time during the last month on retreats and to enjoy some free time in a sunny Liverpool. As part of the Jesuit Volunteer programme, we went to a silent retreat at Loyolla Hall in Rainhill. These five days in silence were probably the most intense time in my life. It was very good preparation for the Franciscan Enquirer's Weekend. After three heavy interviews with Brothers and some social time, they invited me on Sunday morning together with two Swedes to join them in September.

Contact Robert

Contact details .....

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