

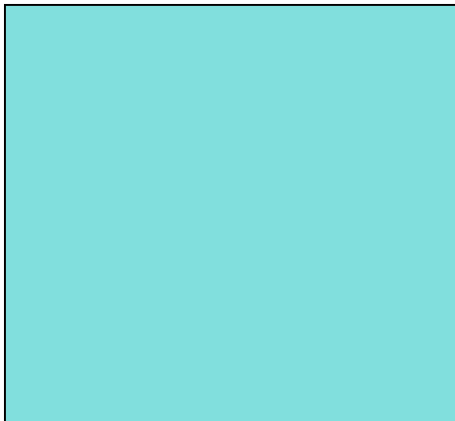
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**Schools
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**2007—2008
Annual
Report**

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About us

Schools Outreach was established in 1973 to offer unconditional care and support for disadvantaged and hurting children and young people in schools within the UK.

In brief our pastoral care specialists work one to one and in groups with children and young people who are exhibiting signs of disadvantage, neglect or abuse, or are suffering from the loss of a loved-one. They also work very closely with parents, school staff and other child support agencies within the community.

The specialist offers friendship, a confidential listening ear and whatever

help is practicable. This has meant deep involvement with children and families where serious physical, emotional, and spiritual deprivation exists.

The Schools Outreach Pastoral Care Specialists' Aims:

- To establish and develop confidential friendships with the pupils and all who care for them
- To encourage the pupils to understand their potential for wholeness and balance within their personalities
- To enhance self-worth in each young person, especially in those whose sense of their worth is poor

- To offer to each young person the precious gift of time and unconditional commitment
- To fulfil a preventive role by the encouragement of wise decision making

They work one to one with pupils who are struggling to cope with emotional problems. In groups with those children needing peer support. They get involved in extra curricular activities to build good relationships with the children, their parents and the local community, and they work alongside the school and other community organisations to provide extra assistance where needed.

Meet the team

Voluntary Council of Management

Graham Light - Chairman
Patrick Barker
Terry Broadhurst
Heather Capper
Roger Hall
Dr Ruth Sims

Office & Support Staff

Dr Gordon Bailey - Chief Executive
Andrea Bailey - Company Secretary
Corrine Bailey - Staff Carer (part-time)
Dave Latham - Staff Carer (part-time)
Christine Wickham - Secretarial Assistant (part-time) retired May 2008

Pastoral Care Specialists

Matthew Foster - Rhondda Cynon Taff
Tim Freeman - Swindon
Vicky Harrison - Rotherham
Becky Hayward - Torfaen - project end March 2008
Caroline Reynolds - Torfaen - project end March 2008

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Review of the year

We can rejoice in the many children and young people who have been provided with effective pastoral care, mainly within one-with-one circumstances, by our full-time, school-based pastoral care specialists. Hurting, abused, bullied, neglected and bereaved pupils have been offered unconditional love and care, and, where appropriate, their families have been offered support and practical help.

As with many registered charities we have faced another year of challenge and some frustration with regard to our core funding. Each local project, that provides funding for the placement into a school of a specialist, has its own dedicated bank account and we do not commence the recruitment of a specialist until three years initial and full funding has been

promised. However, the charity incurs costs extra to project costs for the ongoing support, training, and care of the specialists; as well as for the administration of the projects and the day-to-day running of our Headquarters, where we have two members of staff: Dr Gordon Bailey and Andrea Bailey. Core funding is always the most difficult funding to locate and acquire. Like many other smaller charities we live from hand-to-mouth, literally month-by-month, never being able to see very far ahead. Looking back though we see that, despite our month-by-month existence, our core needs have been provided for since the time when, in 1987, we began the recruitment of the first pastoral care specialists.

It is my conviction that, whatever the costs, we MUST

continue to support our specialists by the regular visits of a Staff Carer, at least once each month, and to go on providing in-service training and professional development. This MUST continue until the funding of our very last workers ceases.

Our other frustration is the lack of sustained funding provided for our measurably-effective type of work by governments both national and local. In the twenty years we have been providing pupils with pastoral care we have received only one part-grant for one project from national government, and the majority of local governments that have promised three or four years of funding have reneged on their initial commitments. In May 2008 we visited the local authority in

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Events of note

July 07 In-Service Event

The July in-service was lead by Dr Ruth Sims. Ruth is a leading child psychiatrist and also a member of our council of management.

Topics discussed during the in-set included Autism, Asperger Syndrome, depression, eating disorders & self-harm.



All pictures are provided courtesy of the Microsoft clip art website

October 07 In-Service Event

The in-service was held at our Bromsgrove offices after the venue in Broadway, Worcs' was submerged during the floods.

The training was lead by Pall Singh, Director of the East & West Trust in Birmingham. Topics discussed included Asian awareness and racial diversity & spirituality.

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Financial summary

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2008	Total Funds 2007
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
• Voluntary income	79,698	113,794	193,492	184,492
• Investment income	4,017	-	4,017	4,279
Total incoming resources	83,715	113,794	197,509	188,771
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
• Costs of generating voluntary income	408	-	408	573
Charitable activities				
• Grants & donations	111	-	111	853
• Pastoral care projects	41,603	100,451	142,054	153,513
Governance costs	54,065	12,003	66,068	70,726
Total resources expended	96,187	112,454	208,641	225,665
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(12,472)	1,340	(11,132)	(36,894)
Reconciliation of funds				
• Total funds brought forward	14,693	54,335	69,028	105,922
Total funds carried forward	2,221	55,675	57,896	69,028

Review of the year continued

Bridgend, where so many young persons have committed suicide. The two officials agreed that our provision would be 'just what is needed', but they'd had their funding cut back and had no spare funding with which to invite us to help them. I get very angry when governments, instead of funding charities such as ours,

(that possess the experience, expertise, knowledge, as well as the resources and abilities to effect positive differences in children's lives) create their own pet projects which are managed by officials, many of whom have no fundamentally necessary firsthand experience or expertise in the specific area of needs they

attempt to provide, nor have they the qualities or qualifications to train others to succeed in their area of responsibility.

We will go on for as long as the provision of funding makes it possible.

Dr Gordon Bailey
Chief Executive

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Projects

Hreod Project

Pastoral Care Specialist - Mr Tim Freeman

Tim started working for us in 1998 and has been based in the Swindon High School since 2002.

Funding for the project is provided by BBC Children in Need, The Millfield Trust & Nova Hreod School.

Rawmarsh Project

Pastoral Care Specialist - Miss Vicky Harrison

Vicky started with us in 2000 and has been based in the Rotherham High School since 2005.

Funding for the project is provided by Rawmarsh Community School who receive the funding directly from The Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Tonyrefail Project

Pastoral Care Specialist - Mr Matt Foster

Matt started working for us in 2007 and has been based in the Tonyrefail High school since that time.

Funding for the project is provided by Tonyrefail School.

Torfaen Project - Pontypool

Pastoral Care Specialist - Miss Becky Hayward

Becky started working for us in 2005 and had been based in a primary school from that time until the project ended due to lack of continuation funding in March 2008.

Funding for the project was provided by Torfaen Education Department.



Torfaen Project - St Dials

Pastoral Care Specialist - Miss Caroline Reynolds

Caroline started with us in 2002 and was based in joined infant and primary schools until the project ended in March 2008.

Funding for the project was provided by Torfaen Education Department.

Review of work

130 pupils were randomly assessed after having contact with the pastoral care specialist (PCS) in their school during the school year 2006/7. All assessments have been seen and approved by a teacher who has had contact with the pupil. On average pupils assessed attended 8 sessions during a term.

Taking the average termly figures over a year show the following improvements:

Self-worth ▲ 21.8%
Behaviour ▲ 20.3%
Social interaction ▲ 14.1%
Self-control ▲ 12.7%
Communication skills ▲ 10.0%

The top ten reasons for referral:

1. Family issues
2. Education
3. Friendship
4. Anger management
5. Relationships
6. Behaviour
7. Personal interests
8. Health related
9. Bullying
10. Low self-esteem

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Looking ahead

At a recent meeting of the Council of Management the Directors spent a lot of time looking ahead at the future of Schools Outreach. In particular considering how we might reduce our core costs which is always the most difficult funding to raise.

It was decided that one positive action that could be taken was to have the Chief Executive and I both working from our homes.

With most people now connected to the internet home-working is becoming more and more popular with businesses and charities.

The office will therefore close towards the end of 2008. A considerable amount of work has to be done before we can move but our landlord has generously offered to let us stay after the

end of October rent free until he finds another tenant.

The Directors also considered the need to continue the caring management and support of our school-based specialists. It has been decided that until the funding of our workers ends we are committed to providing for their pastoral care. We have project funding

promised through to 2010.

One of our most important responsibilities is the ongoing training of our specialists. Residential in-service training events take place every school term and we are delighted to be able to return to our favourite place near Broadway, Worcestershire that suffered serious flood damage in July 2007.

Both the July and October events in 2008 will be lead by Nigel Pimlott from the Frontier Youth Trust. Subjects to be covered include 'Responding to conflict & challenging behaviour', 'Understanding young people' & 'Youth culture'.

Miss Andrea Bailey
Company Secretary

President:

David Suchet OBE

Patrons:

Lord Taylor of Blackburn

Lord Taylor of Warwick

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