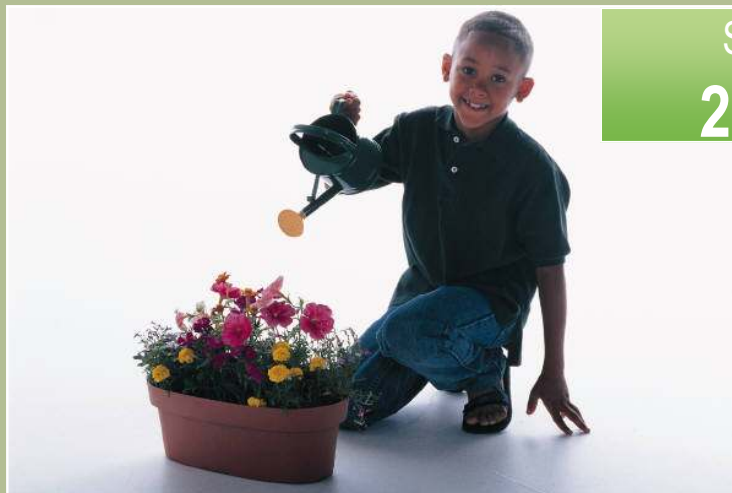


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Note from the Chief Executive

We believe this may be the last newsletter issued by the charity Schools Outreach

In my last report I suggested that Schools Outreach needed a financial miracle in order to survive; no such miracle has occurred. That miracle would have been the provision of sufficient money to advertise and recruit and employ enough new workers to make a new 4-month initial training programme financially viable. I estimate this would need a sum of money in excess of £350,000.

We have, since the early 1990s, seen such provision being made as new groups of pastoral care specialists have been taken into initial training. Specialists have been placed in secondary and primary schools in twenty one English counties and three Welsh counties.

years, as workers have completed their first 3 years and moved on, most into employment by the schools in which they were working, we have, of course, seen the number of workers we employ become less and less and the funding we have in hand for our remaining workers runs out this summer.

At a meeting of the Council of Management on the 8th April it was decided that: the first Staff redundancy will occur at the end of August, the last redundancies take place on the 20th October, and the final dissolution of the charity likely to be happening some time during November.

However, during the last few

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Sad though this closure will be, we can rejoice and be deeply grateful for the fact that, since 1988, when the first pastoral care specialists came into their initial training, many thousands of children and young people have been offered and received unconditional pastoral care. Lives have been transformed; needs have been met; hurting children have been helped; parents have been practically encouraged; training has been provided for care workers in other organisations; and the Schools Outreach model has been seen to be effective and has been reproduced and multiplied; which is why, at 3pm on Sunday the 27th of June we are holding our Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Lickey, near Bromsgrove. Please come and join us if you can.

More than fifty years involved in work with the young see me, even now, looking forward to the possibility of continuing to remain in touch with others who have caught a similar vision to the one that has motivated me. I hope to be able to continue training

others who wish to work with children and young people beyond the closure of Schools Outreach, and, at the time I am writing, together with Andrea, I am in the process of developing a new website that will be called www.mentoringtheyoung.com through which I shall be offering on-line training in the pastoral care of the young.

I wish to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to every one of you, for your kindnesses and generosity over the years you have been supporting the work of this charity. I hope that you will continue to keep in touch and to pray for us.

Dr Gordon Bailey FRSA

If anyone reading this newsletter has made a bequest in your Will, please note that beyond October 2010 it will not be possible for such bequests to be made. We recommend that, in this case, you would need to make a change to your Will prior to October this year.

Schools Outreach Staff

What happens now?

Corrine Bailey—Staff Carer

Corrine has been a staff carer since 2000 and has been caring for school-based workers situated as far apart as Rotherham in South Yorkshire, Nuneaton in Warwickshire and Tonyrefail in the Rhondda Valley in South Wales. Her role will end on the 30th August 2010 when the funding for her final worker runs out; at which point she will be made redundant. Corrine plans to spend more time in her garden growing fruit and vegetables. She has joined two different art history courses that build on the Arts degree that she achieved through the Open University.

David Latham—Staff Carer

David has, for many years, been caring for school-based workers in the South of England. The funding for his last worker runs out on the 30th September 2010; at which point he will be made redundant. David is also involved with a mental health charity and they have been promised a further three years funding for a project called the Mindful Employer Initiative which deals with mental health issues at work.

Gordon Bailey—Chief Executive

Gordon will cease to be an employee of the charity on 20th October 2010, beyond which date the dissolution and winding up procedures will take place. Gordon is in the process of developing an internet website offering training in pastoral care and communication skills to those who are interested in working with the young. Once the site is complete and ready to publish it will be found at www.mentoringtheyoung.com.

Andrea Bailey—Company Secretary

Andrea will also be finishing in October 2010. She hopes to work some of the time as a website designer and has already set up her own site at www.rainbowwebsites.com. Some interest has already been shown in her free design offer for charities.



Case study

Notes—William’s story is true, just his name has been changed in accordance with our confidentiality policy. The case study was written by one of our pastoral care specialists. The Pastoral Care Specialist at William’s school is based there full-time, offering one-to-one support and peer group sessions to those young people who are suffering abuse, neglect, bullying, are bereaved or have low self-



William is a pupil who I have had contact with since early on in his school career. Since our first meeting 90% of the one to one work we have undertaken has focused on his issues with anger. Some examples of the extremes of William’s anger involve classrooms being cleared of pupils whilst he was ‘kicking off’ or going to find pupils and staff to start or continue arguments alongside a number of fights. There have been times where I have gone to remove him from class or had to pick him up after incidents to sort out issues. In discussions with staff William was labelled one of the angriest pupils in the school. Having met with his Dad on a number of occasions it was clear from what he was saying that William’s level of anger and his inability to manage it came from his father as he said he had similar issues.

I was glad that I had the opportunity to see William in different situations. He has been involved in physical education classes I have supported as well as ‘Nurture Groups’ and Enrichment groups such as Subbuteo and Yu-Gi-Oh. This gave me an opportunity to see how William was at times when he was feeling angry but also enabled me to see how he coped when situations became difficult and the kinds of things that were triggers for him.

William is now going in to year 11 and in a few months will be looking to go on to college or a job. So you may ask why is William worth writing about, lots of people have anger issues and spend their lives managing it. But William has done more than just learn through groupwork and one to one sessions how to manage his anger. William has learnt that anger is okay if dealt with in the right way and directed at the right things. The key though for William is that he has learnt that he doesn’t have to be angry. He had spent the last few years believing that he was angry and aggressive. Now that is different, William would not now describe himself in that way.

William has learnt about conflict management, rather than getting angry he knows that if you manage the conflict well there should be little reason to get angry or aggressive. He has developed and puts into practice on a regular basis these conflict management skills, not only in his own situation but also in helping to diffuse other people’s anger and aggression. Rather than being a war maker William is now peacemaker. Yes, by his own admission he still gets angry at times, although now, most of the time, this is in situations that are justified and not just as a result of any conflict.

Rather than being someone who will enter the work place with a personality trait that will hinder his progress William should enter it with a set of skills that will actively aid his future and even in some cases his suitability for jobs.

Our footprints

Areas that we have trained pastoral care workers for since 1988:

North of England:

- Amble, Northumberland
- Crewe, Cheshire
- Dronfield, Sheffield
- Middlesbrough, Cleveland
- Newcastle Upon Tyne
- Rotherham, Yorkshire
- Whitehaven, Cumbria

East of England:

- Ely, Cambridgeshire
- Norwich, Norfolk

- Thorpe le Soken, Essex
- Watford, Hertfordshire

South of England:

- Andover, Hampshire
- Hammersmith, London
- Littlehampton, W Sussex
- Mill Hill, London
- Mullion, Cornwall
- Slough, Berkshire
- Swindon, Wiltshire
- Wallingford, Oxfordshire
- Westminster, London

The Midlands:

- Aston, Birmingham

- Bedworth, Warwickshire
- Bromsgrove, Worcestershire
- Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham
- Coventry, Warwickshire
- Handsworth Wood, Birmingham
- Lea Bank, Birmingham
- Leamington Spa, Warwickshire
- Nuneaton, Warwickshire
- Redditch, Worcestershire
- Retford, Nottinghamshire

- Stirchley, Birmingham
- Stourbridge, W Midlands
- Tipton, W Midlands
- Walsall, W Midlands
- Warwick, Warwickshire

Wales:

- Beddau, Rhondda Cynon Taff
- Cardigan, Ceredigion
- Garndiffaith, Pontypool
- St Dials, Cwmbran
- Tonyrefail, Rhondda Cynon Taff

final thoughts...

This may be the final report issued by Schools Outreach. Thank you so much for your support over the years.



School-based pastoral care specialists

It has always been our hope that our workers would become indispensable to their schools, and that the schools would take them onto their staffs once our initial funding came to an end. This has been happening now for many years.

This has remained our hope for those workers whose funding runs out this coming summer, but, at the time of

writing, it looks as if, in the current financial situation, this will not happen. This means their futures are uncertain. We are aware of our responsibilities towards them and we will ensure that we do all we can to help prepare them for life beyond Schools Outreach.

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About us:

Schools Outreach was established in 1973 to support the pastoral work with school children in which Gordon Bailey was involved. The work expanded in the '80s and since our first full training programme in 1988 we have placed workers into 24 counties of England and Wales. A full list of the areas where we have had an impact is available on page 3 of this newsletter.



Thanksgiving Service

3pm

Holy Trinity Church, Lickey, nr Bromsgrove

Sunday 27th June 2010

Schools Outreach will be closing down in October/November 2010