

The Gap is a new initiative dedicated to working with young people in Sutton Coldfield

MISSION STATEMENT - The Gap is an organisation committed to its vision of working with excluded and marginalised young people in Sutton Coldfield and the surrounding areas. We will step into the gap between exclusion and acceptance and between apathy and hope, demonstrating the acceptance of Jesus Christ regardless of circumstance or situation.

Through developed **relationships** we will **identify** needs and **invest** in young people through the provision of a **sustainable** programme of support, discipleship, training and mission opportunities.”

WHO IS IT FOR? - The Gap will seek to develop sustainable relationships with young people in our community between the ages of 13-21 inclusively. The Gap will promote a label-free ethos in all of its work, but will embrace aspects from specific youth cultures.

WHY SUTTON COLDFIELD? - We believe there is a need for dedicated Christian outreach youth work in Sutton Coldfield. We also believe it has been a desire of the local churches for this type of work to evolve.

WHO ARE WE? - Steve Silverton and Charlie Clayton have a heart for Sutton Coldfield and a passion to enable its young people to explore and fulfil their potential. Steve has nearly twenty years on-going experience working with young people through various organisations and local churches. Charlie has been working with young people in the area for six years both within the church and the local community. Both are involved with outreach work in the town and together have a vision for change in this community.

WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE? - The Gap will not be initially associated with a building or place. Our desire is to be a fluid organisation that will adapt and meet the needs of the local young people as the circumstances dictate. We will be going out to meet with the young people and spending time with them in their environment, engaging them in conversation and activities. The work of the Gap will evolve from the relationships we develop and we will establish and employ a sustainable structure that will provide opportunities through the provision of a long term support strategy across the following sectors:

Mentoring	Counselling	Employment
Physical Health & Diet	Life Skills & Training	Mission & Social Action

PARTNERSHIP - It is vital that we have a good relationship with the local Church in Sutton Coldfield. Our aim is to partner with the local church community. We are also committed to engaging with and seeking support from the local business community as well the local authorities in Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham.

The Gap is an independent organisation and is not connected or financially supported by one individual church or organisation.

WHO TO CONTACT

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“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations”

How can you be involved with The Gap?

PRAYER - Prayer is an integral part of the Gap and every hour spent on practical issues is matched with the same time in prayer. You can join us in praying for the young people of our town that the sense of dissatisfaction and disillusionment would lead them to a life-changing encounter with Jesus. We invite you to sign up for our quarterly prayer letter.

NETWORK - We would welcome the opportunity to visit your church, homegroup, fellowship group or organisation and let you know more about the the Gap. We are also eager to know how the work of the Gap could serve your church. If you are trained or have a skill in anything that you feel would benefit the work of the Gap we would love to hear from you.

SOW A SEED - One of our financial strategies is based on the principle of establishing partners from both the Christian and the local community. It is our vision that the core funding is generated from partnership with an initial 300 individuals each committing to sow £10.00 per month into the work of the Gap in it's first financial year. All our partners will receive a quarterly newsletter and prayer guide. If you are interested in becoming a partner for the Gap please request a donation form or visit www.thegap.org.uk



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“ He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow will return with songs of joy carrying sheaves with him”

