



Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust

Annual Report 2015-2016

Psalm 78:4

*'we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power
and his mighty wonders.'*

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The logo for Scripture Union Scotland features a stylized yellow flame above the text 'Scripture union scotland'. The word 'Scripture' is in a large, bold, blue font, 'union' is in a smaller, blue font, and 'scotland' is in a yellow font. The tagline 'light to live by' is written in a small, yellow font above the word 'Scripture'.

The aims of KART

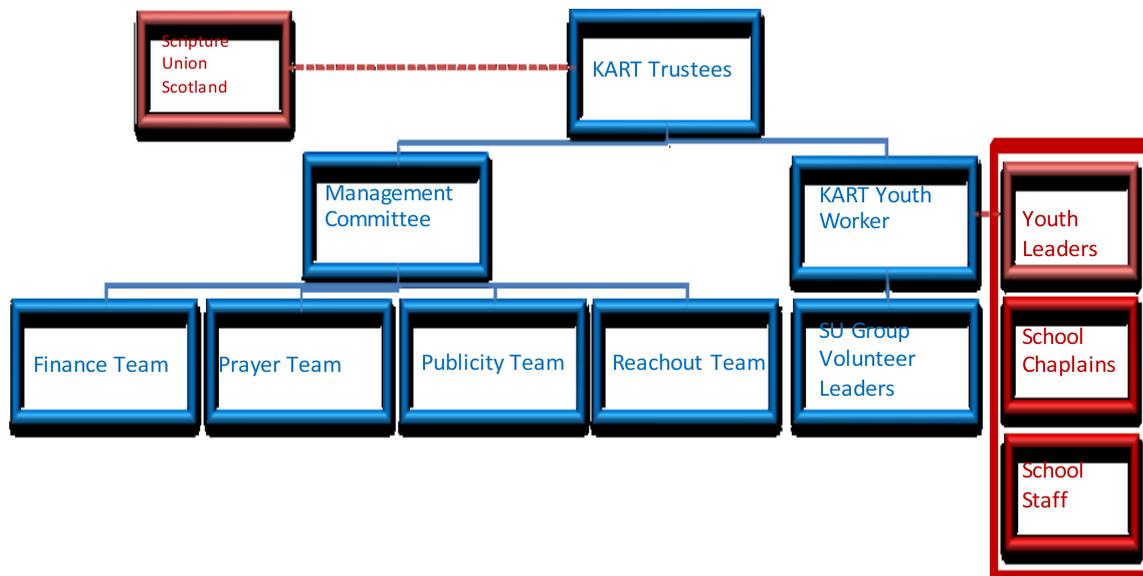
The aim of KART is to advance the Christian religion among school children in the Kirkcaldy Area. To do this we will

- ✓ Support teachers in teaching the religious and moral curriculum
- ✓ Establish Scripture Union Groups in Schools
- ✓ Support School Chaplains
- ✓ Support and develop Christian Youth work

In August 2012 KART set out a series of aims for each of these goals for the following 3 years. In this report we give an update on progress in each of these areas along with feedback from each of the KART teams.

Who are the KART Trustees?

Rev Jim Reid BD	Chairperson of KART Minister of Kinghorn Parish Church
WF Stuart Lynch WS	Church of Scotland Crossreach Council
Rachel Walker	Head Teacher of Fair Isle Primary School
David Stewart	Scripture Union Representative



Chris Beattie is the KART Youth Worker and the only employee of KART; everyone else associated with KART is a volunteer.

The Management Committee meets with Chris and the Trustees every couple of months. Separately, the organising teams meet to take forward the business work of KART.

In addition to delivering youth work, Chris is our primary liaison with schools, chaplains and churches.

KART is part of the Scripture Union Associate Worker scheme and receives valuable advice and support from Scripture Union Regional Worker Bruce Lockhart.

Note: this report covers the year April 2015 to March 2016.

Trustees' and Management Group Report – David Stewart.

Overview

Doors remain open into Schools but these openings will only remain if we work to the highest standards and maintain integrity. KART ensures that Chris Beattie, and volunteers are well trained. In particular Chris has attended Scripture Union Training Events for Staff and Associates and has networked with the other Associate Workers. Chris is line managed by the Scripture Union Area worker, Bruce Lockhart. We would particularly like to thank all the volunteers and supporters who together make KART's work possible.

Displaying Christian Lifestyle and Character

To build bridges and to mirror servanthood Chris involves himself in the life of some of the Schools, through football training (3 primary schools) and then being available for the occasional School Trip, exam invigilation etc.

Support teachers in teaching the religious and moral curriculum

Chris has taken assemblies, been involved with and led some classroom work in two of the secondary schools and five of the primary schools. These have ranged from talking/teaching about sectarianism, Journey through the Bible, helping young people to move from primary to secondary, Responsibility, Respect, Team Work, Christmas and Easter. Many of these were undertaken in conjunction with staff and chaplains and a number involved volunteers.

Establish Scripture Union Groups in Schools

In addition to the existing SU Groups in one Secondary and one Primary a new Primary group started after the summer which had some of the football training children attending. Each of the groups has a small number of volunteers who run them. Chris encourages and helps the volunteers.

Support School Chaplains

KART wants to encourage the School Chaplains. Chris is part of the chaplaincy team at a number of Schools. We encourage Chris to meet with the other Chaplains and Church workers who are involved with Schools to ensure that everyone works together and that the work is coordinated. KART from time to time facilitates a meeting (with food!) of all chaplains, to ensure good working relationships and pass on good practise.

Support and develop Christian Youth work

Chris is part of the leadership of Costa 3:16 which is a group for young people who are now in higher education who have been contacts from the secondary schools. It meets on a Wednesday evening in a Costa Coffee Shop. The numbers involved are increasing and faith is deepening. They have a facebook page setup to pray for each other.

Demonstrating the Christian Life through temporary Community Living

KART is keen to encourage children and young people to attend residential events where the Christian life can be demonstrated through the lives of the team running the event. Chris and some of the KART volunteers have been involved in Fife weekends at the SU Scotland site at Lendrick Muir, football camp (where some of the children involved in the football training have come to) which again is at Lendrick Muir. The Costa group spent some time at the SU site at Allnacriche near Aviemore. KART also helps by offering a subsidy for those who don't have the finance available to attend these events.

Holiday Clubs and Missions

Another good way of building relationships and communicating the Gospel message in a relevant way is through Holiday Clubs and Activity Days. Chris has encouraged Churches to run Activity Days and Holiday Clubs. He has attended many of these to build up relationships and encourage the volunteers. He has led an Easter Holiday Club working with one of the Church of Scotland Churches which included volunteers from several other local Churches. KART seeks to encourage this working together.

Future

There is much to give thanks for and there is much more that could be done if more people were able to catch the vision for work with Children and Young People. As well as more volunteers to run groups we have two key positions that need filled:

- Chair of the Management Group
- Prayer Co-ordinator

Please prayerfully consider if you could fill these positions or know someone who could.

Progress with KART aims – Chris’ report.

- Assemblies – I have led 21 assemblies so far this school year, with another 6 planned before the end of the school year. Schools that I have been involved with this year are: Viewforth High School, Fair Isle, Valley and Kirkcaldy North Primary Schools.
There has been a variety of different topics covered this year mainly linking in with the school values. Topics included Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Teamwork as well as the major Christian festivals.
- Chaplaincy Teams - I am part of the Chaplaincy Teams at Balwearie and Viewforth High Schools.
- RME Classes – This year I have been part of a number of classes within Balwearie High School and particularly the S1 year group. So far I have been in attendance with the Gideons and an American Drama Team which has been an excellent opportunity to show Christianity in action. I was also asked to lead classes for the S3 year group focusing on Sectarianism which was an opportunity to share my story of growing up in Northern Ireland and giving the pupils a look of how Jesus dealt with prejudice.
At Viewforth High School I led classes for the S1 pupils looking at the Nativity story direct from the Bible and correcting the common myths of the Christmas story whilst challenging them to view the truth for themselves.
- Other School events – I participated during Pathhead Primary’s book week, going into the Primary 5 class and reading to them.
I have also been asked to be involved again during Kirkcaldy North’s ‘Friendship Day’ which is a great opportunity to work with the children at a different level. They have asked me to set-up a boys group within the school. The school consists of an all-female staff (bar the one male janitor) and the management at the school think that it would be worth trying out.
- SU groups – We currently run three Scripture Union (SU) groups in the Kirkcaldy area. The Ignite group at Viewforth High School have been spending time working their way through particular life issues and how God can help in those difficult situations. The group is made up mainly of S1 pupils and most weeks we have between 6-12 pupils attending.
‘Supa Seekers’ at Kinghorn Primary School continues to meet and grow. The group has been focusing this year on the importance of the Bible in the world and how it is not just a storybook, but a library. Recently we have started looking at the character of David and of how a young man became a King.
A new group has been started this year in Fair Isle Primary, with a core group of six attending most weeks they have been using JAFFA which is basic Christianity exploration material for children.
- Costa 3:16 – The vision of this group is “: **Encounter** God, **Engage** the community and **Encourage** each other”. The group is growing with 9 young people attending who are developing into mature adults. It is a pleasure to be part of their lives. It has been great to see them working together as part of a holiday club based at Torbain Church, a number of them have also volunteered at Football Camp, Activity days and other church Holiday clubs. They had a weekend away at Alltnacriche (Aviemore) where six members attended. Over the weekend we looked at planting roots. 1) The importance of strong roots (where are you planted?) 2) The importance of growing deliberately (Christian growth) & 3) The importance of bearing fruit (let the fruit of the spirit show).
- Football – has been a success again this year. I lead Football Training at Fair Isle Primary School, Kirkcaldy North Primary School and Pathhead Primary School. Each session we try to develop a particular aspect of their game i.e. passing, control, shooting or look at their technique as a creative player.
We have recently purchased new Football goals for Kirkcaldy North Primary school which has been a huge hit with the pupils and staff. The pupils have been instructed how to set up the goals and have been showing the staff how it’s done.

I led Football Camps in July. There was two camps (both over 3 days) Twenty-four children from Fair Isle, Kirkcaldy North and Pathhead Primary Schools. A number of the leaders came from Kirkcaldy which included three members of the Costa group.

- I have attended two weekends away this school year which has been led by SU Scotland (Bruce Lockhart leading). The Fife, Perth & Kinross all age weekend in February was most notable as there was 7 campers from Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn (5 of which are part of the local SU groups). Two of the campers were subsidised by KART meaning that the children only had to pay half of the cost. This was a great benefit for them as they would have struggled to attend otherwise.
- Activity days – Only one Activity Day has been held this School year (at Whyte's Causeway Baptist). About 14 children attended and learnt about the Fruit of the Spirit. An 'Activity Day' is a full 4 hour programme for primary school children on a school in-service day. The day is themed and includes activities such as games, crafts, challenges, Bible stories, songs etc.
- KART led a Holiday club in Torbain Church during the Easter holidays. Twenty-one children attended and enjoyed the Champion's Challenge theme, where we looked at five stories about the life of Jesus. The team was made up of KART volunteers and a number of the young people from the Costa group. I was the team leader and thoroughly enjoyed the week. It really is exciting to see the young adults (from Costa) in action and growing in confidence. An encouragement to see the Christian leaders of the future.
- In May 2015 KART delivered a lunch and training opportunity for the local chaplains. Focusing mainly on 'Time for Reflection' templates and discussion of our work as Chaplains. In November KART worked alongside GROW and K2 to lead a Fife Primary event in Glenrothes. The 'Bounce' event was well attended and enjoyed by the children. It was an afternoon of Inflatables, Bible stories and Crafts.
- In November I achieved my Scottish Football Association Football Coaching Level 1.2 which has allowed me access to more resources for football sessions that I can lead at the local schools. I also learnt new teaching techniques which will help in my self-development.



For the Future

- This June I will be looking to hold a Thank-you lunch for the volunteers who help out with our groups and camps. It is good to give thanks as KART could not function as well without their support.
- In June we will also be having an event for Primary school pupils. This will be used as a follow-up for the Easter Holiday Club that we led and will give an opportunity for the SU groups to meet as well. This event will also be used to help produce a promotion video for the work of KART which can be used in the local churches to raise the KART profile.
- I am currently planning at least one set of Transition classes for Primary 7 pupils who will be heading to High School after the summer. Fair Isle Primary School have already requested this class which will take place in June.
- Kirkcaldy North Primary School have shown interest in a 'Journey through the Bible' class for the Primary 7's. It is an RME and PSD initiative where the pupils will engage with the 4 capacities of the Curriculum of Excellence and the relevant curricular experiences and outcomes, as they progress through the world's greatest selling book – the Bible...
- I will be leading the Scripture Union Football Camps this July. There will be two camps (both over 3 days) this year, with a Kirkcaldy only camp available. Twenty-four children from Fair Isle, Kirkcaldy North and Pathhead Primary Schools will be making up the numbers. Last year a number of the team of leaders came from Kirkcaldy which included three members of the Costa group

Prayer Update – Maureen Latto.



Mat 21:21-22 ICB²¹ *Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. If you have faith and do not doubt, you will be able to do what I did to this tree. And you will be able to do more. You will be able to say to this mountain, 'Go, mountain, fall into the sea.' And if you have faith, it will happen. ²² If you believe, you will get anything you ask for in prayer."*

Alison Doyle, John & Lynda McIver, Elizabeth Shutte, Hilary Marshall and myself meet at my home monthly to pray for KART. To further develop the work of the prayer team we need a prayer co-ordinator to bring people together to pray for KART and encourage churches and individuals to pray for schools. **If you are interested in this role or to be a member of the prayer team please get in touch with one of us.**



Ahead of the kids returning to school, Alison sends your church a Power Point Presentation to raise awareness for the need of prayer for our schools, to support and encourage Christian pupils and staff in their daily life at school, to let them know they are valued and prayed for by their local church.

It's also aims to challenge Christian pupils and staff to live out their faith in the school environment, and in particular to support any Christian witness in their school. **Please hold this event if you have kids and school workers in your church.**



Annually on the third Tuesday in November we pray for our local schools and encourage you to join us for an hour of prayer. This is part of a global pray for schools week. We are delighted that every school in our catchment area is prayed for. **Check our website for details.**

Publicity Team – Alison Doyle.

KART Publicity Team supports Chris and KART in publicising events, providing churches and individuals with updates and in producing literature to promote the work of KART.

We send out a quarterly update called KART Corner for churches to include in their church magazines or notice boards. We also email KART Corner to our supporters to keep them informed throughout the year.

We aim to maintain a current database of individuals in churches who will be our KART/SU key contact. Please can you contact the publicity team and provide us with an email address for the key contact in your church who will receive all publicity and information about KART for your church? This will enable us to ensure we send the latest information to the right person who represents your church.

This coming academic year (2016/2017) we aim to visit as many local churches as possible. A DVD is being prepared during the summer which we will visit churches with to inform congregations about Chris' work in our schools and community.

If you would be interested in joining the KART Publicity Team or would like to find out more please contact us by email at:

enquiries@kart.me.uk

Health & Safety report

KART activities are run in accordance with Scripture Union Health & Safety policies and procedures. When working in schools or supporting church-led activities the organisation's own policies and procedures will also be adhered to. During the year no incidents or near misses occurred. Volunteers are vetted following the Scripture Union child protection policy and procedures. Vetting is updated annually for current volunteers.

Finance report – Maureen Latto.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

We envisage our income to be in the region of £38375, and don't expect our expenditure to exceed our income. Our expenditure has been helped along with a saving of £3000 in reduction of NI contributions. We hope to maintain our reserves as they currently stand. Joseph Rank Trust has generously granted KART £10,000 for 3 years. Presbytery have increased their grant to £6500, and 4 churches are pledging faithfully to KART. Over the next year we will continue to work on our plans to secure funding from churches, and by fundraising. Our vision is to get more individuals supporting the local work of KART by pledging to give a set amount yearly or monthly. We will also continue to pursue grants from relevant trusts as we have done in the past year.

THE GREAT KART BAKE-OFF

THANK YOU

Whytescauseway BC, Bennonchy PC,
Pathhead PC, Linktown PC, Abbotshall PC &
Burntisland PC

You raised a massive
£1638.60

Every penny you raised helps brings
A child closer to God

"... things that we have heard and known, that our
fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their
children, but tell to the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the
wonders that he has done. Ps 78 : 3-4



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Are you interested in helping? KART are looking for volunteers to

- **serve on the Management committee or one of its teams**
Management committee members serve for 3 years. You don't have to be on the MC to be in one of the teams.
- **help support or lead an SU group in a school**
To establish more SU groups in schools we need volunteers to work with Chris. If you can "talk their language" then why not speak to Chris and give it a try?
- **being the prayer coordinator for KART**
KART would like to be able to have every school prayed for on a regular basis, and have a network of prayer supporters for KART's work, but we need a prayer coordinator to lead this work. Could this be you?
- **fundraise for KART**
How about having a soup lunch after church, bacon rolls before church, a summer barbecue, a cake stall, or a few friends round for coffee or anything else you can think of. Go on... raise some funds for KART.
- **be a contact point for your church.**
This doesn't involve going to meetings: simply volunteer to get newsletters, prayer points and information about our events. All you need to do is put them on notice boards or pass them on to the people who can publicise them

If you would like to make a regular donation to the work of KART, simply set up a standing order with the following details:

KART Account Number 00217699
Sort code 83-29-01

Royal Bank of Scotland, Dalgety Bay Branch, Unit 9 Bay Centre, Regents Way, Dalgety Bay, KY119YD

You can also support KART online through www.easyfundraising.org.uk

To contact the treasurer email: finance@kart.me.uk

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