



# Trustees Newsletter

The Trustees last reported on the work of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children in June 2017. Since then congregations and parishes have done sterling work in continuing to raise funds for what has become a lifeline in these difficult economic times for children's groups across Wales.

Without the significant support from our parishioners, our commitment to and for children and young people in the name of Jesus would not be possible.

Applications for financial support came from a wide range of children's projects. The Trustees have been pleased to be able to support 32 projects in total with a number of these from within our own church communities. Below is a list of the Grants awarded in 2017 and some information on a few of the projects that have been supported.

## Financial Results

	£ 31 December 2017	£ 31 December 2016
Donations	27,263.43	23,192.15
Legacy	3,950.29	-
<b>Applications</b>		
Received	60	47
Supported	32	24

## Projects Supported in 2017

St Asaph	£
Parish of Connah's Quay	1,000
Argoed Playgroup	1,000
Impact Schools Team Trust	1,000
St Paul's Church	2,000
St Mary's Church	1,400
North Wales Superkids	1,000

Llandaff	£
Pontypridd Children's Contact Centre	2,000
Gate Trust Limited	1,000
MENFA – Child's Play Project	1,000
The Mentor Ring	600
St Giles Trust – County Lines	1,400

Monmouth	£
Cwmbran Centre for Young People	1,000
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	1,500
The Holywell Community	2,000
Abergavenny Children's Contact Centre	2,350
Ebbw Vale Children's Contact Centre	2,350



St Davids	£
St Padarn's Playgroup	250
Tumble Family Centre	1,800
Cardigan Playscheme	2,000
South Cefncaeau (Ty Enfys) Family Centre	1,420
St Katherine and St Peter's Church	600
Morfa Family Centre (Plant Dewi)	2,000
Llandovery YMCA	1,000



Swansea and Brecon	£
Builth Wells Playscheme	1,000
Penplas Family Centre	1,000
Llanelwedd Little Learners	1,000
Gower Ministry Area – Children Youth and Families Group	2,000



All Wales	£
Huntingdon House CIC (Duke of Edinburgh Award)	1,000
Music in Hospitals	1,000
The Bible Society – Open The Book	1,000
The Amber Project	2,000

## Updates received from supported projects

### Music in Hospitals and Care

A grant in the sum of £1,000 was made to help fund ten live music concerts between September 2017 and March 2018 for children in Wales. The concerts were attended by a total of around 600 people.

*"On behalf of the 600 audience members whose quality of life has been improved as a direct result of your generosity, thank you. Without the support of The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children, these concerts would not have taken place."*

### Faith in Families – Teilos Community Cwtch (Penplas Family Centre)

A grant in the sum of £1,000 was awarded.

*"The funding from yourselves allows us to provide a lunch club each week for our community. This year we have run 31 lunch clubs and served 957 warm lunches."*

*"Young people have started to volunteer in the kitchen, working with staff they get stuck in preparing foods, clearing tables and sorting dishes. These youngsters are a delight to have volunteering with us, I'm sure if there was ever a time when the team couldn't run the session they would run it themselves!"*

*"We would like to thank The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children for the continuing support that you have shown us. Without your donation we would not be able to reach the children and families that we do and hunger would be a much bigger issue in our community."*



### St Giles Trust Cymru

A grant in the sum of £1,000 was awarded by the Trustees to assist with the project County Lines in Cymru.

*"Thank you to the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children for your support of our County Lines in Cymru project over the last year. With your help we have been able to provide essential support to 12 children and young people caught up with county lines activity."*

*"County Lines is an emerging issue in which vulnerable children and young people are being coerced to move recreational drugs by criminal gangs. Groomed by gang members with the promise of money and designer goods, these children and young people are exploited into 'running' drugs from London and other major city hubs to establish new, lucrative markets in South Wales communities where there is both high demand and less police presence. In the process, they are subjected to serious violence, drug taking, prostitution and sexual exploitation which will have untold psychological effects as they transition to adulthood."*



## Fundraising

A special thank you is sent to the Newport Committee (Monmouth Diocese) who raised a large percentage of the money donated to this Fund. Without this support we would not be able to provide Grants to so many projects.

There have been a number of Fundraising events throughout 2017 and the Trustees wish to thank all those who have given up their time in order to raise funds.

Posters, Newsletters and Christingle Resource Packs are available online at <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/structure/representative-body/publications/downloads/archbishop-of-wales-fund-for-children-poster/>

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