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Harnessing the Tools of Community Organising for Church Growth

Churches Support Hub Webinar
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CTC & Community Organising

- Organising is about bringing people together through relationships across different to build the power to make change for the common good
- “Faith-filled Organising” with Citizens UK
- “Roots Down/ Walls Down”
- Overlooked leaders developed & congregations growing in number, depth, impact



What is Organising for Growth?

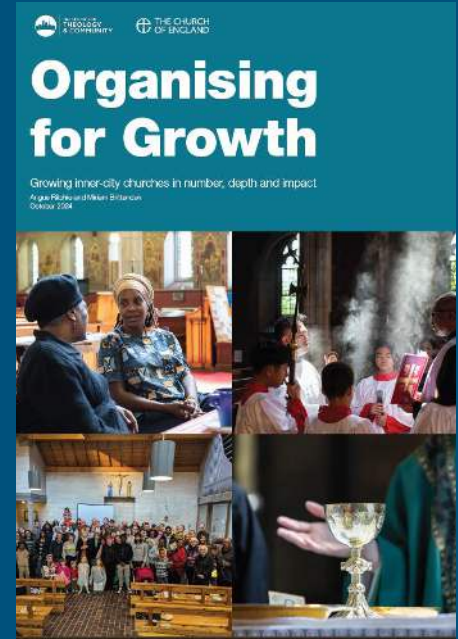
Supporting inner-city parishes or worshipping communities in the Church of England to grow their congregations in number, depth and social impact

Pilot: 2020-2023, funded by CofE Strategic Development Funding (SDF) (six smaller sacramental churches in East London) which led to 211 new worshippers (40% under 18)

Roll-out: Now, funded for a further 3 years (SMMIB) from October 2024, engaging 54 churches 2024-27.

Fortnightly Learning Community:

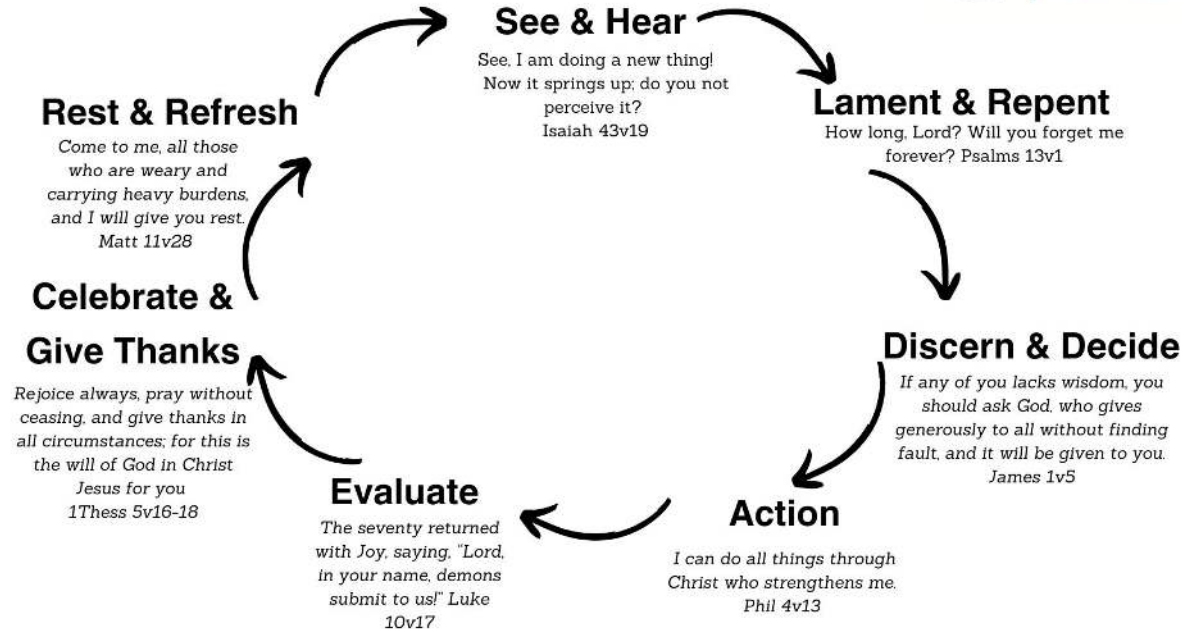
- A. how to act together on issues which affect children, young people and families in the area
- B. how to make the church and its worship more welcoming to children, young people and families
- C. how to deepen the discipleship of children, young people and families



A Cycle of Prayer and Organising



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St Andrew's, Stamford Hill



Broad-Based Community Organising

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- “People before programme” - understand core motivations before we act
- Broad-based community organising and churches



Holy Trinity, Leytonstone



How can I get involved & learn more?

1. Do some listening in your parish! Try using CTC's 121 Listening Cards
2. Read the Organising for Growth [report](#)
3. CUF Growing Good 'Justice' resource launching in Autumn 2025
4. Reach out to your local Citizens UK alliance & explore membership (<https://www.citizensuk.org/>)
5. Have a conversation with CTC about participation in a future cycle of Organising for Growth (new cohorts in Autumn 2025 and 2026) visit our website <https://www.ctcuk.org/>