



2022

Together Network End of year survey: Summary of responses

The Together Network in 2022

Reflecting on your organisation's work over the last year (2022), what are you most proud of?

- Raising the resources to employ additional staff/ development workers (TLT, Imagine Norfolk Together, TCT- Tyne to Tweed)
- New initiatives and ideas, Brighter Lives Beyond Recovery project (Together Middlesborough & Cleveland) and growing Network of Kindness (Liverpool) named in response.
- Partnership working with other organisations including but not limited to: Citizens Advice, City Councils and Local authorities, Warm Welcome, Faith New Deal- Real Conversations (Transforming Plymouth Together, Transformation Cornwall), Places of Welcome, local churches, Poverty Truth Commission.
- Work over the winter to address the impacts of the rising cost of living (Winter Warm Hubs, Winter Warm Packs, Winter Wrapped Up)
- Resilience in times of change with high staff turnover and financial challenges.

Key themes of Together Network work across 2022.

1. Community cohesion, Loneliness
2. Food poverty
3. Mental health
4. Financial inclusion
5. Asylum seekers and refugees, modern slavery



Additional themes reported: Racial justice, Dementia, Grief, Youth, Environmental causes, Response to cost of living crisis, Enabling All – disability awareness and inclusion.

Story of an individual who has been positively impacted by the work of the Together Network in 2022. (Together for Change Coventry & Warwickshire)

*Maria, an Iranian Christian: “For me One Family Church is my family here. On Nowruz (Iranian New Year) we would normally gather with our whole family to share food and party together, so when I first came to the UK it was very difficult as I was far from my family. But today we have prepared a big Persian feast to share together, because this church is my British family.”

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Supporting churches

512+ Individual churches supported by the Together Network in 2022.

Key areas of support include:

1. Signposting to resources
2. Networking opportunities
3. Fundraising support
4. Brokering partnerships
5. Project design



Additional support reported: Training, Participation in Warm Welcome movement, Governance, Helping churches in the design and establishment phase of new projects.

Story of positive change seen through support of a church by a Together Network member. (Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland)

We have supported a number of our churches for many years with funding and co-ordination to enable them to run our Feast of Fun holiday programme. During, and following, the pandemic and the subsequent cost-of-living crisis, it became clear that there was going to be an ongoing need for longer-term sustainable solutions to local food insecurity at all times of the year. TM&C is involved in local partnerships to develop these solutions including supporting the setting up of 5 new Eco Shops. This includes ones in the Catholic Cathedral and a local faith school. By sharing the work of the food partnerships and our involvement, this has inspired other churches to get involved and develop their own work, including a new Community Grocery at one of our other network churches.

Highlighted feedback from a partner church. (Transforming Lives Together)

From a partner church attending a session TLT organised with the Red Cross on Human Trafficking:

'This has been brilliant training, I've learned a lot from it and more people from our church should be trained. I wouldn't have had the opportunity or even thought about it much if you hadn't set it up and invited me to attend.'

Key figures for 2022

- More than 14,900 people were supported by the work of the Together Network in 2022.
- 550+ individual projects supported by the Together Network in 2022 of these 137 were reported as new initiatives.
- 25+ networks coordinated with more than 158 network meetings held across 2022.
- 389 Places of Welcome are reported as open within Together Network areas.
- More than 997 volunteers mobilised across 2022 by the work of the TN.

Together Network members secured more than £2,104,692 across 2022 for the work of their organisations and more than £481,680 for other organisations they work with.

Being part of the Together Network

Peer support was reported as a key value of the network for members. Support from core team noted as helpful asset

Noted areas for development-

It would be good to be more pro-active about looking at common issues and specifically seeking out potential funding sources to submit joint bids.

Understanding of CUF and Core Members ongoing relationship.



Summary responses gathered from 13 survey returns and information from an annual report