



*The Lifeline Grant Scheme*

## Be Bold

*If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8: 31 - 32*

The focus this month for your prayers is the Lifeline Grant Scheme initiative which was launched in 2021. The scheme, which is available to any Campaigner member, seeks to remove any barriers that may prevent attendance at Campaigner camps and activities. In addition, it offers individual or group enterprise grants to help young people to widen their experience of Christian mission or to support local community based initiatives. Thirdly, in recognition of our close ties with the DofE Award, we invite applications for funding to individuals or groups to support more ambitious activities under the Volunteering Section of the Award at any level. We will also offer grants to individuals towards the cost of attending their DofE Gold Residential.

It has been our hope and prayer that these grants would open doors for our Campaigner young folk. Their stories and feedback would be shared to encourage others to apply whilst also being a great shop window to promote the benefits of joining the Campaigners.

The Scheme is just one way in which we demonstrate our commitment to Camps, ministry in the local church, investing in the lives of children and young people for their future and the future of the church and of course, our commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Building a Community spirit between different groups and different individuals, coming together to do interesting things together under a common 'Campaigner' banner has always been where the enduring value of a National Youth Movement lies. Looking to the future, that togetherness with a common purpose is the *X Factor* that can make us truly a 'Movement' that anyone, anywhere would want to join!

The disappointment of cancelling our Viney Hill Camp this year cannot be understated. As I outlined last month, we can only start the task of creating new camps to a wider range of people when we have built fresh teams of committed (and younger) leaders to run them.

Finally, and on a personal note, I shall be retiring from my paid (Part-Time) role with the Campaigners from the end of March although I shall continue to be a Trustee. Whilst I am not getting any younger - my hope and prayer is that the resources freed up by my standing down would be available to target our aspirations to deliver a diverse array of new camps, more support for local ministry and much more!

*Tim Greenhalgh*

## For your Prayers - March 2023

We pray for a boldness in our decisions and actions - in the sure knowledge that if God is for us - who can be against us. I know that can be hard sometimes if we focus on the obstacles that seem to hinder, distract and demoralise - but, as we fix our eyes on Jesus and claim His promises, then we can be confident that all things work together for good.

- *Please pray for our work on developing new Camps and residential holidays. Pray for the creation of dedicated 'camp leadership teams' who can come together to plan and organise amazing and unmissable events that would attract many more children and young people to come together to have fun and to hear the Gospel message.*
- *Pray that the opportunities and doors that the Lifeline Grant Scheme offers to children and young people, through their connection with The Campaigners, would bear more fruit. Pray for a greater take-up of this facility which in turn will help our young folk gain new skills and experiences for the future and give us some 'good-news' stories to share.*
- *Give thanks for the Campaigner Trustees who meet next week on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Pray for wisdom, creativity and a passion for the future of the Movement. We give thanks for God's provision of resources and people over the past 100 years and in that knowledge, we pray now for the new personnel we need to enable the The Campaigners to fulfil its mission in the future.*
- *Please pray for each of our existing Campaigner Centres:  
Hasbury Community Church, Halesowen, East Midlands  
St Nicholas, Sevenoaks  
Belhus Park Chapel, South Ockendon, Essex  
Hendon Baptist Church, North West of London  
Emmanuel Church, Morden, South London*
- *I've heard it said recently by a new vicar who has just been appointed to a former Campaigner centre, "Why do I keep hearing about the impact of Campaigners in the life of this church today when they closed here over 20 years ago? Why on earth didn't they keep it going?" These comments give much food for thought when we still see the legacy of Campaigners living on today in so many churches and places throughout our land. The determination to rekindle a UK -wide Community of Campaigners is our dream for today - a community of children, young people, adult leaders and supporters who come together and do all sorts of things together that enhances that community belonging and purpose. I believe that you and all our prayer supporters share that same aspiration and it is that love we share of being a Campaigner that has kept me and our Trustee team going. We are immensely grateful for your continued interest, support and especially for your prayers. Don't give up on us - God knows what we need and we trust Him to provide exactly what we need at the perfect time.*



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