

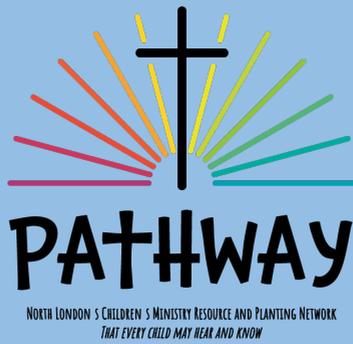


PATHWAY

NORTH LONDON'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCE AND PLANTING NETWORK
THAT EVERY CHILD MAY HEAR AND KNOW

Vision 2022





Dear Friend,

Pathway was born out of a desire to reach the next generation with the good news of Jesus Christ. It is devastating to see the statistics of declining numbers of children in churches and we believe God has laid it on our hearts to do all we can to try and turn this around.

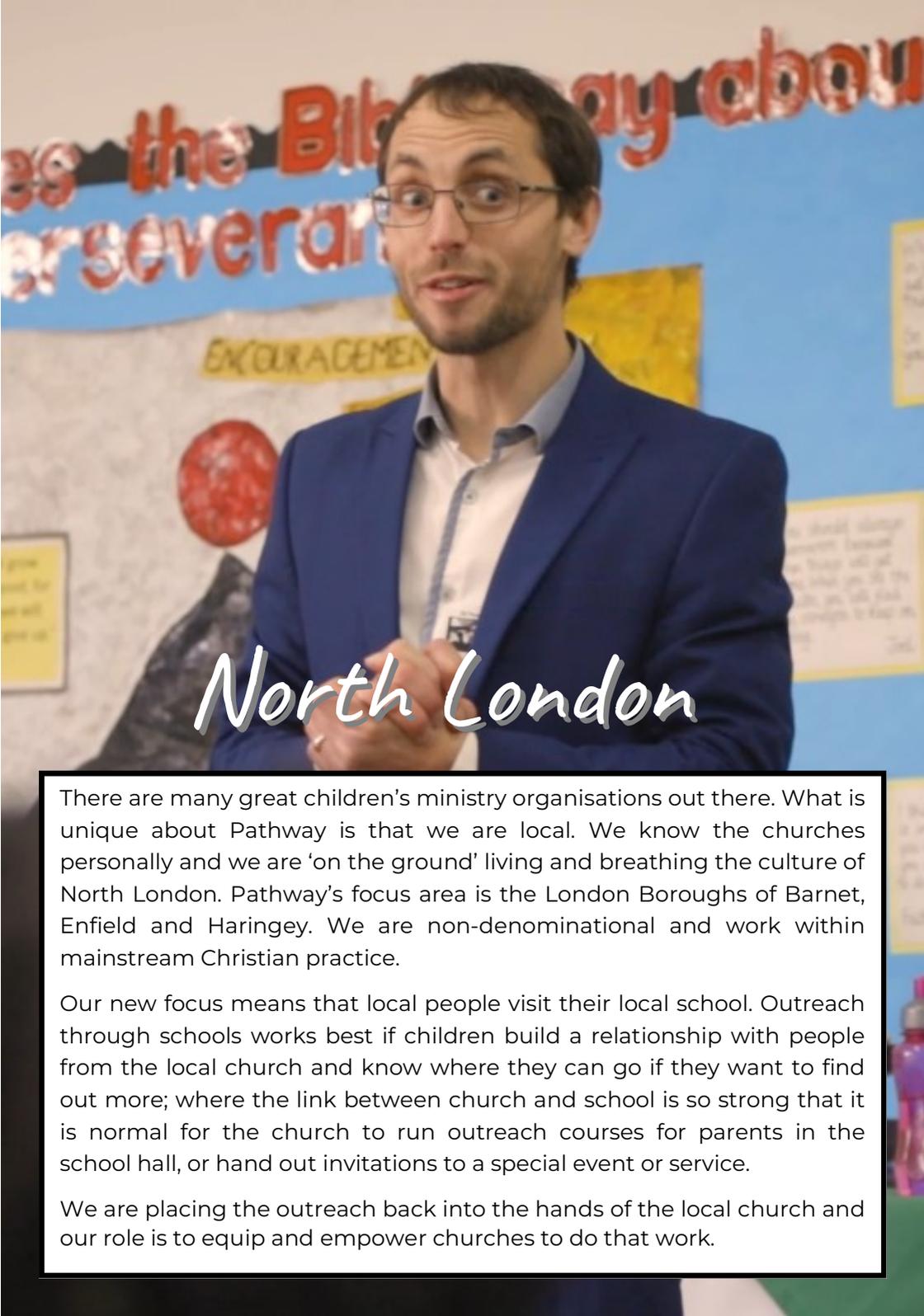
Pathway has reached children in local schools across North London with assemblies, clubs and lessons for 30 years. Now we believe it's time for renewed vision and commitment to see how we can support local churches to reach unchurched families.

This renewed perspective is about taking a step back to see how our outreach fits into a wider strategy to feed families into local churches. It's about trying to see the whole picture of how a child might go from knowing nothing of the Gospel, to being a lifelong disciple. Does every church have established links in their community to reach families? Does every community have a church with a faithful, active ministry to families that is ready to welcome them?

Our vision is for Pathway to become 'North London's Children's Ministry Resource and Planting Network.'

I'll break this statement down and unpack it a bit over the next few pages, and I pray that you will join us in praying, supporting and being a part of this effort to see every child hear and know the good news of the Gospel.

Ashley Nichols



North London

There are many great children's ministry organisations out there. What is unique about Pathway is that we are local. We know the churches personally and we are 'on the ground' living and breathing the culture of North London. Pathway's focus area is the London Boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. We are non-denominational and work within mainstream Christian practice.

Our new focus means that local people visit their local school. Outreach through schools works best if children build a relationship with people from the local church and know where they can go if they want to find out more; where the link between church and school is so strong that it is normal for the church to run outreach courses for parents in the school hall, or hand out invitations to a special event or service.

We are placing the outreach back into the hands of the local church and our role is to equip and empower churches to do that work.



Children's Ministry

We believe that ministry to children is crucially important and strategic. During the formative years of childhood when they are open to listening, and while schools are open to and required to have a daily act of collective worship that is 'Christian in character,' we believe there is an opportunity to see the next generation won with the Gospel.

Though our ministry focuses on unchurched children under 11, we know that to reach children with the Gospel, we need to win their parents too. Our Pathway assemblies and clubs are a platform to begin to enable churches to build relationships with families in their community.

We know that for outreach to be effective, there has to be a means of follow-up. Pathway's work ends when a child reaches 11 and it is not designed to be a place to disciple children. That is where the local church comes in.

Resourcing

Sharing equipment and materials

As well as scripts and props for our assemblies, and session plans for weekly clubs and lessons, we aim to make our past catalogue of teaching materials downloadable from our website. Pathway wants to be a resource centre where you can borrow a prop or costumes for a holiday club, or where churches can donate resources they no longer need for others to use.

Training

As part of our commitment to placing this work back into the hands of the local church, we believe that training more workers and giving workers all the skills they need to minister to children will be key in enabling the work to grow. We will offer training that will be open to everyone.

Supporting outreach

Pathway has good standing with more than 50 schools and can use this to enable churches to establish links with the schools closest to them. Our team can take the stress out of making appointments with schools.

*"We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done."
(Psalm 78:4)*

Planting

With over 200 schools in these three boroughs, are our churches ready to welcome the children that we are reaching?

As part of our vision to see every community have a church with an active children's ministry, we believe that we can play a role in helping to establish children's ministry in Gospel churches with few resources or families.

The method works by sharing a vision with the church, providing training, giving the resources needed to 'kick-start' a children's ministry in a church until they are established and supplying workers and a core of families to start things off.

How does it work?

Share the vision for growing your church's work with children and families by inviting Pathway to speak at a service or meeting



Identify potential volunteer workers within your congregation & work with the Pathway Network to develop & train them



Build a relationship with the school through school's work



Host a parenting course at your church, or a Christianity Explored or Alpha Course in the school hall to connect with parents or hand out invitations to special services through the school. Host a holiday club or family fun day to invite these families in your school to.



Advertise, to those who attend, a launch date for your regular children's groups

Network

We know there are great ideas, skills and people across the churches in North London. Rather than just being a central resource hub, we want to be the glue that brings churches together to work in partnership.

We will host Pathway Network Gatherings 6 times a year and use an online platform where representatives can come and update everyone on how their ministry to children is going, and share their current needs and prayer requests. They can hear the ideas and needs of other local churches and feed this back to their own churches in order to see how we can better support one another, specifically in our work with children. We love to see churches working together.



Get involved

- Become a partner church
- Get involved with work in your local schools
- Attend our network gatherings
- Volunteer with us

Give

All our work is funded by donations. Please help us to grow our work and support more churches to reach more schools by giving a one-off or regular gift, plus employed or retired taxpayers can add Gift-Aid to increase their gift.

Pray

Sign up for our newsletter so you can be praying for the work.

Visit our website to find out more or contact ashley@pathwayonline.co.uk