

News from Bridging Communities



I am writing after a retreat weekend at Green pastures, a time to listen for God's messages to Bridging Communities as we prepare ourselves to move forward into our second term. The theme of the weekend has been the Seasons of Life, which really feels relevant to the project at this time as we could be considered to have moved through one cycle of life seasons and are now entering the next.

I have found myself reflecting on all that has happened during the last 5 years.

Springtime, the time of new growth, joy and surprise:

- talking to people through various consultations, hearing their stories, thoughts and ideas about the redevelopment of Poole, how it feels to live on the new developments that are being built
- the relationships that have developed, the support we have been offered, and the growth in us as a group of people

Summer, a time of refreshment and renewal:

- Our celebration month November 2008, when we reflected and celebrated our story so far.
- The Review of the project undertaken by the United Reformed Church which told us what you felt about our work so far.

Autumn and the harvested fruits of the work of Bridging Communities:

- Fun4Kids Spots
- Living Histories
- Messy Church Network
- Harbour Reach Celebration events
- Poole Quarter Residents Association

- Aqua Residents Association

Winter and the period of waiting and watching for signs of new life, perhaps this is where we are now? This is why we are taking some time to reflect, to pray and then come together to reconsider why we are in Poole and how we will work during our next 5 years here in Poole.

If you can help us in that reflection and would like to feedback to us in any way please feel free to contact Alison Dalton, or Church Related Community Worker on 07908110121 or crcw@faithworkswessex.org.uk.