

Update on DCRF Social Action Activities since the last meeting (prepared for July DCRF meeting)

- Chris Keppie – our Diocese of Exeter Social Responsibility Officer is now in-post and we welcome him to our Forum. Chris has a really varied background in caring for people and partnership working and we are already working together to link up our work – especially in the area of social prescribing and communicating knowledge of church based social activities for the lonely and socially isolated.
- We are continuing to be represented at various networking events and getting to know what other groups and agencies are doing so that we can work together where possible.
- At our last meeting Dawn Eckhardt spoke about an organisation called “Find your Voice” working with older people with music. We have received the following information from the group. It would be good to share this with our contacts and also – if possible – to follow up with possibilities of offering one or more of our churches as a venue for the course.



Find Your Voice offer fully funded music and movement programmes for over 65yrs or adults living with learning disabilities.

Programmes are 10 weeks long, with each session being 45 minutes music and 45 minutes movement. With facilitators around Devon and 3 existing partner venues they are looking for 7 further partnership venues.

If you are involved with day centres, services, community spaces etc. that might be able to host a programme or you would like to join a class please see [here](#) or contact James Galbraith (via finance@findyourvoice.org.uk).

Harry Bonnell – DCT

- Our Churches Community Activities database and links with social prescribers work continues to progress, albeit slowly.

We have been in further contact with the DCC Pinpoint database team and sent them the full database which we hope can be uploaded onto the Pinpoint system and updated periodically.

Chris Keppie has also found a 2017 survey of all Anglican churches in the diocese with information on church run community activities as part of the Statistics for Mission return that year. This is a marvellous source of data and I will gradually work through them to increase the database.

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