

**Helping people across
the churches play their
part to strengthen the
bonds of social trust.**



Why the Common Good?

We see a society today more polarised and fragmented than it has been for many years. Decades of individualism have infected our life together. Our culture has become so resistant to the transcendent that trust between and within communities is breaking down. In the fallout, we see a weakening of our local institutions, with whole communities marginalised, and identity politics is driving us apart.

There is an urgent need to strengthen the bonds of social trust. People are yearning for a sense of meaning and belonging. We believe the Common Good approach is the way to make that happen, and that people across the churches can help. But capacity building is needed.

Who we are

T4CG is a small, volunteer-driven charity. Our partnerships with churches, dioceses and organisations elevate our capacity, along with *pro bono* support from our wonderful associates and working groups. Our tiny staff team holds it all together.

We are Christians from different traditions, and we value our friendship with other faith communities and non religious allies. We draw from Judeo-Christian thinking, in particular from Catholic Social Teaching.

Our inspiration is rooted in a partnership between church leaders in Liverpool a generation ago which demonstrated a constructive civic role for the Church, bridging divisions, strengthening local institutions and supporting communities.

What we do

Our work calls people to fulfil their unique vocational responsibility by putting Common Good principles into practice and by working with others of different opinions and backgrounds in shared purpose.

We do this through training, public conversations, publications, talks and resources, all of which enable people to build the Common Good.

✦ OUR RESOURCES

HERE: NOW: US PEOPLE

A one-day capacity-building workshop helping lay people become practitioners of the Common Good within their communities and workplaces, supporting lay formation, parish development and mission.

- Hosted locally by churches and organisations
- T4CG runs Train the Trainer sessions for facilitators. Full training pack.



HERE: NOW: US CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

A two-day workshop for ordained and lay people in leadership roles to retreat and reflect on the Common Good, discern ways to enhance ministry and mission in their localities, and build capacity to strengthen civil society.

- To complement ongoing ministry formation
- T4CG approved facilitators. Full course materials



WHAT'S MY CALLING?

A two-hour vocational responsibility session to help people identify their unique contribution to the Common Good. Coming soon.



WHY HERE: NOW: US?

Here because we are all rooted in particular places

Now because at a critical time in our country's history the churches have a vital role to play

Us because we, as Christians of different traditions, are to work together to fulfil our vocational responsibilities

COMMON GOOD SCHOOLS

A 10-week programme enabling young people to learn Common Good principles and put them into practice. The resource helps to foster personal responsibility and to strengthen a school's engagement within the local community.

- Full suite of resources for staff to deliver following an induction led by T4CG
- For age groups 11-16 in school or youth context



BIBLE STUDIES

Our booklet *Calling People of Goodwill* helps you explore the Common Good in the Bible and respond to God's calling to transform the world.

- Six chapters with scripture, reflections, questions and prayers for discussion and action
- Suitable for prayer groups, away-days, school assemblies, church, conferences, retreats



COMMON GOOD BUILDER

A relationship building process enabling church leaders to bring together civic partners to tackle a shared local problem by applying the principles of Common Good Thinking.

- For Christian leaders in local contexts
- A one-day event preceded by a relationship building period and followed by joint action



PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS

People come to our public conversations to engage with leading thinkers discussing Common Good approaches to key issues.



YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Christians in our *New Perspectives* network are holding social events to discuss the Common Good across their different church traditions and political positions.



YOUR ORGANISATION

We can advise your organisation how to play its part in building the Common Good. We'd love to see how we can help.

COMMON GOOD THINKING

Our coherent framework of principles underpins all our resources. This comes from Catholic social teaching and is rooted in the Gospel. To make it accessible for all, we call it Common Good Thinking.



GET INVOLVED

Thanks to many wonderful people joining our journey, T4CG has helped churches, dioceses, organisations, schools, leaders and individuals play their part for the Common Good. Help us do more.

See how you can get involved.

- Partner with us
- Become a regular donor
- Host a Common Good workshop
- Train to lead a workshop
- Introduce your school
- Discover our resources
- Subscribe to T4CG News
- Pray for us

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