

THE COMMON GOOD CHECKLIST

Let's have a conversation ...are we building the Common Good?

The Common Good Checklist is a three-part tool to help you identify opportunities to enhance what you are already doing and to play your part for the Common Good. Use it as a starting point for action, then use it as a regular review. You can use it to scrutinise specific situations of concern or projects in which you are involved, with your colleagues, in your community, your group, church or organisation.

HOW TO USE THE CHECKLIST

First, look at the **Common Good Principles** set out in the circles below and run your situation or project under the scrutiny of each Principle, one by one. See what difference this makes. Then, ask each other each question set out below and overleaf. Working through the 3 steps, **name-check the Principles** in play, noting also those that are absent but which, if applied, could make a positive difference.



STEP 1 Where are we now?	Check the Principles <i>Where you spot a principle in play, write it down and add a ✓ - if you spot one that is absent, add a X</i>
How well do we know our neighbourhood? Would we benefit from a mapping exercise?	
Are we encouraging people to recognise and use their unique gifts? Are we helping each other in the development of our talents and competencies?	
To what extent are we working <i>with</i> people rather than working <i>for</i> them? (We should be <i>working with</i> , not <i>doing to</i>)	
Do we know who is invisible? Which groups are invisible to each other? Who is overlooked? Who is lonely?	
Are we clear about the vocational responsibility of our organisation? (Locally, and more widely?) How do we measure how well we live up to this?	
Are we conscious of where the strained relationships or estrangements are in our neighbourhood, and more widely? Do we know the underlying reasons?	

STEP 2 Where do we want to be?	Check the Principles <i>Where you spot a principle in play, write it down and add a ✓ - if you spot one that is absent, add a X</i>
What do we need to do to gain a better understanding of the gifts and talents present within our community?	
What can we do in our spheres of influence and local area to create conditions for the shared action in which people from different backgrounds can flourish?	
How can we be people who build bridges between estranged groups? Are we ready to engage with different views and diversity of opinion?	
How can we connect better with other faith communities and other local institutions to fulfil our shared aspirations for our local area?	
How can we build relationships and start conversations across divisions that will build a common life in our community?	



STEP 3 How do we get there?	Check the Principles <i>Where you spot a principle in play, write it down and add a ✓ - if you spot one that is absent, add a X</i>
Are we doing things separately that could be done better together with people from another church? Do they have skills and assets we don't have and vice versa?	
Knowing each other's gifts, who can take responsibility for what?	
Does everyone have the opportunity to take responsibility according to their ability? Have they been asked?	
How will we invite people who have been invisible - sidelined, excluded, poor or vulnerable - into our community, and then respect and honour what they bring?	
Do we have buildings or space that could be used during quiet times or re-purposed and shared with the wider neighbourhood?	
Who could we work with to take this forward? Who could help? Who are our allies?	