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Jeremiah 29.7

Hope in Uncertain Times

IMPACT REPORT 2024

Welcome from Jenny Sinclair

Our culture is in deep trouble. We are facing not just an era of change, but a change of era. With such uncertainty, we believe this is the time to seed and support *Common Good Thinking* at all levels, especially through churches, schools and in civic life. In our dark times, we can all help to bridge divides and enable human flourishing.

Our work goes to the heart of the big issues facing both society and the church, so I'm delighted to share this impact report. You will see the four strands of our work that foster civic and spiritual renewal.

2023-24 was a significant period for us. This year, 2,877 young people engaged in our *Common Good Schools* programme. More than 1,100 leaders engaged in our bespoke sessions, and 110 senior leaders were involved in our round tables. And our *Leaving Egypt* podcast celebrated its first anniversary with 16,400 downloads.

For me, it's a real privilege to lead this work. And I hope you will enjoy reading about how we are equipping the church and the faithful to respond to the new era by promoting a better story: a story that is confident, constructive, relational, realistic and hopeful.

Jenny

*Jenny Sinclair, Founder Director
Together for the Common Good*



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The problems we face

The UK has become a deeply troubled society, marred by widespread loneliness, weakening social ties, collapsing trust, and civic degradation. These grave difficulties are symptoms of an unravelling - a social, spiritual, economic and cultural disintegration. Political initiatives are not enough to relieve this profound malaise or to counter the hyper-liberalism, on both the left and the right, that lies behind it. A vision of civic and spiritual renewal is also essential.

Our response

The renewal requires a *story*: to unite people and catalyse the urgently needed reweaving. We offer the Common Good as this story. It provides a powerful and energising ethical pathway to healing and hope, one that can animate all levels of society.

Inspired by the Christian traditions, in particular by the theological framework of Catholic social thought, we work with leaders, schools, churches, charities and organisations, helping people fulfil their responsibility for the Common Good in the home, community, and workplace.

Impact

Over the last few years, T4CG has acted as a catalyst. Despite our tiny capacity, impact has been significant. Many participants in our activities have testified that the Common Good approach inspires them to take responsibility for building local relationships and equips them to better read the signs of the times. Our small size and total independence give us the agility needed to experiment, in ways that larger organisations cannot. Over the next few pages, you will get just a taste of our activities in the last 12 months.

This is how we define the
THE COMMON GOOD:

the shared life of a society
in which everyone can
flourish - as we act together
freely in different ways that
all contribute towards that
goal, each taking
responsibility according to
calling and ability, enabled
by social conditions that
mean everyone can
participate.



Forming young people

Common Good Schools is a 10-week programme for 11-16s, promoting the principles of Common Good thinking in classroom and community. Written in non-religious language, the resource is versatile and works in any school or youth ministry.

To prepare young people for an uncertain future, our programme teaches the importance of local relationships, of listening and responsibility and the part they can play for the Common Good in the neighbourhood. It also encourages schools and youth organisations to build long term reciprocal relationships with their neighbours.



"Our community engagement has grown since we started."

"In 2024 our partner schools grew to ten, in Leeds, London, West Sussex, Hampshire, Liverpool, and in Modena, Italy. This year we welcomed our first multi-academy trust, launched a new digital portal to serve our subscription-based model, and published 3 additional resources for Lent, Advent and the General Election.

Working relationally with our partner schools, it's a joy to see the impact the programme is having."



Jo Stow, Project Leader, Common Good Schools

"*Common Good Schools* is such a useful tool; helping students understand that they are valued, are of worth, and can make a difference to the world around them. It takes the social teaching principles and turns them into concepts they can easily grasp and live out."

"In a diverse school, *Common Good Schools* is enabling us to work for greater harmony with pupils of different ethnicities, religions and cultures. It's a vehicle for bridging difference and promoting unity."





Equipping leaders

“Your content reads superbly as a practical - even prophetic - commentary on living out our mission as church.”

Through talks and training sessions, coaching and relationships, we equip Christian leaders in Common Good thinking to navigate the challenges they and their communities are facing. By reading the signs of the times, we help people understand the causes behind the malaise and to see why building local relationships is so important. Drawing on the framework of Catholic social thought, we build confidence and help leaders and communities and organisations discern their unique vocation for the Common Good.

This year several enquiries came from beyond the UK, for example a request to translate and distribute Jenny’s lecture *Written in Blood* into Swedish.

“In 2024, I delivered bespoke talks and sessions for over 20 organisations, engaging over 1,100 leaders.

We published 41 original online resources and commissioned many guest writers. We also turned our guest lectures into podcasts.

I produced 7 editions of the T4CG Newsletter to resource our growing readership, now at 2,677.

Many people got in touch asking for help. I managed to deal with over 100 requests from across the Christian traditions, responding with advice, coaching, written or verbal contributions, and fulfilled several advisory roles.”

Jenny Sinclair

“Our leaders were really inspired by your input and are more confident sharing Catholic Social Teaching with our young people in practical ways. Thank you!”

2.8K Young people
Participating

10 Schools
Partnering
(up from 6 last year)



19 Local
institutions
engaged by our
partner schools



8 New teachers
Trained

"Common Good Schools is giving our pupils leadership abilities and skills useful to real life and the workplace, like organising and communicating effectively."

41 Online
Resources

20 Bespoke
Sessions



"Written in Blood"

A Meditation on Justice and Peace

JENNY SINCLAIR

"I really value the wonderfully generative space to explore our response to God's call."



1,100

Leaders trained
in bespoke talks and sessions

"Beautiful, inspiring and Important."

23 Podcast episodes

16.4K Downloads Over 12 months



Listeners in
87
Countries

“That ‘neighbours’ episode seems to have impacted my friend’s life – he has deliberately been out in his front garden and having conversations with people passing by.”

“Thank you for introducing me to yet another extraordinary Christian.”

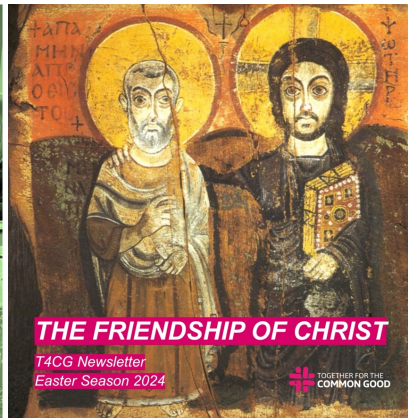
1.1K
Attended
online events

“It made me want to get involved on a local level.”

2.7K
Newsletter Subscribers
(up from 1,974 last year)

110
Attended
round tables

“Heartening to be in a space allowing for sincere and robust discussion with a wide range of views. Very rare to have such a deep level of conversation.”



Informing, connecting

In our public events and private conversations, we bring strategic leaders together to engage with critical issues from the perspective of the Common Good. Our relationships across the Christian traditions allow us to convene and facilitate unique gatherings of leaders across doctrine, sector and opinion.

Our events usually centre around a lecture by a leading practitioner or thinker drawing on Catholic social thought. This is followed by a private, Chatham House Rule discussion over dinner. Invitation-only, these diverse evenings build confidence; leaders leave better informed and better connected. The lectures are also livestreamed for the public benefit.

“The lecture was really helpful in developing the thinking we are doing. The discussion afterwards, and the range of contacts I came away with made it vastly more useful and generative than other events I attend.”

“Grateful to Jenny for facilitating a robust discussion to engage with this seriously.”

In 2024 we held two strategic gatherings to provoke common good conversations. First, on identity politics, and second, on the future of Christian charity and social action. Speakers Matthew Petrussek and Jon Kuhrt provided expert insight and challenged the invited group of leaders. Over both events, 110 attended in person and over 1,100 watched the livestreams.



This year's content adds to our growing podcast collection. Listeners can learn about political economy, the dignity of work, civic participation, social peace, integral ecology, being human, and much more.

Events supported by CCLA

“The lecture last night was fabulous. Thank you so much - you are doing great work.”

Telling a better story

This year we celebrated the first anniversary of *Leaving Egypt*, our fortnightly podcast exploring what it means to be God's people in an age of unravelling. This is the fruit of a transatlantic partnership between Jenny Sinclair in the UK, and Alan Roxburgh, founder of the Missional Network, based in Canada. Together with guests, co-hosts Jenny and Al read the signs of the times and hear grassroots stories of how God's people are being called into the reweaving of the Common Good.

In 2023-2024 we published 23 episodes, reaching a total of 16,400 downloads, and held six discussion forums for the growing *Leaving Egypt* community. Our subscriber base grew by over 50% and the podcast reached 87 countries.

"Encourages a much deeper understanding of Christianity as a way to build mutually supportive communities based on faith. Harks back to the early church, its mission and vision!"

"*Leaving Egypt* holds together an awareness of an unravelling modernity with hope in a creative and powerful God. The language of Catholic Social Teaching helps us to better understand how our neighbourhoods could buck negativity and flourish."

"I appreciate the spirit of 'we don't know where we're going, and we don't even really know where we are, but that doesn't keep us from living the Gospel.' That's perfect and striking. And the generous, open-handedness while remaining firmly in the church. Bravo."



"Absolutely riveting, full of challenging truth."

So much more to do

We are ambitious to grow this work, but we need a secure financial base. T4CG has been operating on a shoestring budget: around £85K annually pays for all programme costs and the salaries of our small team of four (1.9 FTE). We have no fixed overheads.

Our team achieves far more than would be expected of such a small charity. We are able to leverage multiple partnerships, to attract significant help in kind and many associates who work pro bono.

Over the last two years the demand for our work has surged and now outstrips our capacity. **To meet that demand, a budget of £150K for each of the next three years would enable us to consolidate, increase staff hours, and build a foundation from which we can grow.**

We warmly invite people who share our vision to accompany us on this journey. A regular gift would be most helpful for forward planning.



You can help

Scan the QR code to contribute or get in touch to discuss

"Together for the Common Good is providing leadership and building confidence by bringing Catholic social thought to life, helping people to take responsibility and to understand the importance of relationships.

T4CG is doing what the Second Vatican Council asked us to do: reading the signs of the times and addressing practically the challenges and opportunities before us.

They are working so creatively, integrating personal spirituality and vocational responsibility at the service of the common good. I'd like to thank them for what they're doing."



*Archbishop John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark*

What people say

Together for the Common Good is getting great recognition and respect. Wherever I go to speak, people are taking up the challenging agenda and ask do I know about T4CG and your work.

Sir John Battle, KCSG

Our SEND students often don't have much engagement in their community. But through *Common Good Schools* they have formed relationships, taken on ownership. This has boosted their self-esteem and I have witnessed relationships being reconciled in the classroom.

Musenga Mumbi, St Marylebone Bridge CE School

It's a joy to work and have common cause with fantastic people like you as we build unity in the Church.

Brenden Thompson, UK Programme Director, Word on Fire

Thank you for a fantastic evening and the chance to meet such interesting people. You are doing such great work. *Sally Mann, Bonny Downs Community*

I've just watched your film on the common good. It's brilliant and will be so helpful for a lot of people.

Raymond Friel OBE, CEO, Caritas Social Action Network

Engaging with T4CG offers a unique and invaluable space for ongoing theological reflection and praxis that continues to shape my thinking and ministry.

Pastor Nick Graves, Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church

Thanks for all you do. I am glad we're working together. *+Rob Wickham, Group CEO, Church Urban Fund*

T4CG has turned Catholic Social Teaching from a set of theological principles into a user-friendly manual of practices for the Common Good. Jenny Sinclair is brilliant.

Fr William Taylor, Parish Priest, Hackney

I am hugely grateful for the bible studies - reflective and seriously challenging with political and theological analysis, the life of the church and what we can do. I return to them often.

Dr Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference

T4CG exemplifies how the social doctrine of the Church can be translated into impactful actions within our communities. Their work merges profound thought with practical applications, providing a much-needed voice and innovative solutions to contemporary challenges.

Ludwig Gelot, Secretary General of the Commission for Justice and Peace, Diocese of Stockholm

“Because of *Together for the Common Good* we’ve become more outward-facing, listening with respect to our neighbours and practising the lost art of conversation.”



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