

Hull Debt Busters

We are sure you all by now have heard of our **Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre** which started as an outreach initiative of this Church and has now been adopted as a Hull (Centre and West) circuit project. You will also be aware of the fact that Hull has the unenviable statistic of being the UK city with the highest percentage of the population having serious debt concerns (43%). You may or not know that our Debt Centre has helped about 70 people deal with their debt since it started in November 2013 and already 12 have become debt free. Also, as a result of our involvement at least 4 have made a commitment to Christ and others are expected to follow.

You are probably not aware that the Debt Centre costs £18,000 per year to run. So far this money has been obtained from a number of sources including our Church and circuit, and local and national funders such as the Church Urban Fund, Hull and East Riding Charitable Foundation and Sir James Reckitt Charitable Fund. We certainly are very grateful to these local and national funders but in many cases the funds they give are one off that is we cannot keep on going back to them each year for more.

The situation at the moment is that we have funds to maintain the service for this current financial year (ends 31st August 2015) and £12,000 for next year (September 15 to August 16). This leaves us with a shortfall of £6,000 and nothing of course for subsequent years. We need to continually find alternative sources of funding and in particular we need the source of funds to enable us to have a sustainable service.

We believe that many of us are very supportive of the work of our Debt Centre and see the need for it to continue to serve the needs of our community. With this in mind we have launched **Hull Debt Busters** which is a scheme where Church members and other local people pledge to contribute a small amount by standing order on a regular (monthly) basis. This will certainly help us have a more sustainable income source.

Please read the attached **Hull Debt Busters leaflet** and if you feel you can contribute please complete the form and return it to either Keith or Denise Robinson or Roger Slingsby. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the above people.

Many thanks for your continuing help.

Keith and Denise Robinson

Be a Hull **DEBT** Buster !!!

- The Hull Centre and West Debt Centre offers a **completely free** service to **anyone** who is in debt .
- **It takes £18,000 per year to run the Centre** . This amount allows us to help about 70 people per year to deal with their debt. That is 70 people who can escape from the misery of being in debt, can begin to pay off their debts with dignity and hope and learn how to manage their money so they do not get in debt ever again.
- Funding for the service needs to be found and is always a problem. You can help by becoming a **Hull Debt Buster**. Can you donate a monthly sum to our Debt Centre via standing order to help us help the people in our area deal with their debts? If you can, please complete the tear off portion below and return it to us or send the required information by email and we will arrange for you to receive a standing order form for you to complete and send to your bank.

You will then be a

Hull **DEBT** Buster !!!

Please return to

Hull Centre and West Debt Centre

135 Belgrave Drive

HULL

HU4 6DP

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07443 590481



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Five good reasons for becoming a Hull Debt Buster

FACT 1

Anyone can find themselves struggling with Debt. It can be as a result of a bereavement in the family, redundancy, health problems, marriage breakdown and many other reasons

FACT 2

Being in Debt is not just a money problem. It can and does seriously affect health (of the whole family), family relationships and often leads to depression and can lead to self harm and suicide attempts.

FACT 3

Hull has a serious Debt problem. An official report last year showed that 43% of the population of Hull were very concerned about their level of **Debt**—the highest percentage in the country.

FACT 4

Hull Central and West Methodist Circuit have teamed up with the award winning charity Christians against Poverty to help Hull people out of Debt. This service is completely free and unique in that we visit people in their own homes, we deal directly with their creditors thus taking away stressful encounters, we support the clients until they are completely debt free .

FACT 5

It really works—we have helped and are helping people out of **Debt**, changing their lives and giving a fresh start and a more hopeful future.

YES - I would love to be a Hull Debt Buster. Please send me a standing order form

Name

Address

Postcode

email

Telephone

I will donate

£

per month