

KART



What is KART ?

KART is short for Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust, it is a Christian charity that started in 2007.

Why does KART exist?

A number of local people realised that there is a gulf between churches and young people and that young people have fewer opportunities to meet Christians and find out about the Christian faith. Teachers can find it difficult to explain the bible in a relevant way, the key messages of God's love and how faith shapes character.

What do you do?

We help explain the Christian faith in schools- in classes and at assemblies. We run school clubs and we support school chaplains in their work. We work with churches and youth leaders to start up Christian youth clubs and run youth events.

Where did you get your logo?

Children are important to us so we asked them to design a logo. They chose something that was fun but had the Christian symbol of the cross at its centre. Our Christmas cards and Easter cards are also designed by children.

Do you just cover Kirkcaldy?

Most of the area we cover is urban within Kirkcaldy but we also cover the towns of Dysart, Auchtertool, Kinghorn and Burntisland and the rural communities in the area.

This is our youth worker Chris Beattie.

Chris has been employed by the Trust since August 2009.

Chris brings great skills to the role and is passionate about his faith.



How many Schools are in the Kirkcaldy Area?

There are 16 primary schools with around 4,600 children and 4 Secondary Schools with about 4,000 teenagers.

What does Chris do?

Chris works in partnership with the schools; he speaks to teachers about their programme for the term, the themes and learning points. Together they agree activities and classwork that Chris will deliver. Chris is regularly in the schools and the children get to know him personally.

How well do you fit with the Curriculum for Excellence?

We aim to allow young people to explore the Christian faith for themselves through interactive, dynamic and inspirational activities. We encourage personal growth and spiritual development. We believe in building relationships with schools and pupils that will enhance the community and promote development and skills for life.



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What is Kirkcaldy Area like?

Kirkcaldy has a population of about 62,000 with about 60% working age. Unemployment is running at higher than the national and regional average. The percentage of school leavers going on to employment in Scotland is around 20% however only 13% of school leavers in Fife find employment on leaving school.

3 areas within Kirkcaldy are in the top 5% of multiple deprivations in Scotland while a further 10 areas are within the top 15% of multiple deprivation areas in Scotland.

In Scotland the teenage pregnancy rate is higher than other European countries. As an example of the impact in deprivation areas, the teenage rate in deprivation areas is treble the national rate.

Although within the area there is both wealth and poverty, there is a growing population of generational unemployed, where parents and grandparents have never had a job.

Generally there is a lack of entertainment and sports facilities for young people and an increase in the use of alcohol and drugs. The crime rate in Kirkcaldy town centre is disproportionately high compared to other city and towns.

How are you funded?

In order to employ a worker KART needs regular donors. We have various streams of funding that we are reliant on.

We have supporters who give monthly to the Trust and who recognise that this is a way of reaching out to young people and making a difference in their lives. Please see our website for information about donating regularly.

Churches of various denominations in the area have given pledges to support the Trust. This is very much appreciated as we are aware of the financial strain already on churches.

The Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund has agreed to match fund our donations for 3 years. We also have support from various trusts and organisations :

Souter Trust
Bremner Trust
Schools Out Project



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Do you fundraise?

Yes. We have social nights, coffee mornings and we run an annual sponsored event which is usually a walk or bicycle ride in October. We also have money boxes for individuals to take and fill at home with coins.

We are running a 'Cook for KART' initiative where churches and groups can have their own event and donate the funds to KART. Ideas from our supporters are having a meal with friends, a few folk round for coffee or running a breakfast or soup lunch at church.

Who manages the Trust?

There are 4 Trustees who are responsible for the Trust, the chairperson is a Church of Scotland Minister . One Trustee is a Primary School Head Teacher, another is a Scripture Union representative and the fourth Trustee is a retired lawyer who has experience as a reporter to the Children's Panel .

The Trustees delegate the day to day management of the Trust to a Management Committee who are volunteers from various schools and churches in the area.

Who are Scripture Union?

Scripture Union is a worldwide organisation working in 135 countries. KART is delighted to be partnered with Scripture Union and through this affiliation Chris is an Associate Worker with Scripture Union. They have an invaluable depth of experience in schools and youth work. SU provides the Trust with advice, training, support and resources. We benefit from the SU model of running clubs in schools and use many of its resources in our clubs, schools work and holiday clubs. We make full use of the excellent facilities provided by SU at its centres across Scotland for our residential holiday weekends.

Where can I find out more information?

You can find out more information about the Trust, the clubs we run at schools and the latest news about our events on our website.

