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## Greetings from Back to Reality

Please forgive this rather impersonal way of getting in touch.

You may have already heard of us; we are a Christian charity which has been operating in the Ealing area since 1997, with the aim of encouraging the young people of our area to live a *real faith in a real world*. What you may not know is that we have over 75 young people of high school age on our register, and that they come from 30 different churches in and around Ealing!

### What we believe

That youth matter, and that youth can reach out to youth.

That young people are part of today's church, but when there are only a few in any one church, it can be really hard work, both for them and for you.

That God gives gifts to each one, for the common good, and that it can be difficult for young people to exercise their unique gifting if there are not many of them in the group or the church.

### Back to Reality can help!

We provide a safe arena where we can allow and encourage all the youth to take part, to discover and use the gifts God has given them.

At the moment, we can offer at our celebration meetings:

Time and space for 'fledgling' worship bands to play

Time and space for drama/dance groups to perform

Time and space to develop prayer ministry - hands on, as it were

Opportunities for giving testimony and building each other up in their faith

A non threatening environment to bring friends

Enthusiastic and engaging speakers

Vibrant and dynamic worship

As the young people become more comfortable in using their gifts, we want to encourage and support other types of ministry that they want to develop - prayer groups at school, social action in the local area, 'workshop' style celebrations, discipleship courses (such as Youth Alpha, Youth Emmaus, the 'Y' Course)

We also provide support for youth workers and volunteers, and offer a forum for discussion, ideas and joint activities.

### What we are NOT:

We are not about doing it 'for' them, or 'to' them, but about releasing and encouraging them to do it themselves.

We are not undermining local churches and do not seek to take youth away from their 'family' church

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What we would like to ask is that local churches support our events by encouraging youth leaders and volunteers to spread the word and bring their youth. They already have the relationships in place and are best placed to follow things up. We would also like to ask for funding as and when you see that your young people are gaining from their experience at Back to Reality. Some funding will be necessary as we grow and resource youth led discipleship and/or prayer groups and as we cover the cost of having well-known speakers.

To paraphrase 1 Cor 12: “if a young person should say ‘because I’m not an adult, I don’t belong to the body’ they would not for that reason cease to be part of the body”

Thank you for your time in reading this, if you would like to find out more about Back to Reality, to hear about our vision and mission in more detail, to receive one of our dvd’s, or for anything about the next celebration or future events (flyer enclosed), please contact [janet@b2r.org.uk](mailto:janet@b2r.org.uk)

Blessings

The b2r team

Back to Reality is a Christian charity enabling young people in the Ealing area to discover and develop

*real faith in a real world.*

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