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Greetings from Back to Reality,

Please forgive this rather impersonal way of getting in touch, but as parents of the young people who are 'Back to Reality', we thought that it was time you heard directly from us.

You may already know that 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 100 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 if there are only a few in any one church, it can be really hard work, both for them and for you as you seek to encourage them to get out of bed on a Sunday morning!

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 in a Sunday morning worship context.

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, with the aim of building their confidence.

At the moment, we 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 and practise gentle evangelism

Enthusiastic and engaging speakers

Vibrant and dynamic worship

The opportunity to develop leadership skills by being part of the youth exec which organise and run the celebration meetings

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 (watch this space for April this year), 'workshop' style celebrations (like the one in November) and discipleship courses (such as Youth Alpha, Youth Emmaus, the 'Y' Course)

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. We work in partnership with youth workers from several local churches.

What we would like to ask is that you continue to help and support us by prayer, by encouraging your child/ren to come and take part, by spreading the word to other parents and in financial ways. We would like to ask you to consider funding us, as and when you see that your child/ren are gaining from their experience at Back to Reality. We are completely dependant on financial donations from individuals and churches and funding is increasingly necessary as we grow and resource youth led discipleship and/or prayer groups and as we cover the cost of having well-known speakers and developing social action projects.

Thank you for your time in reading this, and in anticipation of your financial help, you will find gift aid and standing order forms enclosed with this letter. If you would like to find out more about Back to Reality, about our background and who the people involved are, or to download the forms, you can do this by going to our website: www.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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