

THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMING NORWICH

Transforming Norwich is an umbrella term for Christian Churches, charities and organisations who have affirmed their belief in the Nicene Creed and are committed to developing relationships that reflect the love of God, across the Greater Norwich area, for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMING NORWICH STEERING GROUP

Transforming Norwich Steering Group is a group of Christian church, organisational and charity leaders partnering together in the gospel, on the basis of shared mission, friendship, values and beliefs; for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging good relationships between Christian leaders, their churches and organisations; provoking mission and providing a point of communication across churches in greater Norwich area.

This purpose will primarily be achieved through the following activities:

1. Transforming Norwich Steering Group: this team will consist of up to 12 church (min of 8), charity or organisational senior leaders from the Greater Norwich area. This team will be responsible for the organising and administration of the lunches and helping guide some of the communication to the Christian community through Network Norwich.
2. Hosting Leaders lunches: the aim of these is to provide a context for existing friendships to deepen and new friendships to be made. At each lunch, someone will speak briefly with the aim of encouraging leaders and/or provoking us to mission. It has been found that through friendships made in this context a number of shared initiatives have come about.
3. Communicating primarily through Network Norwich: the aim of this is to communicate to Christians around the greater Norwich area promoting the events and activities of local churches, Christian organisations and charities.
4. Giving from local churches & organisations: The money that comes in will be used in four ways; 1) Helping fund the lunches & paying for speaker expenses and gifts, 2) Helping to support the running costs of Network Norwich, 3) Administration costs for Transforming Norwich, and 4) Any leftover will be given away to an agreed upon charity, church or project in the city for the purpose of mission. There will not be a set membership fee but we would encourage each member church or organisation to give motivated by grace, to support the work of Transforming Norwich. As a guideline to giving, if 30 churches gave £100 each, the annual costs would be covered, but we appreciate that some churches are able to give more while others give less.
5. Joining the Steering Group: Any member of Transforming Norwich can recommend a senior church or Christian organisational leader to become part of the Steering Group. This will be an informal process reflecting the relational direction of Transforming Norwich. While leaders will be proposed to the Steering Group, we will ensure there will be a wider consultation among the members of Transforming Norwich as we seek for diverse representation and unity of the Spirit.

WHAT TRANSFORMING NORWICH IS NOT

1. It has no pastoral or governing authority or responsibility for local churches, charities or organisations

2. It is not the voice for the church in Norwich.
3. It is not a charity.
4. It does not run events (outside of the lunches) or start projects.

THE BASIS FOR BEING PART OF TRANSFORMING NORWICH

Each church, organisation or charity must affirm their belief in the Nicene Creed.

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.