

Mission Forum

Over the last twelve months Mission Forum has also been reviewing its purpose and processes. The allocating of funding from Baptists Together Strategic Mission Fund has now been delegated to a newly convened Grants Committee, leaving the Mission Forum free to give more time to listening to what God is doing missionally across our Baptist family, and to discerning ways that we can enable strategic participation in this across our churches, Colleges, Associations and Specialist Teams. Both the Grants Committee and Mission Forum are accountable through Hayley Young who is 'Embracing Adventure' representative on the Core Leadership Team.



Pioneer Ambassadors and Round Table £22,500 The Mission Forum continues to support pioneering across the Baptist family through the ministry of Ali Boulton, Roy Searle and Simon Goddard. Together they engage with our churches, Colleges, Associations and others to encourage and support pioneers. During 2020 a Round Table was convened with Pioneer Advocates from across the regions and a variety of networks to ensure the voices of grassroots pioneers are being heard and responded to.



Fuelcast £2,000 As the Covid restrictions began to impact the life of Baptists Together we wanted to reflect on the question 'What is God saying to us?' Mission Forum commissioned The Fuelcast (a professional and Baptist film production company) to put together a series of short films listening to 16 voices from across the Baptist family. Films were released on a weekly basis and are an ongoing resource that will continue to inspire. Visit www.baptist.org.uk/listening



Susan Myatt £20,000 Over a number of years Mission Forum has supported Susan Myatt as she enables ministry with the deaf community and helps our Baptist family grow in their deaf awareness. She leads the Open Hands Signing Church and hosts a Deaf Café and a BSL Craft Group. During the period of Covid restrictions she has also been involved in ensuring that our online activities, such as the Baptist Union Prayer Broadcasts, have been accessible to deaf people.

RenewWellbeing

Renew Wellbeing £40,000 This exciting and timely project seeks to facilitate 'quiet shared spaces where it's okay not to be okay'. In 2020 it received a 'double portion' of the grant it's received in recent years to help bring forward its plans to recruit and deploy four new regional co-ordinators. The expansion of the team enabled Renew Wellbeing to adapt to the online environment necessitated by Covid, and to respond to an increased demand from churches wanting to serve the wellbeing of their communities.