



2019-2020

E3 OMAGH & CASTLEDERG

ANNUAL REPORT

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON



The boys and girls, schools and churches in Omagh and Castlederg E3 district have been blessed as God has led Sarah in her work, supported in this past year by two interns – Ellie and Seth. The year started with Sarah's Commissioning Service in Drumquin Presbyterian church and we later had an E3 prayer evening in Holy Trinity, Dromore – opportunities to meet people from different churches and where we had the privilege of praising and praying to our awesome God. New contacts have been made with primary schools and a weekly SU has now started in Omagh High School. The inter-school formal was once again a great success, and we were also pleased to see an inter-school youth night in First Omagh Presbyterian. Lockdown has forced us to cancel our traditional ways of reaching children but the number of views of the online assemblies made by Sarah, Ellie, Seth and other SU workers has been amazing.

Geoff Bingham, Chair, Omagh & Castlederg District Support Team.

E3 SCHOOLS' WORKER



'Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.'

1 Chronicles 16:24

As I take the time to reflect back on the year that has passed I am able to remember fondly some of the highlights of the year. One of which was having two interns, Ellie & Seth, join the E3 Omagh & Castlederg team for the year. I can't sum up this year without mentioning the impact that COVID -19 has had. It has been disappointing to not meet in person with the pupils, teachers and churches who I have got used to seeing as a part of my day to day work. However, this time has allowed us to create online resources which have been used by children and their families across Northern Ireland and further afield. There are still things to celebrate during this time, but I really do look forward to meeting with you all again, face to face.

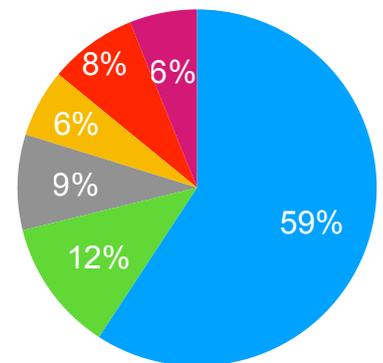
Sarah Emerson, E3 Omagh & Castlederg Schools Schools Worker

DISTRICT FINANCES

The E3 schools project in Omagh and Castlederg is funded entirely by the generosity of individuals and churches in the area. The total income for the financial year April 2019-March 2020 was £19,902.

Our expenditure was £28,870 leaving us with a deficit of £-8,968 for the year. Existing funds will be able to cover this year's shortfall but, as the project develops, we will need to source new supporters to help us break even each year and ensure longevity. There are many ways to give and no amount is too small. For more information please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mark Moorhead (mark@suni.co.uk) or Ian McAvoy (ianmcavoy@suni.co.uk)

On behalf of SU, THANK YOU for giving this year! We are so aware of God's continued provision for this work.



- Churches
- Individual Donations
- Individual Standing Orders
- Misc donations
- Fundraisers
- Gift Aid

E3 SCHOOLS' WORKER'S HIGHLIGHTS 2019-2020

ENGAGING

This year, we delivered the "Amazing Jesus" lessons in six different schools in the Omagh & Castlederg area. These lessons are delivered across 3 weeks and the pupils hear about Jesus by learning about 3 of his miracles found in the Gospel of Mark. As well as learning about Jesus, these lessons give pupils the opportunity to open the bible and find a passage for themselves!



Local pupils taking part in "The Amazing Jesus" lessons

"The Amazing Jesus lessons were great because of how interactive they were with the kids. I loved how, over the course of three weeks, some of the quieter kids would be more excited to interact with the activities and get involved in reading the miracles covered in this series. It was also great that the classes had an opportunity to engage with the Gospel first hand and that each week they get to take away the most important message of all; that Jesus is the Son of God and that through him we can have life in his name."

Ellie - SUNI Intern

This year I enjoyed meeting with both primary and post primary SU groups in the district. Every group is different and that makes every SU group session unique. With Ellie & Seth's help we were able to run an SU group in Omagh High School this year where a small number of pupils came along each week to open God's word and pray together. We are continuing to pray that we will see growth in our smaller SU groups to encourage those who are committed to being there every week.

EQUIPPING

Making your Mark is SUNI's pupil leadership training which happens each September. One of the pupils from the local area who attended was Leah:

"I loved the meetings and the worship. I always walked out having enjoyed the talk and having been challenged in my faith. Making your Mark pushed me out of my comfort zone and got me talking to lots of new people who have become life long friends. I went to three seminars which helped me grow in confidence as a child of God. I now feel less scared to do a talk in my junior SU"

Leah - Local School Pupil

The vision of inters SU is to have pupils from different schools join together for fun and fellowship and to "do SU together". This year, we hosted our Omagh & Castlederg inters event in December. Alongside this event, we hosted the joint E3 formal alongside E3 Fermanagh. This event saw over 100 pupils from different SU groups join together for a great evening of fun and fellowship.



Sarah & SU Pupils at the E3 Formal

This year we met as a Post Primary cluster group for the first time. The aim of a cluster group is to bring Christian teachers together to support each other as they run their school SU groups. I am looking forward to meeting with the post primary cluster group again and hope to start a primary cluster group in the future.

EMPOWERING

Throughout this year, I have loved having the opportunity to partner with local churches in various ways. I was joined in schools by some members of local churches & I was able to partner alongside churches, as well as the Omagh Churches Forum, for some children's & youth ministry events.

This year we hosted our first termly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity Church in Dromore. This was a real encouragement to me personally as I witnessed the genuine heart of local people to take time to pray for our local school pupils and their teachers. Unfortunately we were unable to host a termly prayer meeting in the summer term, but I look forward to the time when we can meet together again to pray for our schools.



Termly Prayer Event

As the work of E3 in Omagh & Castlederg grows I am excited to expand our partnership with local churches through increasing the number of church link people and church volunteers. My District Support Team and I are so grateful to the churches and individuals who support the project prayerfully, financially and practically. We would not be able to share God's Good News in the Omagh & Castlederg area without your support.

Sarah Emerson
E3 Omagh & Castlederg
Schools' Worker

