

Doorsteps builds partnerships of hope in Oxfordshire, connecting churches and organisations to respond creatively and practically together to the needs of under-resourced children, young people, and families.

FIND YOUR FIRE: COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROJECT

A bespoke youth programme run in partnership with Donnington Doorstep, Emmanuel, St Clement's, and St Luke's Churches. We build the aspiration, confidence, and life skills of vulnerable young people in East Oxford to increase their wellbeing and employability.

YOUTH WORK

We protect and empower young people, supporting them when they need it, and seeing them through some of the most important years of their lives. In East Oxford schools we run clubs developed in conversation with young people, working closely with pastoral staff to provide high quality youth work.

UNDER 5s PROVISION

We have good links with the County Council and the Diocese of Oxford, recognising that church-based toddler groups are vital in this sector. In partnership with Home Start Oxford, Doorsteps has developed an Early Years Network to support VCS providers across the county, sharing good practice and advocating for Under 5s via the Oxfordshire Children's Trust. A particular joy is being able to support East Oxford groups through music sessions.

FAMILY SUPPORT

We're passionate about supporting churches to support families, whether equipping and resourcing, or facilitating networking and partnership opportunities. We are currently seeking to launch a churches together initiative in Oxford, called Safe Families, whereby families in need are connected with ordinary church members for support. Watch this space!

JOINT INITIATIVES, WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Doorsteps is an informal peer network with 300+ contacts. We aim to inspire, equip and connect churches in their response to the needs of children, young people and families in their communities.



I AM INTERESTED IN: *(tick all that apply)*

- Find Your Fire
- Youth work
- Under 5s provision
- Family support
- Workshops/Events
- Conversation with Team Doorsteps about your work

For more information, complete the form above or contact us at **doorsteps@viva.org** or on **01865 811660**.

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partnerships of hope for
children and young people

***"I don't like it in other places but
here I feel safe and I feel okay."***

***"I know that those children in need
were receiving quality time and input
that in school is so hard to give."***