



Opening a Secondary Education Centre with TLG

Transforming Lives for Good



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WHAT'S THE CURRENT SITUATION?

Over 145,000 fixed term exclusions are given to children each year in the UK*.

These children do not go to their bedrooms and play video games all day. They are found out on the street, caught up in negative peer groups; becoming known to the police; end up sucked into the criminal justice system and ultimately end up in prison. A recent report found that of a cohort of 200 young people in Ashfield Youth Offending Institute, 48% had been excluded from school, 54% had been truanting and a fifth had Special Educational Needs that had probably not been picked up early enough.

WHAT IS A TLG SECONDARY EDUCATION CENTRE?

TLG enables churches to open alternative education centres to provide schooling for young people at risk of exclusion or who are in crisis in their education.

TLG Education Centres are small schools run by churches in a community context, which fuse both formal and informal elements of education with the provision of extra pastoral and nurturing support. Young People aged 11 – 16 years with special educational needs and behavioural difficulties are referred from the local authority and schools. Staff will engage with the young people for the minimum of a term or more and work towards them being reintegrated back into mainstream education and training.



HOW DO TLG SECONDARY EDUCATION CENTRES WORK?

The school is staffed and run by the church. A Head Teacher who is ideally a qualified teacher will lead the centre, supported by an Assistant Teacher. The church acts as the proprietor of the school and partners with TLG to form a management committee.

Each centre has two or three staff and engages between 6 and 12 young people through an educational programme, structured around 6 lessons a day. Young people will follow a curriculum which focusses on English, Maths and ICT and also includes Science, Personal & Social Education and a range of other subject areas. These subjects can be accredited as Functional Skills and SEFL (Skills for Employment and Future Learning) Awards and Certificates. The high staff / pupil ratio enables the young people to receive the one to one support they need. All staff and volunteers are recruited in line with safer recruitment guidelines, including an enhanced DBS check. Trained Classroom and Family Support Volunteers from the church not only support the young people but also their families. Young people will also be able to access activities put on for them beyond the school day. The aim is to see transformation in the lives of young people at every level.



TLG gives the church all the professional support needed to set up, open and run the school effectively. Income from referrals goes to pay the staff team. TLG takes a percentage of the income from referrals for its services. The school is registered with the DfE, is required to meet the independent school standards and is inspected by Ofsted under the common inspection framework.





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