

In **2015** we are excited about further growth and challenges including:

- ◆ Working towards having **4 teams** out each Fri and Sat evening
- ◆ Potential launch of **Newtownards** Street Pastors
- ◆ Developing **residential sub-projects** in Belfast
- ◆ **Student Street Pastors** starting around Queen's and the Holyland area
- ◆ Securing funding and appointment of a part-time **co-ordinator** to service this growth and development, particularly helping communication, administration and volunteer support.
- ◆ The unexpected!



We would love **more people** to support Street Pastors by becoming Street and Prayer Pastors.

We have a range of presentations and would love to come to your church to explain how people can get involved. We'll tell some stories, show some videos, give some figures and answer questions.

Contact us and we will be delighted to come....

Keep up to date with the latest news and training opportunities on our Facebook and web pages.

We are very grateful for the financial help from **individuals, churches, the PSNI, the Police and Community Safety Partnership, Diageo** plus 'gifts in kind' from **BCCM** and others which support the provision of training, uniforms and the operation of Street Pastors. **Diageo** has also kindly helped us by making a video highlighting the work of Belfast Street Pastors.

Of course we cannot thank enough the many **volunteers** who give up their time to go out month by month to serve Belfast.

*The church in action on the streets to - care, listen & help*

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# Belfast Street Pastors 2014 Report



**Welcome to the Belfast Street Pastors 2014 Annual Report!**

This year Belfast Street Pastors has grown significantly as more and more ordinary followers of Jesus from a wide variety of churches put their faith into action by **caring, listening and helping** on the streets of Belfast every weekend.

We have run **3 training courses** and now have 85 volunteers.

It is such a **positive and refreshing witness** to those on the streets to see people from different churches working and serving together.

## St Patrick's Day



During the year we have helped the **Coleraine** scheme start with training, advice, admin and going out with the first teams. We've trained 26 students from **Queens University** and teams will be out on Monday evenings in 2015. People in **Newtownards** are also interested and we've held a series of public meetings. It's up to each area to decide if Street Pastors is for them, but we're more than willing to help.

We continue to enjoy excellent **cooperation** with the Police, City Council and voluntary organisations. There is no competition as we know we complement each other on the streets.

In Jan 2015 we have the privilege of hosting Les Isaac (the founder of Street Pastors) coming over to help us explore how the schemes in Ireland can continue to work together and develop.

Statistics	TOT 2013	TOT 2014	Diff +/-	Av. P. mth 2014
Volunteer Hours	1,560	2,368	+808	197
Teams out	110	167	+57	14
Nights out	91	102	+11	9
Bottles/glasses lifted	3,937	7,212	+3,275	601
Flip-flops used	441	955	+514	80
Spontaneous thanks	448	939	+491	78
SP cards given out	459	907	+448	76
General assistance	250	377	+127	31
Spiritual conversation	181	240	+59	20
Help to transport	117	224	+107	19
Prayer	51	81	+30	7
Refer to other agency	38	49	+11	4
Anti-social behaviour	56	41	-15	3
Prevention of assault	39	38	-1	3
First aid kit used	12	27	+15	2
Emergency services	10	18	+8	2

 **Belfast Street Pastors**  
 Posted by Caroline Court - 28 December 2014

Busy night last night - out until 3am. We lifted nearly 100 glass bottles (so they can't be used as weapons in fights!) and gave out 15 pairs of flip flops to girls who were glad to receive them! 🍷 A lot of people needed help to get taxis, some were alone, having separated from friends, so we stayed with them to make sure they were safe. A couple of people's phone batteries had died 📵 and they had no way to phone for lifts 🚗 so we were able to use our phones 📱 - one fella was waiting for his dad but his phone cut off before he could say where he was - we managed to get in touch with his dad and direct him to the right place 📍 We chatted to a lot of people who stopped us to talk and were very grateful of our presence and what we do 👍 It's simple really - Street Pastors CARE, LISTEN AND HELP 😊💙 139,328 people reached

### Comments on social media

- U guys are amazing!
- Swear you saved our lives on Sat night.
- Finally the church going to get amongst the public instead of judging & preaching - well done guys!!
- Shiny happy people
- You are doing a great work folks! Bless you, guys. You're angels.
- I want to thank the Belfast Street Pastors for their kindness. When I was visiting Belfast (from the US) I ended up walking bare-foot down the street ...one of the pastors stopped me, showed me that there was some glass nearby, and gave me a pair of flip-flops to wear so that I wouldn't be injured. I want to thank you for the kindness, and for all the work that you do..



### Caring, listening, helping..... all in a night's work on the streets...

- Found a young girl very drunk with a man twice her age trying to pick her up. Helped her away & after police intervention got her to safety.
- 'M' was hunched in a doorway. His dad had been diagnosed with cancer the previous day, his mates didn't care. He later said "I can't believe you even noticed me here"
- Noticed a girl crying on the phone. Her life had been threatened in a nearby club. Waited until she was safely picked up by her family.
- Found a young guy in a doorway, initially thought to be homeless. Turned out he was on his own and 20 miles from home. Gave him water & a space blanket. Stayed with him until picked up by a parent.
- Came across a young guy lying on the ground. No taxi would take him home. Contacted the SOS bus who took him home.
- Spoke to 'M' who thought his life was meaningless. Offered advice and follow up numbers.
- Man had been assaulted by ex-girlfriend. Needed treatment to a facial wound.
- Prayed with a rough sleeper for his sore legs
- Noticed young female falling & dropping her mobile. A male was trying to pick her up and the girl was becoming more upset and tearful. Got her safely into a taxi.
- Arranged for a homeless man to be taken into Cen-tenary House for respite.
- Gave a young man in his socks flip flops- his shoes had been stolen in a club.
- Guy flirting with a group of girls & beginning to get out of hand. Used sweets to calm the situation and keep them apart until their taxi arrived.
- Two different young girls got prayer and committed their lives to Jesus.
- Police asked Street Pastors to assist with a male with chest pains lying on the footpath.
- Distressed woman with a suitcase with no where to stay the night before going to GB as friends had medical emergency. Got her a bed in a B&B.
- Spoke to a guy who wanted to know if God would forgive him for murder.

**Belfast's Lord Mayor Nichola Mallon with Jorge Lopes (Diageo), Street Pastors & Father Martin Magill on the Oldpark Road**

