



PILOT ACTION PLAN

May Progress Report

Easter 2019 was set as our first key review point – a chance to review the first full school term as we officially launched illuminateStroud across communities, schools and churches.

At the outset we set some key targets to achieve by now, and we're broadly on course!

We have a new set of targets for the coming term which are also shown below:

	Key Aims	Summer Target	Complete?	Progress
Engine Room - Gathering Christian YP	Established & Consistent	ER established as regular part of youth calendar Dates and programme for Autumn term (and beyond) agreed with young people identified in key roles Agree on venue esp because of numbers of YP	Yes Yes No	The May ER in conjunction with the Diocese's Your Voice event was very successful with over 30 young people attending from across the Stroud District and beyond. For this event we moved to St Laurence Church which was a great space but creates more work logistically
	Led by Young People	Mentors for each group need to be formalised Workshop each group Aspects of ER regularly run / facilitated by young people	Ongoing Ongoing	May ER's worship band was led by young people with support from Andy Poole We have identified aspects for June & July ER which we'd like to hand over to YP (games, meeting leading etc.)
	Strong, supporting, flexible framework and structure	As young people take ownership, structure is flexible to enable new things to emerge May ER combined with Diocese Your Voice event will draw in young people from larger number of churches and add to diversity. It is hoped that this larger group will continue to be ER from June onwards	Yes Yes	The May contingent was a great mix of regular church-attending young people and those for whom this is their only act of worship – We hope that this continues to grow and flourish over the coming months
	Prayer support from leaders and parents	Monthly prayer update established and audience growing illuminate Day of Prayer set	Yes	Monthly email circulation growing Prayer Morning Saturday 18 th May prior to illuminateLIVE week – discussion then about regularity of prayer meetings

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Connections and Communications	United vision of discipling young people as missionaries	illuminate Day of Prayer set illuminate part of youth programme across the churches	Yes Ongoing	Prayer Morning on 18 th May with a plan to run these every term 10 different churches were represented at May ER, with 20 church leaders/youth leaders also present. The next step is to engage these churches and leaders with the wider illuminate vision and programme
	Support churches in local youthwork	“Your Voice” event (May 12 th) gathering young people from across the district to share their thoughts	Yes	Feedback for Your Voice not processed or analysed yet, so I will report on that next month. This feedback will need to be shared with local church/youth leaders and then discussion about a localised strategy will come from there I am meeting with the Directors of ONELIFE (an organisation who specialise in discipling young people) this week to learn from them.
	Clear Comms Plan to stakeholders & young people	Comms Plan implemented, including web, social media, merchandise Monthly update established & growing Visits to key churches to share vision	Yes	Illuminate Comms plan in place – there is a need to grow audience for FB group (for leaders/parents) and Email mailing (For leaders) We have contacted church leaders across the District and have had interest from Stonehouse Churches Together to meet and talk with them
	Clear comms to churches and other Christian organisations		Yes No	
	Clear comms to stakeholders about the project and how it fits into The Door’s services	Comms Plan implemented, including web, social media etc.	Yes	There was a minor kick-back to illuminate from Wotton Town Council which has now been resolved I have met with the Pastoral Head at Archway who seemed very supportive and am meeting with the same at TK this week
	Integrate illuminate into Diocese Youth Life Priority	Host “Your Voice” event (May 12 th) gathering young people from across the district to share their thoughts – Bishop Rachel speaking	Yes	Your Voice event very successful, also attended by the YW from the North of the Diocese who is running a similar event in June. Life Priority Group looking at a vision for Youth Ministry across the Dioceses which encompasses the illuminate Vision



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Work in Schools	Established relationship with key school individuals	Continue to build relationships with Archway & Tk Connect with pastoral and RE departments in Maidenhill	Ongoing No	Links to RE department in Archway have developed, with an excellent term of supporting an under-performing GCSE class resulting in the class asking me to pray for them before their first exam. Department keen to work with me in the future Need to connect with work happening by PSALMS (see below)
	Christian Activity within each school	Continue to build on ongoing work in Archway & TK Establish / Support activity in Maidenhill	Ongoing Ongoing	Christian Assemblies in Archway & "lunch club" in TK Connections into Maidenhill have been established by Emily Twigg from Psalms, and whilst this is predominantly about Sports work, there is a link into YW here which I am working with Emily to develop
	To explore prayer spaces	Prayer Space in School in one of the 3 schools	Yes	Prayer Spaces booked for Maidenhill by PSALMS and will be supported by illuminateStroud Mission Week with Tom Elliott planned for Archway won't happen due to timetabling challenges, although happy to support future plans. Tom will be working with SCAPS for one morning instead
	To support young people in the primary to secondary transition to counter the ethos of "growing out" of Christianity	Develop a "bridge" of people/project/ experience for year 6s into year 7 Look at PSALMS year 5/6 residential and programme	No No	Lack of progress in this area is mainly down to time, but also in part because of the Door Step project connecting with local primary schools about transition and not wanting to over-complicate discussions with 2 different projects.
	To Empower and Equip Christian Young People to be culture changers	Help Young People identify culture change God is calling them to make happen	Yes	Core group at Engine Room represent many more schools than the 3 in the pilot, which has meant getting "critical mass" in any one school has been harder than anticipated. However there are small groups of young people in each school who are catching the vision Feedback from Your Voice will help sculp this aim in the coming months



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illuminateLIVE	To Deliver quality Christian live events to invite young people to	May event delivered successfully Plan future Events	Ongoing Ongoing	Tom Elliott booked for mission week at end of May Cost of week higher than initial budget as it includes workshop days in schools Archway school pulled out at late notice due to timetabling issues, SCAPS (pupil referral unit) have booked a morning workshop. We have shifted the emphasis to Christian young people coming and inviting a friend with a Buy One Get One Free offer to those at ER. Learning is that we need to have a longer lead time with schools to ensure sign up. I have approached RISE theatre company about them running a schools mission week in Feb 2020 followed by a performance, I am speaking to them again this week.
	To ensure above events tie into missional activities in school	Have good, easily accessible follow up activity in each school Plan promo week for Future Event	No Ongoing	Due to lack of uptake for May Event, no direct follow up planned within Archway/TK this time Discussions with Schools already about possible February schools week with promo work from January
	Ensure events are well managed and organised	Decide whether Ignition is the best vehicle for these events as part of plans for Autumn event	No	Ignition's focus has been on Family Fun Day, but I plan to meet with their core team before the summer to discuss their capacity for running these events.

