

Key Social Action Review Questions



General:

- Are you doing what God has called you to do in your locality and in the wider world?
- Are the people leading your projects called and gifted by God to do so?
- Do you need to go deeper with the people you already engage with and / or wider to meet more needs for more people?

Looking at your church from the perspective of a non-church attender:

- What do you do that might be of interest or of relevance to non church goers?
- How easy is it for people to find out information about what you do / where / when?
- Is your web site up to date? Do you have any other literature available around town?
- How accessible do you appear?

Looking at your church from the perspective of other community based organisations:

- Are you involved and engaged with other community organisations - do they perceive that are you in there with them or out there doing it alone in suspicious isolation?!
- How well do you link with local referral agents such as CAB, local council, other agencies?
- Do you sit on any local neighbourhood groups / voluntary sector partnerships?

Looking at the relationship between the church and your outreach activities:

- Is community engagement an integral and strategic part of your church vision?
- How do people who engage with your social action activities find out about what goes on in your church or move closer to knowing God?
- Do you intentionally plan appropriate activities in the church that support social action workers to invite their contacts to church based events?

Looking at your community engagement from the perspective of church members:

- What opportunities do you provide to help church folk (and their friends) to get out in the community and make a difference?
- How easy is it for people in church (especially new people) to get to know what goes on in your social action projects and how they can get involved?
- Do you preach on God's Heart for the Poor that runs as a golden thread throughout the bible and what our response could look like in our everyday lives and collectively?
- How easy is it for people to start new community impacting activities?
- Is mission In and To the workplace preached about, prayed for and recognised?

Looking at your social action activities from the perspective of those who volunteer/work in them:

- What support (121's / training / prayer / encouraging) do you offer ministry leaders?
- How well are your front line workers supported?
- Do people involved in your social action activities feel and know that they are valued as an integral and strategic part of your vision?

Looking at your activities in relation to compliance and good governance:

- Do you have appropriate and up to date policies and procedures in place for the activities you are currently operating?
- Do you have appropriate insurance cover?
- Are child and vulnerable adult Safeguarding checks in place?
- Does your church follow best practice models in how it operates in the community?

Please contact Pathways from Poverty if you would like to discuss any of the above
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