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About Me

- Proven track record in the Charitable sector as a pioneer, and in training and development.
- Co-founded the social action charity Off the Fence in Brighton and Hove, UK, which has been Mayor's Charity six times.
- Invited to Buckingham Palace garden Party with the Queen on two occasions, recognising our charitable work.
- Patrons included George Verwer (Founder of Operation Mobilisation) and local MP and (now) Cabinet MP, the Right Hon Peter Kyle.
- Well-respected in Christian circles
- Founded and developed Gateway Women's Centre, facilitating its growth. Involved in a Capital appeal and planning to enable Gateway to move into a million dollar purpose-built centre for supporting vulnerable women. Opened this centre with the Mayor of Brighton and Hove in 2022.
- Wrote and delivered courses, training sessions, day retreats, seminars and sermons on Christian growth and leadership, Charity development and effective community engagement for churches and other organisations.

Wendy Young

Missional Leader /
Training and Development



Education

Moorlands Bible College 1988-91

Diploma in Christian
Ministry

Certificates & achievements

- Diplomas in Christian Counselling and Counselling Supervision
- Crisis Pregnancy counselling,
- Grief and Post Abortion counselling

Training in:

- Safeguarding
- Working with volunteers
- Mental Health awareness
- Suicide prevention
- Professional boundaries
- Harm reduction
- Substance misuse
- Violence against women
- Equality and gender issues



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Skills

- Christian leadership
- Preaching and public speaking
- Team leader and project Management
- Charity Governance
- Policies and risk assessments.
- Pastoral Care and counselling
- Training in community engagement and charity development

Courses written :

- 'Caring for the broken hearted'
- 'He restores my soul'
- 'Maintaining your soul'

Experience

CO-FOUNDER

Off the Fence Trust LTD, UK 1997 – 24

Helped Found and establish Christian Charity with husband, working with the homeless community, schools and youth and Women in crisis or with on-going issues.

- Founded Gateway Women's centre and built a strong and effective team.
- Supported clients, including counselling, safeguarding and risk assessments.
- Liaised with other organisations including Social Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Misuse Services, GP surgeries and Police.
- Trained and supervised staff and volunteers.
- Managed Gateway Women's Centre from 2002-2010.
- From 2010, continued in the role of Training and Development, both within Off the Fence and in Churches, charities and other organisations in the UK.

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY ADVISOR

TEARFUND UK 2012 – 15

INTERNATIONAL AID AGENCY ENCOURAGING AND EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO ENGAGE WITH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AROUND THE GLOBE, TO TACKLE POVERTY AND INEQUALITY.

MY ROLE WAS WITHIN THE UK, SUPPORTING CHURCHES IN THEIR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

I ALSO WORKED WITH SEVERAL CHARITIES WORKING WITH WOMEN IN PROSTITUTION IN COLLABORATION WITH BEYOND THE STREETS.

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES, TRUSTEE, TRAINER

STEERING GROUP MEMBER BEYOND THE STREETS, UK 2004-22

NATIONAL ORGANISATION ADDRESSING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION WITH OVER 30 AFFILIATE MEMBER CHARITIES, WORKING WITH WOMEN INVOLVED IN THE SEX INDUSTRY IN THE UK.

- I HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THIS CHARITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SERVING ON A STEERING COMMITTEE, THEN AS A TRUSTEE AND LASTLY AS CHAIR OF TRUSTEES (2016-2022).
- HELPED RESTRUCTURE THE CHARITY, DEVELOP POLICIES AND LINE-MANAGED DIRECTORS.
- ALSO WORKED AS A TRAINER AND CHURCH ADVISOR (IN COLLABORATION WITH TEARFUND 2012 - 2015).
- MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND DELIVERED TRAINING, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THEIR ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCES.

ADVISOR, TRUSTEE, CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

YADA, UK 2014 -20

- SUSSEX BASED CHARITY WORKING WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS IN PROSTITUTION OR AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. YADA WAS ONE OF THE CHARITIES I SUPPORTED WHILE WORKING WITH TEARFUND.
- CONSULTANT SUPPORTING THE CHARITY'S REGISTRATION.
- SERVED ON THE BOARD AS CHAIR OF TRUSTEES FOR 4 YEARS.

VOLUNTARY COUNSELLOR AND SUPERVISOR

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY ADVICE SERVICE UK 1992 -2002

OFFERING PREGNANCY SUPPORT TO WOMEN WITH UNWANTED PREGNANCIES AND POST ABORTION OR MISCARRIAGE COUNSELLING.

COMPLETED THREE TRAINING COURSES.

BECAME A VOLUNTEER COUNSELLOR WITH THIS CRISIS PREGNANCY AGENCY IN SEVERAL ROLES:

- CRISIS PREGNANCY COUNSELLOR.
- POST- ABORTION AND GRIEF COUNSELLOR.
- BECAME A SUPERVISOR FOR OTHER COUNSELLORS.

MISSIONARY TRAINING PROGRAM

OPERATION MOBILISATION 1984 -86

INTERNATIONAL MISSION ORGANISATION TRAVELLING THROUGH ASIA AND EUROPE ON OUTREACHES.

BASED FOR ONE YEAR IN EGYPT AND ONE YEAR ON THE MV DOULOS TRAVELLING AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WEST AFRICA.