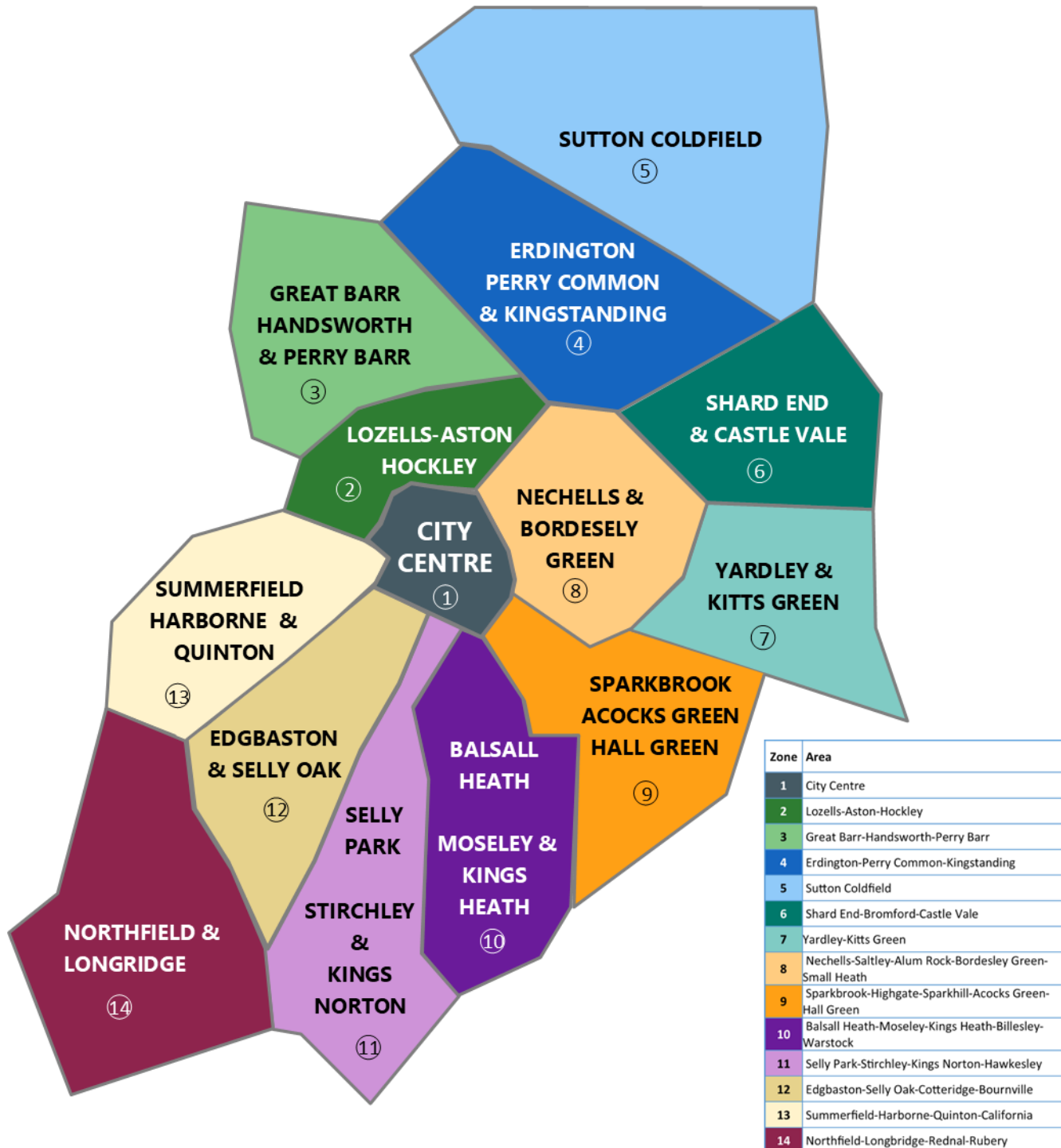


Birmingham Mission Hubs

Reaching Birmingham Neighbourhood by Neighbourhood

A Vision for Prayer, Mission and Multiplication Across Birmingham



Our goal is to establish and strengthen local mission hubs across all 14 Birmingham mission zones, helping churches and everyday Christians pray, connect, share faith and multiply gospel witness throughout their neighbourhoods and networks.

Why Birmingham? Why Now?

Birmingham is one of Europe's youngest, most diverse and most influential cities. Across its neighbourhoods are thousands of people who have little meaningful connection with a local church, yet many Christians feel unequipped to share their faith, naturally and effectively where they live, work and spend their time.

While the city is rich with churches, ministries and gospel initiatives, many congregations feel stretched, disconnected from their communities, or uncertain how to engage people beyond the walls of their church buildings.

We believe that God is already at work throughout Birmingham.

Our role is not to create another programme, but to help churches and Christians see where God is already opening doors and to join Him there.

The Opportunity

Imagine a Birmingham where:

- Christians regularly pray for their streets and neighbourhoods.
- Churches work together across local areas.
- Everyday believers feel confident sharing their faith.
- Local leaders are connected and encouraged.
- Communities experience the love and hope of Jesus through authentic relationships.

New mission initiatives emerge organically and multiply.

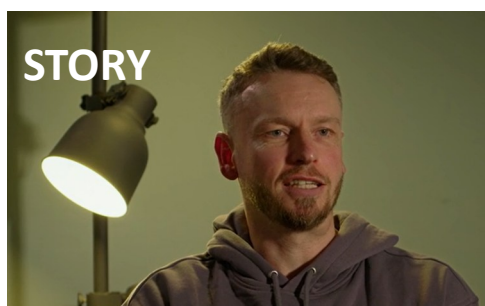
This is the vision behind Birmingham Mission Hubs.

Our Calling

Through GEM's Focus City initiative, we are seeking to catalyse a movement of local mission hubs across Birmingham that mobilise ordinary Christians for everyday mission.

We believe lasting gospel impact happens when local believers are equipped, encouraged and released into the places where God has already positioned them.

"The future of mission in Birmingham will not be built primarily through events, but through thousands of ordinary Christians living as everyday missionaries."



"Talking about evangelism and being on mission, it can feel quite daunting. But if it's just doing something that you're doing anyway, with some intentionality...with other people, there's just this bond of encouragement that you have."

Dan, pastor of Oikos Church in Birmingham, UK and another from his church, found a way to intentionally build a community around fitness and to meet other men who don't know Jesus

yet. What started out with just two or three people from church has grown to become a larger group of other believers and non-believers alike. The men meet weekly at "crazy o'clock" in the morning to do fitness together. At the end of their time, one of the designated leaders shares a thought for the day, something personal, or a prayer.

Video Story:

<https://allcommunity.eu/discipleship-in-community-through-fitness-in-the-uk/>

Our 3-5 Year Strategy

A Citywide Vision with a Local Focus

We are dividing Birmingham into 14 mission zones, each covering several postcode areas. Rather than imposing a model from outside, we want to begin by listening.

Phase 1: Listen

Across each zone we will:

- Meet church leaders, evangelists and mission practitioners.
- Learn where they see spiritual openness.
- Understand local opportunities and challenges.
- Discover existing initiatives already bearing fruit.

Identify where churches need encouragement, training or support.
We believe local leaders know their communities best.

Phase 2: Pray

Prayer is foundational to everything we do.

We aim to encourage:

- Prayer walking [VIDEO SPOKEN WORD](http://www.engageuk.org.uk/post/walk-notice-pray)
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- Neighbourhood prayer initiatives
- Local prayer gatherings
- Increased awareness of community needs

A culture of listening to God together.

Prayer walking helps Christians move beyond their church buildings and begin seeing their communities through God's eyes.

Phase 3: Equip

We want to provide simple, reproducible tools that help ordinary Christians:

- Build meaningful relationships
- Share their faith naturally
- Listen well to others
- Disciple new believers

Serve their communities.

Our focus is not on creating dependency but multiplication.

Phase 4: Multiply

As relationships strengthen and local momentum grows, we aim to support the development of local mission hubs.

These hubs will become centres of encouragement, collaboration and mission within their communities. Over time we hope to see these hubs multiplying across all 14 zones of Birmingham.

What We Are Hearing

- Churches wanting to move beyond attractional ministry.
- Christians lacking confidence in sharing faith.
- Isolation between leaders working in similar areas.
- Growing openness through community and friendship-based mission.



The Birmingham Focus City Team

- Andy Mackie, Focus City Leader GEMUK
- Three self-supported missionaries serving across Birmingham., with specialisms in evangelism, church planting, coaching, youth outreach and disciple-making.

Together we are seeking to catalyse mission hubs, connect leaders and mobilise everyday Christians throughout Birmingham.

What Success Could Look Like

We are not measuring success simply by attendance, events or programmes. Instead, we are looking for evidence of growing mission culture.

By 2030 We Hope to See:

Across Birmingham

- Active engagement across 14 mission zones.
- Meaningful relationships established in all 14 zones.
- 100+ church leaders and mission practitioners connected.
- Hundreds of Christians engaged in prayer walking, in multiple communities.
- Local mission hubs established and growing.

Churches learning from and supporting one another.

Among Christians

- Increased confidence in sharing faith.
- More Christians praying for neighbours and networks.
- Greater awareness of local mission opportunities.

Everyday believers stepping into mission roles.

Within Communities

- More spiritual conversations taking place.
- New relationships being formed.
- Increased opportunities for gospel witness.

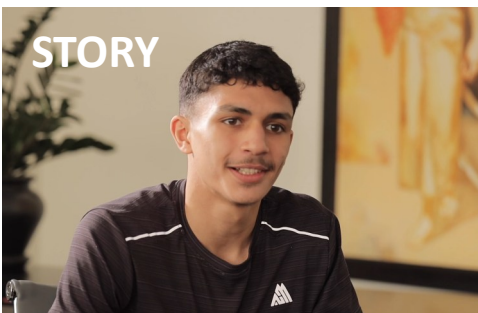
Stories of lives being transformed through Jesus.

Why This Matters

The challenge facing Birmingham cannot be addressed by a single church or organisation. But together, we can strengthen local mission, encourage collaboration and help more people encounter the hope of Christ.

Our desire is to be a catalyst that empowers others, helping mission become the responsibility and privilege of every believer.

"Our aim is not to build a movement around ourselves, but to help local churches and Christians flourish in mission where God has already placed them."



A near death experience was a wake-up call for Syrus, who'd been involved with drugs, gangs, and violence. He'd also turned his back on his background in another religion. While researching religions to find the one true God, he discovered Christ's sacrifice for him and the hope He gives.

"Having Jesus by your side is incredible. Every day is a blessing, and I can fully see God in everything."

Syrus's dream is to become a world boxing champion. Through being involved in the professional boxing scene, he desires to introduce Jesus to those who are broken and seeking hope and purpose. Syrus is confident God will bring people to Him, as he does his part to plant seeds of the gospel. **Video:** <https://allcommunity.eu/from-violence-to-hope-how-syrus-found-jesus-and-now-shares-his-faith-through-boxing/>

Join the Vision

Why We Need Partners

Mission hubs do not appear overnight. They grow through relationships, listening, leadership development, prayer mobilisation and ongoing encouragement. Funding enables us to invest time in building these foundations across Birmingham's neighbourhoods.

To develop Birmingham Mission Hubs effectively, we need financial partners who believe in long-term, grassroots mission.

Funding enables us to:

- Build relationships with local leaders.
- Facilitate listening and prayer initiatives.
- Develop and deliver mission training.
- Support the growth of local mission hubs.
- Coordinate activity across the city.
- Sustain catalytic leadership capacity.

Partnership Opportunities

Church Partners

Churches can partner financially and prayerfully to help establish mission hubs across Birmingham.

Individual Supporters

Individuals can invest monthly or annually in the development of this citywide initiative.

Business and Professional Partners

Christian professionals can help strengthen mission across Birmingham through strategic giving and advocacy.

Trusts and Foundations

Grant-making organisations can play a significant role in helping develop sustainable, long-term mission infrastructure across the city.

How You Can Help

Pray

- For spiritual openness across Birmingham.
- For local leaders and churches.
- For unity and collaboration.

For lives to be transformed through Jesus.

Partner

- Become a financial supporter.
 - Introduce us to potential partners.
- Connect us with local leaders and churches.

Participate

- Join prayer walking initiatives.
- Engage with your local mission hub.
- Become part of the growing story God is writing across Birmingham.

Together We Can Reach Birmingham Neighbourhood by Neighbourhood

By listening, praying, equipping and multiplying, we believe God can use ordinary Christians to make an extraordinary impact across our city.

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Three-Year Funding Goal

- Leadership Capacity: £30,000 p.a.
- Mission Hub Development: £20,000 p.a.
- Resources & Training: £5,000 p.a.
- Total Annual Need: £55,000

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