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The United Appeal for Mission is at the very heart of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. As a Church we are making big differences here in Ireland and all over the world.

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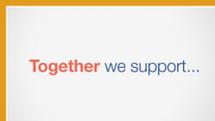
*“Like so much that happens in ministry in your congregation, a lot takes place behind the scenes to make the wider work of our denomination possible. Your giving to United Appeal funds the necessary arrangements for the annual Summer Team programme. This includes publicity, application processes for participating congregations and members, processing necessary safeguarding, training and mentoring of leaders, team training and on-the-ground delivery of this exciting ministry. Your contribution is a kingdom investment in reaching others with the good news and raising the bar for our young people as they grow in mission, discipleship and leadership.”*



**Rev David Thompson**  
Secretary, Council for Congregational Life and Witness

Thanks to you, United Appeal for Mission supports many other mission projects. To find out more watch the video at:

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## Seed planting



Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

*Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.*



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## Sowing summer seeds

Every year, PCI Summer Teams see up to 150 young people partner with local congregations throughout Ireland, to support them in mission amongst their local communities.

Open to those aged 16 and over, each team spends a week working with local children, teenagers and adults, showing and sharing the good news of Jesus. This often takes the form of holiday Bible clubs and teen outreach, but also often includes other opportunities such as helping at the local foodbank, or offering practical services to elderly residents in the area.

Rev David Thompson, Secretary of the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, describes PCI Summer Teams as “a great opportunity for young people to explore the mission of the local church... in many ways, Summer Teams are a place where people develop their gifts, and where leaders are born.”

The United Appeal makes the Summer Teams programme possible by funding much of the administrative and organisational work that goes on ‘behind the scenes’. Mr Thompson says, “In supporting the United Appeal for Mission, you are making a valuable contribution to the Summer Teams. They make a missional impact on the ground, and help us raise up the next generation of leaders for our Church.”



In 2019, PCI Summer Teams served in:

- Mullingar
- St Andrew's, Bangor
- Dungannon
- Abbey, Monkstown
- Seaview
- Sion Mills
- Whitehouse
- Co Cavan
- Friendship House
- Grange, Ballymena
- Castleblayney



*“I would say the best thing about being on a Summer Team is definitely the seeds we see being planted... and getting to see young people and children, who maybe haven't encountered the gospel before at home, hearing that and getting to share that with them.”*

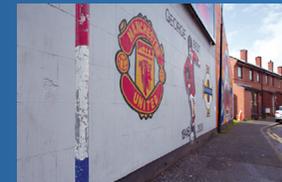
**Lauren Forsythe**  
Assistant Summer Team Leader

## Sharing the gospel in an inner-city context

South Belfast Friendship House is providing a beacon of light to an inner-city area of Belfast. Through a busy programme of after-school clubs, a friendship group, coffee mornings and mums and tots, the PCI centre is building relationships and sharing the gospel with the local Sandy Row community.

Rev William Harkness, who oversees Friendship House, says their work is not just about helping with social difficulties – it is also an important outreach for PCI.

“We meet people in an inner-city area who have no concept of church, and only loosely understand that God exists... we get a chance to share the gospel with them and reach them and show them what the Presbyterian Church in Ireland can do, and show them what Jesus can do in their lives.”



He says the funding Friendship House receives from the United Appeal is crucial in supporting this work.

“We really appreciate the money that is sent to keep the building functioning, and we really appreciate the prayer support. The fact that churches all around the country are interested in the work that we do, and want to be a part of this, is very, very encouraging, and helps us function from day to day.”



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Minister of Great Victoria Street Presbyterian Church and Project Leader – South Belfast Friendship House

► Short videos featuring South Belfast Friendship House and PCI Summer Teams are available to view at [www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal)