

# Update for the CCN International Gathering, May 2023









COMMUNITY OF THE  
CROSS OF NAILS  
AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL



International Cross  
of Nails Schools

# What is our role in Coventry?

-  To lead the network and find ways to bring people together
-  To work with and support CCN partner networks around the world
-  To encourage new joiners
-  To offer opportunities for the next generation of reconcilers
-  To share the story and inspire involvement
-  To help increase learning and skills, in partnership with others



# Leading the network, bringing people together, and working with the CCN partner regional networks



Cross of Nails applications and presentations



CCN International Board



Monthly Zoom litanies



# Encouraging new joiners: new partners 2019-2023



5 churches (Plauen, Demmin, Jena, Eisenach, Saarbruecken)



5 cathedrals, from 5 different countries! (Southwark, Brussels, Bergen, Victoria BC, Braunschweig)



3 retreat centres (Marygate House, Sorrento Centre, Ammerdown Centre)



2 memorials (Busmannkapelle Dresden, and St Mary's Warren)



2 chaplaincies (Guy's and St Thomas' London, Hull University Teaching Hospitals Chaplaincy)



1 youth ministry (Oehringen, Germany); 1 prayer group (Wageningen, Netherlands); 1 member organization (TSSF, UK); 1 student movement (SCM, UK); 1 training provider (RI, UK); 1 social enterprise (SPSD Pakistan)








11 ICON Schools (primary and high); 1 German School, 3 Roman Catholic Schools; 5 midlands primary schools; 1 high School in Bury, 2 local high schools





# Some observations and trends .....

-  Good variety of new partners joining – we remain on the whole a mostly urban network
-  Among the churches still quite strong leaning towards Anglican/Lutheran – more mixed among ICON schools with a growing number of community and Roman Catholic Schools joining
-  Away from ICONS, our demographic/audience is generally older - the SCM and the youth ministry in Oehringen being recent exceptions
-  The war is still a strong motivator to join, usually from Germany/the Netherlands, but the majority have different drivers
-  Covid-19 hit numbers of organisations applying – only in 2023 is it starting to build again to former numbers, although for ICONS the recovering began in 2021



# Sharing the story and inspiring involvement



Talks and visits, in Coventry and away

Pilgrimages, online and in-person



Online resources

## The Community of the Cross of Nails in 2023

Late in 2022, around the 75th anniversary of the first Cross of Nails presentation in 1947, we asked several CCN partners, from different parts of the world, to record a short video about what they do and their connection to the CCN. The story begins with that very first partner, the parish of St Nikolai in Kiel, Germany, and moves on to feature partners across a range of organisations which have joined the network in the succeeding decades: a theological seminary in Germany, a hospital chaplaincy in London, a retreat centre in rural Canada, an ICON school in Austria, and the social justice arm of the Church of South Africa.

With our very grateful thanks to all those partners who contributed these short films, and to the **Ecumenical Prize of the Catholic Academy of Bavaria** for enabling the film to be produced.





# To encourage the next generation



Youth gatherings



Volunteer intern programme



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of Nails Schools

Increasing work with  
seminaries



Staff & pupil training programmes  
 Lesson & worship resources  
 Online network meetings

## ICONS Ambassadors Programme

ICONS: **I** CAN Make a Difference

Includer

Bridge Builder

Interrupters

Repairer

Reconciler

Dignifier

Change Instigator

Forgiver

Listener



INTERNATIONAL CROSS  
 OF NAILS SCHOOLS

...and heal the wounds of history...celebrate difference and diversity...build a culture of peace.



# ICONS CHAMPIONS

Leading and establishing  
 Peacebuilding in your school

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

### 3 THEMES WHY ARE WE AN ICON SCHOOL?

Healing the Wounds of History?  
 Remembrance  
 Community conflicts  
 Moving from negative to positive peace  
 Mapping conflict- the art of peacebuilding



### LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY CURRICULUM



Analysing our prejudices  
 Allport Scale of Prejudice  
 Tajfel- in/out groups  
 Authenticity for all  
 Awareness days/weeks/months  
 Building partnerships

### DIALOGUE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Teaching empathy and forgiveness  
 Practicing Reconciliation  
 Curriculum opportunities  
 Teaching peace-building



### PUPIL VOICE NEXT?



School Ambassadors  
 SIP, Ofsted & SIAMS



Help share learning and skills, in partnership with others

**Journey of Hope:**  
Training up faith  
leaders to be skilled reconcilers  
in their communities.



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