

EXETER ICE

ICE stands for 'Initiative in Christian Education' and was established in 1989 to work in secondary schools and colleges in and around the city of Exeter. Primary schools have since been added to our daily schedule.

Part of our purpose is to be a reliable friend and positive role model in school and community'.

We are funded mainly by individuals and local churches, and are administered by a board of directors made up of parents, church leaders and educationalists.



"I cannot praise the team enough. The overall quality of all work has been of the highest standard. They have brought us an excellent range of assemblies that compliment our own PSHE programme. All teachers who have worked alongside the team teaching have been impressed with the quality of work undertaken. They are stars! And always so professional and excellent with the children."

Mrs Dunn - Headteacher
Exwick Heights Primary School

THE TEAM

Co-ordinators and Lead Workers

Salaried workers - who shape and develop the work.

Year Out Volunteers

One-year volunteers - who participate in many aspects of our activities.

Associate Workers

Volunteers - who help with our activities.



OUR ACTIVITIES

We work with crowds, clubs and clusters.

Crowds - assemblies and special events

Our assemblies are creative, interactive and thought provoking. We often fit in with each school's own themes and challenge many of the misconceptions that students may have about Christianity. In this way students and teachers are introduced to the ICE team and we become 'known faces' in school.

- we run occasional special events in and out of school
- we are involved with school residentials and activity days
- we help with the Devon Christian Youth Camps during the summer holidays

Clubs - lunch-time clubs, after-school clubs and lessons

These are where relationships are developed.

- we run ICE clubs, dance and drama clubs
- we support and lead Christian Unions
- we run debating groups, workshops, chillout venues and games
- we provide lesson support by helping teachers and taking lessons
- we take regular opportunities to creatively lead groups into considering the good news of Jesus and what it means to have a relationship with God

Clusters - detached youth work and pastoral care

- we provide detached workers to be available to meet and chat with students in the school grounds and out of the classroom. This allows healthy and appropriate relationships to develop beyond the crowd or club activities
- we provide a 1-to-1-appointment system in some schools where students can talk through any problems that may be troubling them in confidence

"It's no wonder that the ICE Project has become a model for similar schemes in other parts of the country. Its work in schools demonstrates a high level of commitment to educational integrity, pastoral sensitivity, sound thinking and creative methods. It has gained the respect of schools, churches and Exeter teenagers alike, for its enthusiasm, flair, and uncompromising recommendation of the Christian message in an intellectually honest and stimulating way."

John Allan — Associate Editor
YouthWork magazine



"Adults other than teachers, have an important role to play in schools. ICE workers placed in schools provide a real opportunity for students to work with young adults with a real commitment to the Christian faith. This exposure to commitment and belief allows the students to examine their own views during a crucial time in their development. The range of activities which we include ICE workers in allows maximum exposure and therefore a significant number of students, Christian or otherwise, will have contact with them... This experience is something which is much valued in our school and one that we would not otherwise be able to provide."

Steve Maddern - Headteacher
West Exe Technology College



"A reliable friend and positive role model' is exactly what is provided by ICE in this school. Their support aids pupils and staff, personally and professionally. Pupils benefit from clubs, lunchtime work, holiday trips and, individually, from having motivated and committed adults to consult with and to work with. At the other extreme, staff benefit from support of a very high quality in lessons and assemblies, together with the opportunity to discuss and develop our spiritual and moral input to the formal and informal curriculum. In total, ICE is such a large part of our school life that they would be sorely missed by us all if their work could not continue at its present level of involvement."

Felicia Hart - Former Headteacher
St James' Secondary School



"The ICE team members are extremely well integrated into the school and their in-class support is invaluable. Their presence around the school at breaks and lunchtimes is much appreciated and in recent times of crisis they have been a source of strength. Their lunchtime groups are very popular and well supported. The team's lively and thought provoking assemblies add variety, encourage participation and are very well received by both students and staff... There is no doubt that the ICE team's presence here will have a positive impact on the lives of many students and staff."

Mark Perry - Headteacher
St Peter's Secondary School

OUR PURPOSE

- to be a reliable friend and positive role model in school and community
- to offer Christian support to the local educational services in the mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and social development of young people
- to provide a communication link between school and church for Exeter young people
- in these ways, to demonstrate the love of Christ to school age young people

OUR VISION

- to encourage young people to develop a confident faith and live this out consistently
- to participate in a positive corporate youth strategy in the city and to work in partnership with similar projects

If you would like to be kept up to date and receive more information of the activities of ICE please send or email your details to the address below.

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