

## The past, the present and the future.....a word from NISCU Chief Officer, Deborah Smith

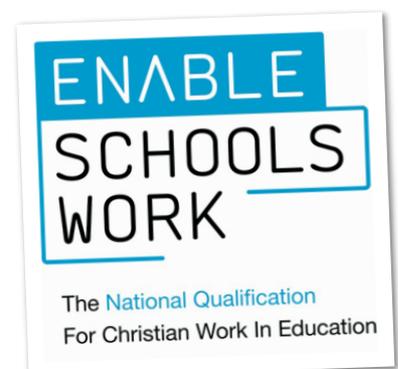
As I have looked back over the work of NISCU from its' beginnings in 1965 as North West Evangelical Trust (NWET) through to today I am amazed by how the work has changed as individuals were led by God. It began as a youth ministry in Carnforth, developing into schools work in the early 1980s. Earlier this year I read the following verse and it has stayed with me. The Holy Spirit ministering to me through it.

Psalm 78:6-7 "That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments."

As a result of those involved since its very beginnings and through to today children who weren't even born in 1965 have benefitted from the work of NWET and latterly NISCU. Lives have been changed as children and young people have heard about God's love for them. To me, its why we do what we do. The gospel has not changed. Children and young people, including those not yet born need to be introduced to their Saviour. He is the constant in the past, the present and the future. Praise God.

I'm also encouraged by how the work has developed over the last 50 years. Change is often difficult. But we must remember He is in charge. The ways NISCU's work has changed over the past 50 years is as a result of individuals following God's leading. It teaches us we should hold the work lightly but hold on to God tightly. Where will He lead NISCU Craven next? Our vision and desire is to partner closely with the local church. We are looking at how we can best serve the needs of children, schools and churches within our local area. If you would like to discuss this with us please get in touch. I would love to chat with you as would members of the area committee.

NISCU is seeking a way forward in the area around Settle and moving towards Ingleton, Bentham etc. There will be a move towards working in direct partnership with those already involved in ministering in schools. We are looking at ways to support, resource and equip volunteers in schools. NISCU has been accepted as a delivery centre for a national qualification in Christian schools work. It is open to all. If you are interested please get in touch. [admin@niscu.org.uk](mailto:admin@niscu.org.uk) or take a look at <http://www.enableschoolswork.co.uk>



### A Final Word

We want to thank you for your prayerful support and financial contributions to the work of NISCU over many years. Our hope is you will continue to support us as we seek God's wisdom regarding the way forward. We trust that we might continue to work together for the good of our young people.

With prayerful good wishes,  
The Craven area NISCU committee



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