

# Listen up!

Newsletter for the [niscu](http://www.niscu.org.uk)  Listening service

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A time to look forward with hope!

## Hello and welcome to our Winter Newsletter!

To be candid, we are entering a critical time in the life of the 1-2-1 Listening Service, as current funding for the service finishes in August. This has meant a significant proportion of my time this term has been spent researching and submitting funding applications and, as yet, without success. Seeing how effective and loved the service is in the schools in which it currently operates, it would be easy to allow panic and fear to set in, but we serve a God who is bigger than any obstacle we face and the Listening Service belongs to Him, the God who is “able to do immeasurably, abundantly more than we could ask or imagine.” (Eph 3:20)

## Autumn Update

- The service continues being a valued part of school life in West End Primary, N. Lancs and All Saints CE Primary, W. Cumbria.
- Since September, the service is up and running at a high school in N. Lancs, where we have 3 volunteers going in weekly - and the Head of Wellbeing said we provide a better service than some of the paid-for services!
- The service has been up and running in St Martin's and St Mary's, S. Lakes, since October, where we now have 2 listeners going in weekly
- The Service is 'going live' at The Lakes School, S. Lakes, this January, with 4 volunteers getting involved there.
- Many enquiries have been made regarding funding, 4 funding bids have been submitted, 2 of which have been rejected, so far.



## Other Events and News...



# Listening-Training

## Session 1: Listening Effectively

This session imparts the knowledge and skills to be an effective listener.

This course requires no previous experience, but can lead to an applied listening course for listening in schools.

Booking before the event is essential as there are only a limited number of spaces. Book by email to [jane.callow@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jane.callow@niscu.org.uk).

Where: Low Hesket Village Hall, Southwaite Road, Low Hesket, Carlisle CA4 0ES  
When: Saturday 27th January 2024  
Timing: Timing: Registration and coffee from 9:30am Course from 10am - 2:30pm  
Cost: £10 per person

Bring a Packed Lunch!!

Come and be equipped to listen for life!

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[www.niscu.org.uk](http://www.niscu.org.uk)

N.B. If less than 10 people, the course will not run, so get booked on now!

Listening People From [AtaLoss.org](http://AtaLoss.org)

I feel like I learned a lot about listening and a different way of helping people on their journeys

Thank you so much for sharing these great tools and your passion

Comments from previous courses ...



# Listening-Training

## Session 2: Applied Listening in a schools' context

This session builds on your understanding of listening, and will equip you to listen in any context, but particularly in schools setting.

This course requires a basic understanding of effective listening.

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Where: Low Hesket Village Hall, Southwaite Road, Low Hesket, Carlisle CA4 0ES  
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Brilliant training - thank you so much for helping us ... such an important subject for our communities

## Save the Dates ...

- Listening Training at Holy Trinity, Main Rd, Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth LA5 8DU.  
Day 1 Saturday 23rd March; Day 2 TBC at time of going to print.
- NISCU Volunteer Team Day - Saturday 27th April - arrivals from 9:30am - more details to follow.
- NISCU's Week of Vision and Prayer 5th - 12th May

To follow all our news, and for up to date information about volunteer events and training visit [www.niscu.org.uk/121listening](http://www.niscu.org.uk/121listening)





# Prayer Points

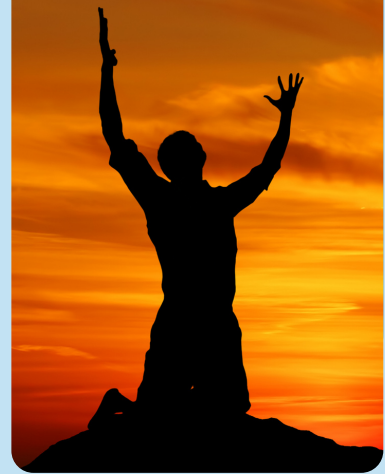
Please thank God for:

- The successful re-launch of the 1-2-1 Listening Service at The Bay Leadership Academy and the volunteers who are listening in that school
- The 1-2-1 Listening Service now operating in St Martin's and St Mary's School Windermere and the volunteers making this possible.
- The launch of the 1-2-1 Listening Service in The Lakes School, Windermere and the volunteers making this possible.
- The continuing positive feedback from schools and their pupils.
- The 1-2-1 Listening Service Support Group - I continue to value the people who make up this group and the way they support me in prayer and developing strategy.

Please pray for:

- Funding! Funding!! Funding!!! New funding opportunities for the Listening Service to continue beyond September 2024.
- For me to write heartfelt, concise funding applications which grab the attention of funders.
- People to come to the training at Low Hesketh in January and March.
- More volunteers to see the need in their area and train as listeners.

... because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need  
(Luke 11:8)



## Get involved - The 1-2-1 Listening Needs You!

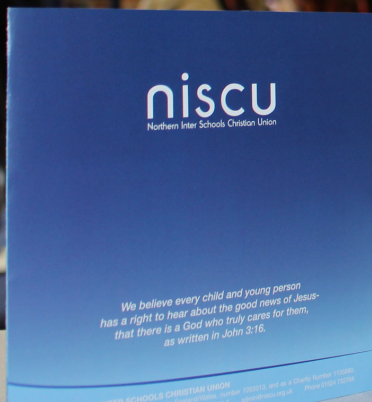


You can get involved by:

1. Becoming a prayer partner and praying for the on-going roll out of the Listening Service.  
(sign up for our newsletter and prayer requests by emailing [jane.callow@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jane.callow@niscu.org.uk) with 'sign me up' as the subject to the email).
2. Get trained as an 'effective listener' and volunteer as a listener to meet the need in a school near you.
3. Promote the 1-2-1 Listening Service in your church and get people to sign up to receive future newsletters about the listening needs across our NISCU areas.

4. By giving financially to the work, either online via the website (Please designate any donations 'Listening Service') or by cheque (payable to NISCU) posted to Jane Callow, 1-2-1 Listening Service, NISCU, 57, Lancaster Road, Carnforth LA5 9LE.

Thank you from all the listening team.



For more information or to join in any of the above, please contact me, either by  
email to [jane.callow@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jane.callow@niscu.org.uk) or  
give me a call or a text on 07718768548.

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