

Outline of Activity

NISCU has been operating in schools around Cumbria, North Lancashire and Craven for around 50 years, now employing a staff team of 20 across all of our areas.

The team in South Lakes currently comprises three part-time permanent members of staff, on hours varying from 4 - 20 hpw. There are also other volunteers and co-workers, often from local churches with whom we work in schools. The work is across both Primary and Secondary schools, mainly Kendal and surrounding areas, up to Windermere and surrounding area as far as Langdales and Hawkshead in the north, down to Milnthorpe, Burton and Arnside in the south, and across to Kirby Lonsdale, Sedbergh and Dent.

The team seeks to work closely with local churches, their leadership and children and youth teams, to maximise outreach to, and support for, children and young people. We seek to build a relationship of trust with schools, mobilising churches by equipping and resourcing volunteers in schools. The current vacancy is to assist the current schools' workers, working in Primary and Secondary schools across the area. The exact details of this will be agreed with the new worker.

Key skills are communication and relationship building, with young people but also with school heads, teaching and other staff, church and youth leaders, volunteers and outside organisations.

The NISCU Schools Worker role is varied and may include running clubs/CUs, assemblies for year groups or whole school; RE and other lessons according to the curriculum requirements of the schools, transition work with Year 6/7, and other work according to staff skills available.

We do not proselytise in schools but offer opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith, supporting those who wish to grow in their faith. We work with churches to offer further opportunities to explore the faith outside of the school environment. Therefore, we are available to speak at churches, prayer meetings, youth groups and inter church youth events.

The team are backed by and held accountable to the Area Support Group, which is a team of local church representatives who support the schools' workers and work with them to set priorities and a strategy for the area, and to encourage prayer support.

