DANIEL ENGLAND
MINISTRIES

Constitution

Daniel England Ministries (DEM) is a Christian charity that offers young people a glimpse of what having a personal relationship with Jesus can be like; and is founded on the fundamental Christians values of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

It is a well-documented statistic, that young people's attendance in traditional church settings continues to decline. DEM aims to give young people the opportunity to hear the gospel message, and learn about the Christian faith by visiting primary schools to deliver collective worship assemblies. These assemblies are called the 'Mini Mix' which are an alternative style of collective worship designed to engage primary school children. This is achieved by using electronic visual aids, original modern songs and Bible stories chosen to give a clear message in a fun and memorable way. The 'Mini Mix' has the same structure each time, as from experience Daniel has found that young people respond well to this. Each school is visited regularly (currently on a half-termly basis) to enable young people to develop an understanding of the Christian faith by building on their knowledge gained at each visit. Previously, Daniel carried out this work on behalf of Vine Youth Ministry (Registered Charity 1131007) for over 15 years.

DEM currently serves 32 schools in Somerset and Dorset, and is involved in several youth groups and messy church communities. Although the ministry's main focus is to engage young people, Daniel will also support local community groups and church fellowships when time allows.

To enable supporters to keep in touch with the ministry's progress, a half termly newsletter will be produced during the academic year and made available on the website. This newsletter will also be sent out electronically and in printed form where requested. Daniel may also arrange to visit local groups to provide face-to-face updates subject to availability.

Funding

Regular donations are received from churches (typically between £60-£300 per month) or from individual sponsors (typically between £5-£100 pounds per month). Funds may also be received yearly or on an ad-hoc basis from donors or other organisations. Funds may also be received from fund-raising events and from other donation platforms. These funds are managed in a dedicated 'Daniel England Ministries' account and are used to renumerate Daniel in line with DEM Salary Benchmarking Report (dated August 2024) and to cover any expenses incurred in the day to day running of the ministry. These accounts will be independently audited at the end of each financial year and posted on our website.

Accountability

Daniel has significant experience in School Governance, including three four-year terms as Chair of Governors at two local primary schools, and has also served as Governor responsible for Safeguarding. He has a sound knowledge of school policy and procedures, and has regularly been involved in OFSTED and SIAMS inspections.

Daniel meets regularly with the headteachers of the schools he visits who provide feedback. Daniel has extensive references from headteachers and young people which are available on request. Daniel also meets regularly with clergy from local churches who provide additional support and guidance as required.

Daniel has current DBS certificates and receives yearly safeguarding refresher training.