

## WEBINAR LEARNINGS

# Creativity in a time of change



## WHERE ARE YOU SEEING GOD AT WORK?

### WHAT GOOD IDEAS HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD OF?

- Bigger awareness of God; both negative & positive
- Some people who haven't gone to church are watching the church service and prayer meetings (seen on a friend's timeline)
- Walls/barriers are broken down
- Google searching for prayer
- Desire is coming forth
- Growing awareness of God at work in peoples hearts causing them to reflect on what life really means



## NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Sets of neighbours getting to know each other (WhatsApp & FB groups)
- Volunteering to do things/ Shopping for people
- Pulling together of community groups like never before and apartnering with churches
- Food distribution: hot food and food parcels
- Helping community with gas and electric
- Birthdays- a child couldn't have a birthday party and the school arranged for all the kids to make pictures and put them in their windows. The mum is going to take the child for a walk so that the child can see all the posters.
- Teenagers have done a drive by parade to mark birthdays for friends.
- People on their doorsteps having a Sunday night dance party
- In Spain - people on the roof leading a fitness session
- The internet being used for good - e.g. Zoom, RTE School
- A guitarist playing Sweet Caroline while neighbours join in on their doorstep. What if a guitarist was playing an old hymn or a Christian song?
- Cancer Fund for Children Choir - meeting via Zoom for social activities and singing
- Someone putting together kids activities: one project for each week, giving out all the material or taking photos and sharing them on whatsapp
- Rotating Library - leaving books on doors
- Rainbow tree
- Video games online as an online forum for conversation
- Services online 100 meals a week for medical staff from a Café that had been closed.
- Virtual Monday night dinner.



## CHURCH

- Prayer WhatsApp Groups
- Others are taking the initiative in leading home groups sending daily thoughts and prayers
- Pastoral visitors phoning round groups to check in each week
- Church leaders ringing round groups of people and taking responsibility
- Prayer resources online with prayer requests forms
- Exploring the possibility of enabling people to hear a sermon by phoning a telephone number
- People volunteering for elderly etc
- It's good that people in church are feeling the need to connect.
- Zoom Bible studies where geographical distance isn't a n issue anymore.
- Use of technology (how much more we are embracing these things like zoom) providing new ways to connect. Church is changing forever (e.g. zoom calls for Sunday services & youth group)
- Video made by different members of the church
- People in churches are missing the connection – it's good for the future that they're missing it.



## IDEAS

- Working together to do things well – e.g. Using Zoom for wider gatherings, kids parties etc. Different groups could attend and then have their own breakout groups. Seeing everyone worshipping together.
- One of our ideas was to do a toilet roll drop, with scripture written on the package or the roll itself!!!
- One idea was using zoom for a 24 hour chat room for church. Zoom is kept open for 24 hours and people can come and go. With prayer resources, music perhaps!
- Using a neighbourhood WhatsApp group to start a weekly/monthly community dinner – getting everyone together round the table afterwards.
- Inviting people in the local area to make YouTube videos of their stories to share
- Making a simplified tablet available to older people with a manual to follow.
- Start an apostolic training school
- Household challenges that pass from house to house.
- Gifting
- Sending pandemic packages - gifts sent in the post
- Feast - Street party but with social distancing
- Play instruments along the street together
- Challenge – set the next household to do it; everyone is united
- Acquiring and providing devices for those who don't have them
- A pop up prayer place when this is all over