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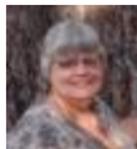
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Church Weekends, Training & Consultancy

At Powerpack we want to see children who are 'chasing God' and 'shaking nations' and we seek to encourage this by leading events for children, training children's leaders, parents and churches and producing a wide range of resources.

Meet the team

The Powerpack core team consists of Heather Thompson, Chris Jackson, Nick Jackson and Emma Brackley. Others volunteer to join the team for national and regional events. Those involved in any specific event depend on location, availability and areas of expertise needed.



Heather Thompson

Heather has been involved in children's ministry since she was too old to be a child in the Sunday school! Leading children's groups early in her teenage years, God called her to full time children's work when she was 15 years old. After teaching for 5 years in both Primary and Secondary schools she left that job to fulfill her calling.

Heather travels extensively both in the UK and overseas in countries such as the US, Argentina, South Africa, Thailand and numerous European countries. She leads training sessions for children's leaders, parents and churches, speaks at conferences and churches, writes resources, as well as leading kids groups at Faith Camp and River Camp.

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Chris Jackson

Chris has been working with Powerpack for almost 30 years, writing and producing large numbers of songs, music and teaching resources along the way. As well as working full-time for Powerpack, Chris has recorded two albums and leads worship in her own church.

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Nick Jackson

Nick is part of the leadership team with Powerpack Ministries. He lives in Oxford with his wife, Kath and three children Josie, Ella & Vedis. Nick was previously a deputy headteacher in a primary school and taught for 15 years. He is the Children's and Families leader at Headington Baptist Church, Oxford. Nick leads kids teams at Spring Harvest, Faith Camp and RIVER Camp celebrations. He is a core team member of Children Changing Nations. Locally he runs an after-school club, leads community events, works in schools, and fresh expressions of church in the community.

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Emma Brackley

Emma is a dietician and in her spare time works for Powerpack. She lives in Guildford and works as a children's leader in her local church. Emma often choreographs the actions and movements to songs and runs lots of the activities at events, as well as managing the venue.

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Church Weekends

The Powerpack team has led lots of church weekends, mainly for the 4-11 year old age range. This can be for as few as 10 children or as many as 100. We like to shape a programme that matches the adults/youth theme so families can share similar teaching at the right level for them.

A typical weekend involves 4 to 5 sessions of about 2 hours in length and can involve an all-age section or some workshops for all-ages. We are able to offer a games/fun session on one afternoon if required. Sometimes we are able to bring a team to run a crèche (6 months to 4) which would include activities to facilitate encounters with God, alongside songs, stories and loads of free-play fun!

Our teams are all experienced children's workers, with all the necessary paperwork, current DBS, First Aid and safeguarding training.

Typical Timetable

Friday – games and get to know you session. 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday am – 2 sessions (9.30-12.30)

Saturday afternoon – optional games/workshops

Saturday pm – 1 evening session 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Sunday am – 2 sessions (9.30-12.30)

An all-age session is possible too.

*“Thank you so much to you and the team for giving yourselves to our children at WHBC. Thank you for training ‘today’s church , leaders of their generation!’ ”
Pastor Alan, WHBC, Salford Manchester*

“We try to shape programmes around God encounters, worship and ministry, whilst packing in lots of fun, games, puppets and drama. For church weekends we love to make it the best experience we can for the children. We aim to plan the teaching in line with whatever the adult speaker/sessions are on so that families can connect during afternoons and evenings.”

Nick Jackson



What will this cost?



Let's take Nick for example...

Nick is a full-time children's worker and a weekend booking takes the three-days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) plus at least two days of planning, co-ordinating team members and managing equipment before and after the weekend. Most churches give between £300 to £750 for this as an honourarium. In addition to this there is usually some travel costs and depending on the venue, accommodation costs. For most church weekends Nick's team will arrive in two vehicles from two different parts of England, one of which is Oxford therefore travel costs can be between £70 and £300 depending on the journey. A similar scenario exists for Heather, Chris & Emma, who live in the Guildford area.

Travelling Expenses

We would expect travelling expenses to be covered. Our office is in Aldershot, Hampshire and while Heather, Chris and Emma live nearby, Nick lives in Oxford, so it depends on who is involved as to where the start point is. Sometimes it is necessary to bring two cars depending on who is involved and how much equipment we need to bring.

"Thanks so much to both of you for all your hard work! We have loved having you both here in Jersey. The feedback has been so positive and the team really loved it also."

Sophie, St Paul's Jersey

Thinking you can't afford it?

We never want costs to be prohibitive so please contact us to talk about it.

2 Costing examples

Church Weekend In Bristol

34 children 5 leaders

Nick's honorarium and team gifts £600

Travel 2 cars (Oxford & Winchester) £150

TOTAL £750 (approx. £16 per child)

Extra costs include covering accommodation & meals in Conference centre.

Church Weekend In Edinburgh

75 children 4 leaders (plus 4 church members for each session)

Nick's honorarium and team gifts £500

Travel 2 cars (Oxford & Durham) £200

TOTAL £750 (approx. £10 per child)

Extra costs include covering accommodation & meals in people's homes