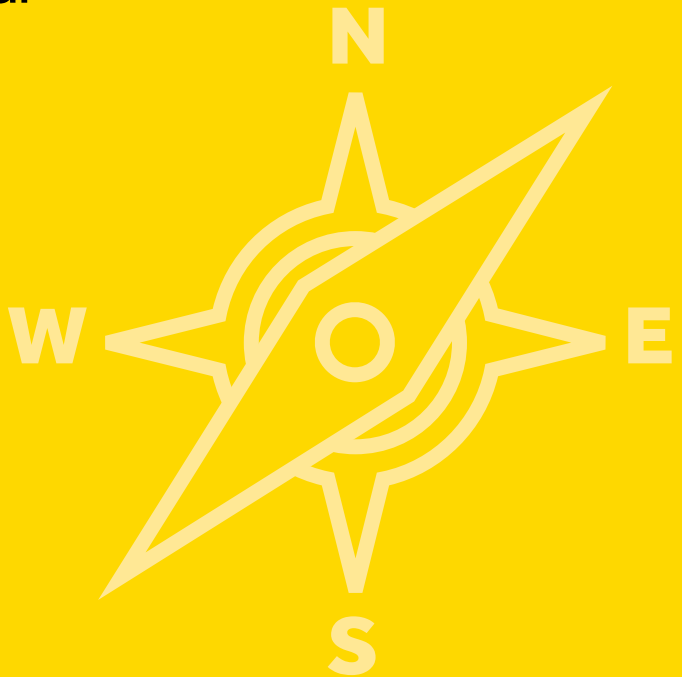




# Annual Report 2015-2016

WEC UK's review  
of the year



# About us

**WEC UK exists to take the good news to the peoples and nations who have yet to hear it: the good news that Christ came to bring forgiveness of sins and peace with God, and to displace hatred with love.**

## Our mission

To work together with the UK church to mobilise, train, send out and support workers who will see churches established and flourishing amongst the remaining unevangelised peoples of the world.

## Our vision

Crossing cultures to make disciples

Starting churches where there are few

Sharing the vision of the whole church, to the whole world

Praying to see Jesus known, loved and worshipped

## Our values

Being devoted to Christ

Relying on him

Denying ourselves to follow him

Serving together in love

## Our strategy

Engage in the task of sharing the gospel

Disciple as many as possible so they become whole-hearted followers of Christ

Mobilise people in the UK to have a global worldview

Recruit new members for both the UK and overseas

To support our workers so they are growing in life and ministry effectiveness

Expand prayer networks for ministry both in the UK and overseas



## Director's report

**"I love change!" said nobody in particular. But when we add "I love Jesus"—I love his call on my life, I love his name, I love to see him glorified in the nations – then change becomes a price worth paying. I am privileged to lead a fellowship of people who believe that.**

WEC UK is changing not just because the world is becoming more culturally jumbled or because Christians are becoming just one minority among many. WEC is rebuilding itself because we have a call to new effectiveness.

We are decentralising and establishing clusters of people in key areas, especially our cities. From here, working with others, we can reach the nations on our doorstep and model a discipleship that follows Christ wherever he leads.

One early step has been to move our headquarters from a mansion in leafy South Bucks to an office in a multicultural community in the city of Coventry. Over the last few months, walking around our new home, I've seen huge potential both for reaching other cultures and for equipping the church to do likewise. This potential extends far beyond Coventry, and we will be just one example of what WEC is wanting to do around the UK.

We know we can't do this alone. But that's a strength, not a weakness. Mission requires the whole body of Christ.

**John Bagg**  
WEC UK Director

## **"While I might not know Farsi, or much about Islam, I can still be a friend"**

In April 2012, three Iranian men came to our church. They had very little English and knew next to nothing about Christianity. I invited them to my home to study the Bible. From this small beginning, more than 100 Farsi speakers (Iranians, Afghans and Kurds) now meet at our church. Since 2012, the majority of them have professed faith in Christ and 89 have been baptised. All these men and women have come from a muslim background. Before this, I had never been involved in outreach to Muslims, but I was encouraged by a course called Friendship First. I have discovered that while I might not know Farsi, or much about Islam, I can still be a friend.

I am also helping my local church to develop its cross-cultural missions work. As a church, we want to be ethnically representative of our city, to equip the new believers to reach others back in their countries of origin, and to engage with other ethnic groups.

**Paul**

## **"God has taught me loads at Warrior camp"**

God has taught me loads at Warrior camp. He has taught me to love and respect others for who they are and try my best in everything I do. I've learned more about the Bible, too. I love the tent inspection. I also enjoy the wide games because we have loads of fun and learn how to work in a team. The evening meetings are very passionate. It's great hearing missionaries speak about how God sent them to help poor people living in deprived areas.

**Rebecca**

As a father, I'm reminded of Ephesians 6:4, which urges us to bring our children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. I have the greatest gratitude and admiration for the WEC camps and all who help with them. In a week they reinforce what we try and achieve in a whole year. Roll on the summer. The kids are already asking when and where!

**Christian**

## **"Two overseas workers gave us an experience of life in a Senegalese village"**

Mission&Me helps anyone exploring a calling to mission to investigate this calling further and reflect on the options available to them. We offer several weekends during the year, at venues all over the UK. Each weekend includes discussions, prayer and conversations with experienced missionaries, along with a 'cultural evening' which is always popular. At a Mission&Me in April, two overseas workers gave us an experience of life in a Senegalese village, including dressing in African clothes and eating by torch light, from a shared bowl, sitting on the floor! They also shared their testimony of the joys and challenges of living closely with a local family, which was very moving. I've loved helping people take a vital step towards involvement in mission. Many participants comment how helpful it is to talk to people with cross-cultural mission experience. And a good number of WEC's overseas workers began their journey into mission with Mission&Me.

**Heather**

## **"My role has been to write and edit the copy on the website"**

For the last two years, I've been a WEC associate, working with the Media and Communications team. Since I joined the team, our biggest project has been to reimagine WEC UK's website. We commissioned an external company to design and build the site. They listened very carefully to what we had to say and produced a terrific site which really showcases who we are and what matters to us as a movement. My role has been to write and edit the copy on the website and to work with the designers on a strategy for social media.

I'm excited because this is about so much more than the website in itself. It's about engaging a wider audience and ultimately getting more people involved in mission through WEC. Since the site was launched in September, we've had 123 enquiries of whom 38 were based in the UK. It's so encouraging to see that kind of response!

**Simeon**

## **"Team-focused training takes the form of regular workshops"**

I get excited about helping our workers to grow and thrive. An important aspect of this is to help individuals to develop in their teamwork skills. Team-focused training takes the form of several regular workshops. For example, we offer a week-long Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS) workshop annually. Its title says exactly what it does! SYIS has proved so valuable to our members that the WEC UK Leadership Team will actively encourage all UK members to complete the course within the next four years!

Good self-awareness is foundational to developing healthy relationships and this is built upon by also having a good understanding of others. This is why we use workshops like the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and Belbin team roles within our teams and the Candidate Orientation programme. I'm so glad to see our workers understanding themselves and others better, because of tools like these.

**Carolyn**

## **"I'm glad this habit of meeting to pray for WEC continues to be part of my life"**

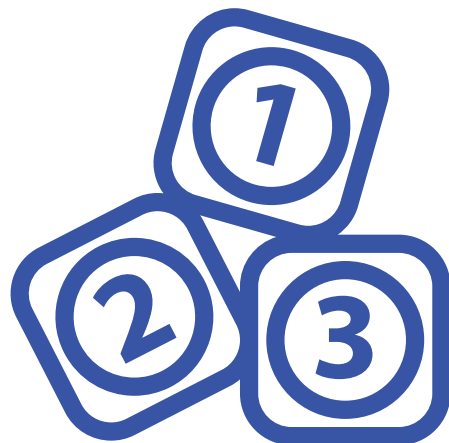
Throughout our years in WEC ministry in Senegal and Northern Ireland, my husband and I were supported in prayer by WEC prayer groups all over the UK. For us, being part of a WEC prayer group is an opportunity to both pray regularly for others within WEC and to share life with those who still pray faithfully for our family.

Around 15 of us meet monthly in our local prayer group. The format is simple: a visiting missionary may focus our attention on a country or ministry and bring specific prayer requests, or we may gain prayer points from WEC's publications. Then we pray, asking for God's will to be done in the earthly situations we're praying for. At the end of the evening, we stay together for supper and chat. Bonds formed through praying together are strong and precious. I'm glad this habit of meeting together to pray for WEC continues to be part of my life. Some habits are really worth keeping!

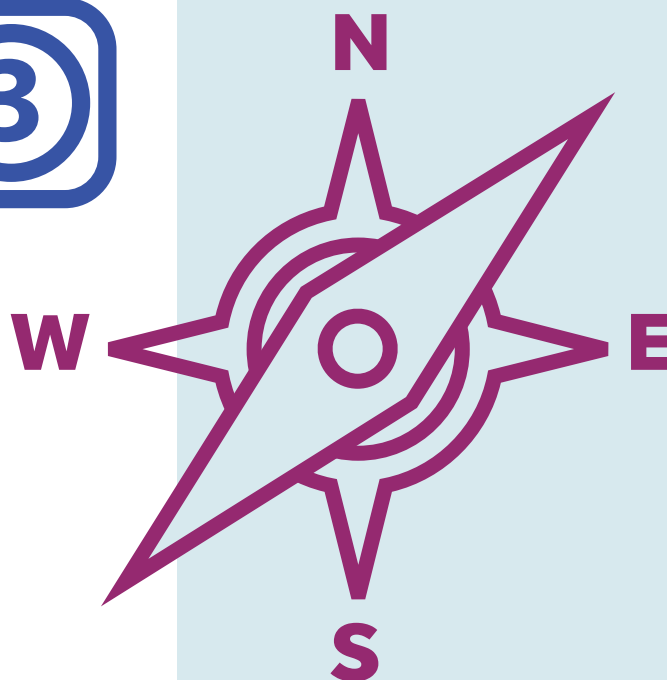
**Ruth**

## Who we helped in the UK at a glance

A mums and toddlers group is a cornerstone of a WEC project in Birmingham, providing support and friendship to young mothers, especially those from immigrant communities. These friendships help foster a sense of belonging in young women, encourage dialogue and integration between immigrants and other members of the community, and offer opportunities to share the good news.



**A WEC worker in the West Midlands is running taekwondo classes for members of his local community. The classes, combining martial art skills with aerobics and core strength conditioning, are proving very popular. Clear biblical values underpin the training, but around twenty students of diverse faith backgrounds attend regularly.**



**347 children and young people attended WEC's camps in Norfolk, in Summer 2015. The campers benefited from a combination of fun, energetic activities, clear, challenging Bible teaching and inspiration to get involved in global mission. 13 young people became Christians during the camps.**

WEC staff and volunteers have taught English to asylum seekers and members of unreached ethnic groups in Leicester, Walsall, Wakefield, and Bristol. These classes make it much easier for the students to find work and integrate into their local communities. They also present opportunities for friendships to develop and for the gospel to be shared in a relational way.



## Our year in numbers

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the number of

**BAPTISMS**

**AMONG  
REFUGEES  
& ASYLUM  
SEEKERS**

**FROM PROJECTS  
WEC WORKERS  
SUPPORT  
IN THE UK**

**in 2015**

**THE NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE WHO  
TOOK THEIR  
FIRST STEP  
IN MISSION BY  
GOING ON A  
WEC TREK IN 2015**

# 24

**TWENTY  
NINE**

the number of Geared  
for Growth bible study  
groups started in 2015

# 48

the number of people  
who attended a Mission  
& Me course in 2015

**THE NUMBER OF**  
children  
& youth  
reached by attending  
a WEC Camp

**in 2015**

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the number  
of Facebook  
followers of  
*Operation  
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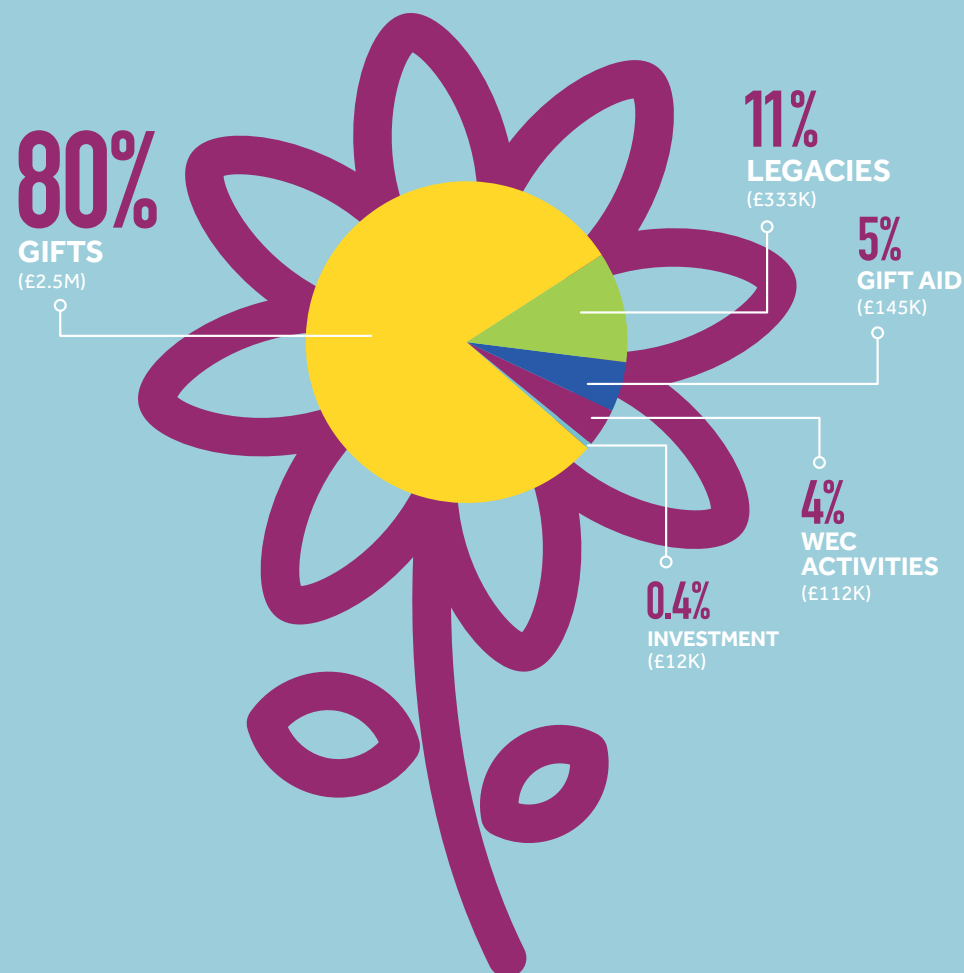
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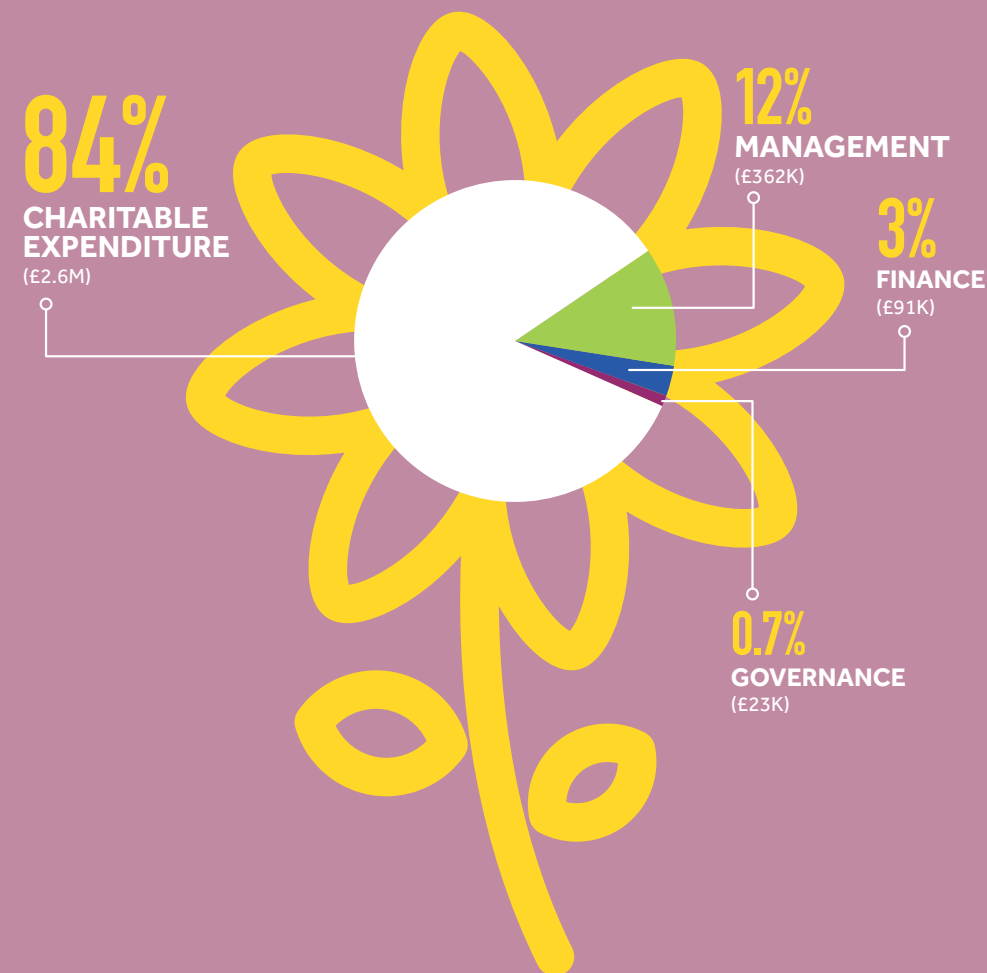
## The accounts at a glance

We are very grateful to God and to you for your support in 2015-6. Funding was provided through donations, legacies and investments. Our income was a total of £3,071,000. We spent £3,046,000 on all of our activities.

### Where our money came from



### How your money was spent



This is an extract from the full set of financial statements of WEC International UK comprising of the Trustees' Report and Accounts which were approved in November 2016. The summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of WEC UK. For further information the Annual Report and Accounts should be consulted – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>.

**As with WEC UK as a whole, our Scottish workers have a vision to reach unreached people with the good news.**



**“Spending time with the kids was a real highlight, and the Brazilian people are so friendly”**

My short-term mission was to work at a children's centre in one of the slums of Belo Horizonte. I'd felt God wanted me to go to Brazil one day, ever since a missionary came to my home church to speak about Latin America, when I was just a little girl. In my second year at uni, the same missionary came to my church! I decided now was the time to pursue the calling God had given me.

I spent a month at the centre, helping out in classes and playing with the children. Spending time with the kids was a real highlight, and the Brazilian people are so friendly and welcoming. It was challenging travelling to a new continent on my own, especially since I didn't speak the language, but I believed God would be with me and he definitely was! The whole experience is something I'll never forget.

**Hannah**

Thank you!

We are grateful to God for his provision over the year and for the privilege we have in serving in him.

Thank you to everyone who has participated with us this year and supported the work we are doing. We are so grateful for the way you have partnered with us, whether you have given a financial gift, been faithfully praying for us, volunteered with us or otherwise supported our work.

Your generosity enables WEC UK to continue to faithfully share the gospel and to reach more and more unreached people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for joining us on this mission.





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