

# Funding a ReSource Event



Our first priority at ReSource is to serve the church. We love to do it, and we welcome every invitation that comes our way. We work across the country, mostly with *little, local and ordinary* churches, and generally by travelling to churches rather than by running national or regional events. Our distinctive ministry is *to enable churches to engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission*, and to support church leaders who long to see this deeper reality in the churches they serve, of whatever tradition.

If we could offer our ministry entirely free of charge we would! The last thing we want is to put already stretched church budgets under further strain, or have people decline our ministry simply on the grounds of cost. If you find yourself in this situation, please talk to us, and we will work something out. Indeed, because we have a particular calling to *little, local and ordinary* churches we offer our ministry on an 'expenses and donation' basis, not for a fixed fee, so that finance doesn't become an obstacle to our working with you.

Where possible we ask churches to cover our expenses. In most cases this is simply to cover the travel costs of the staff member or associate who is facilitating the event, though on occasions there may be accommodation costs or expenses for materials used in the presentations. The likely scale of expenses will be discussed with the event organiser in advance of making a booking. Needless to say we work hard to keep expenses as low as possible. If accommodation is needed and can be provided locally for us at no cost we will gladly accept.

Where possible we ask churches to make a donation in addition to covering our expenses. The donation goes towards the costs of staff time and the central costs of keeping the charity on the road, including the expense of maintaining and growing a large team of ministry associates. ReSource is an independent *Charitable Incorporated Organisation*, and as such receives no income from the national denominations. It depends upon the generosity of trust funds, regular givers through standing orders, and one off donations, including those from churches we serve.

We are often asked what might be a reasonable donation for our work, and it is the most difficult question to answer, without making it look like this is the sum we are asking for! In the most general terms we would ask you to be as generous as you can, and to give in a way that blesses the charity, its staff and associates and helps to sustain an expanding work. If figures help, the basic one in 2019 is that after accounting for anticipated income from trust funds and standing orders we need a further £100,000 of income to cover our budgeted commitments for the year. Every small amount helps us to edge towards this rather forbidding target!

The ReSource Office will invoice event organisers for expenses and will explain how donations can be paid. We will also make standing order forms available at all our events for those individuals who would like to become regular givers, and we have a partnership programme for churches which can have (but needn't have) a regular donation element to it. You will find more information about this on our website, where Legacy forms are also available, and where one-off donations can be made through *BT mydonate*. We will also discuss with event organisers whether they are happy for a freewill offering to be made towards our ministry.

If you would like to discuss any of this please just be in touch with us on 01952 371300.