

Book Review

Local church, local school by Margaret Withers, Barnabas, 2010
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Who is the book for?

Church leaders, children's leaders, governors, school staff, Christian parents.

What is the aim of the book?

To encourage churches to get involved with their local school (not just church schools) in a wide variety of ways.

What does the book provide?

Practical ideas for

- forming a relationship with the local school
- contributing clubs to the extended schools programme
- developing a school eucharist
- inviting schools to visit the church for a range of curriculum areas
- contributing to RE
- voluntary help
- chaplaincy support
- leading collective worship

and much more.

All of this is underpinned with well-written information about the spiritual dimension of education, Christian vocation to serve schools, the legislative framework and the historical development of schools from Christian roots. The full index makes it easy to find specific ideas and information – but you are likely to find yourself reading the whole book cover-to-cover because it is so good.

Find out more at: <http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/> 9781841015866

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