

A Christmas Present **for CO1**

I'm sure all of you have walked past Holy Trinity Church and I'm sure some of you have wandered inside. It has been 12 months since Youth Culture Limited signed the lease to turn this wonderful building into the CO1 café. In that time we have cleaned, and built, and trained, and served, and produced something quite wonderful.

We have hosted a huge amount of events including markets, DJ's, bands and madrigals. We are fulfilling our youth objectives through our work with GO4 and job centre + by training and mentoring NEETS (Not in Education Employment or Training) and are starting to develop a youth events programme including the youth art exhibition in February. We have become a heritage attraction and a community resource and once again Holy Trinity is being used as a church on a Sunday.

To get here Colchester Churches and individuals have been incredibly generous with both money and time. The £40,000 build cost has been funded by these donations and a £15,000 business loan. Our long-term objective is to be self sufficient, funded through the proceeds of the café, which is growing month on month.

We're nearly there, but not quite yet.

- The bank loan, although necessary, makes us unattractive to potential grant giving organisations.
- The café is nearly covering the running costs of the building but we have no reserves for unforeseen expenditure.
- The CO1 venue still needs a minimum of a further £40,000 of investment. This will allow us to provide facilities for young people and to repair and develop the building.
- We have 4 regular donors who give in total £100 an month.
- How can you help?



Simon Taylor
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Give a Christmas Present to CO1

100 people giving £10 a month will help us repay the bank loan in 1 year.

200 people giving £10 a month will give us financial security so we can build for the future.

400 people giving £10 a month will allow us to complete the redevelopment of Holy Trinity Church.

If you would like to give us a Christmas present please fill in a gift aid form and standing order and send it back to us. Every penny of every donation makes a difference.

A Corporate Christmas Present

Do you own a business?

Would you like your name linked with a fantastic community project?

You have the opportunity to sponsor the redevelopment and help young people in Colchester meet their true potential.

Why not sponsor the CO1 Youth Art Exhibition?

Contact us now - simon@co1.org.uk

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