

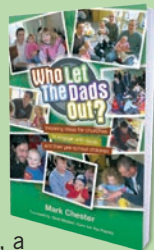
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How to find out more...

Details on how to start a Who Let The Dads Out? group can be found in the book *Who Let The Dads Out?* by Mark Chester and on the website www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk.

This includes details on how to register a group, a register of all existing groups, details of upcoming Who Let The Dads Out? events, a sign-up for our quarterly newsletter and lots of other stuff.



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As a core ministry of BRF, a registered charity, Who Let The Dads Out? is funded entirely from grants and donations.

It needs your help! You can make a donation online at www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk/support/

For more information about how you and your church can support this growing ministry, contact sophie.aldred@brf.org.uk

Contact us

The team is always pleased to respond to queries, so if you have any questions about Who Let The Dads Out?, then don't hesitate to email Tony Sharp, the National Coordinator, at tony.sharp@brf.org.uk or call us on 01865 319700.

Who Let The Dads Out? is a growing movement within the UK church and beyond, with a vision to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers (Malachi 4:6), to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17).

Who Let The Dads Out? groups are a catalyst for enabling effective missional outreach to fathers, father figures and their children within the community.

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What people have been saying...

'Who Let The Dads Out? is a "catalyst outreach", not just a one-off gimmick or methodology... builds relationships with fathers and their children and offers support, both practical and spiritual. What a valuable resource to the Church in a time when men in our communities have little or no understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.'

Revd Chris Duffett, father of three and president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain

'The highlight is that they come back every week. It's real life.'

'It's a great model and a great thing to do. I'd think seriously about how you want it to work, how you want it to be a discipleship tool. If you can see logical steps to setting up a Who Let The Dads Out? as part of your church community, then go for it.'

'It's an excellent service to the community. It gives dads a chance to spend quality time with their children and socialise with other dads.'

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WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Turning the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers



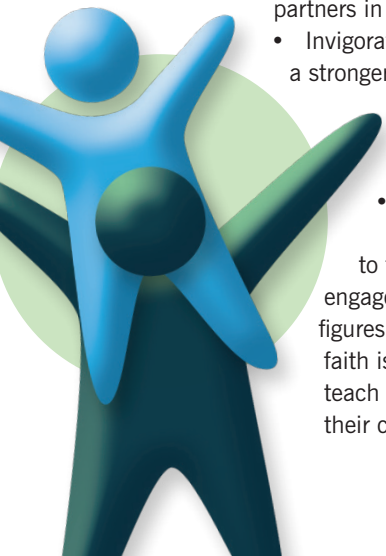
WHO LET THE DADS OUT? AIMS TO INSPIRE, RESOURCE AND SUPPORT CHURCHES

to develop initiatives which will give fathers, father figures and their children the opportunity to spend time together, have fun and engage with the church.

We want churches to begin running parent and toddler sessions for fathers and their children to attend together. No other organisation has provided parent and toddler sessions as consistently, passionately or with the same longevity as the church. Those sessions are highly successful in supporting mothers and their children but reach relatively few fathers and father figures. There is a growing demand for male-orientated parenting groups. Churches also need to find new ways to reach out to the male population.

A well-run Who Let The Dads Out? group can:

- Strengthen families—dads engage in parenting their children and consequently engage better with their partners in the role of parents
 - Invigorate communities—men develop a stronger network of friends within the local community, helping in the process of binding a community together
 - Encourage Christian faith to be passed from one generation to the next—the church can engage with fathers and father figures, encourage them to explore faith issues and challenge them to teach their own values and beliefs to their children



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

A typical Who Let The Dads Out? group might look like this:

- For fathers/father figures and their preschool-aged children
- Run once a month on a Saturday morning
- Two hours duration with timing to suit families in the area
- A relaxed welcome including tea, coffee and bacon butties (or similar) for dads, and juice and biscuits for children
- Lots of age-appropriate toys, books, dressing-up, and so on
- An activity zone, such as a Bible-themed craft
- A story time or song time
- Good conversations

Who Let The Dads Out? is a gateway activity to engage with fathers and father figures that meets a real societal need and provides natural opportunities to explore faith issues. As the journey continues with this group, you can consider follow-on activities such as:

- **SODA** (School's Out, Dad's About)—a group for fathers/father figures and infant school age children—age ranges can be merged within Who Let The Dads Out?, or consider running a separate session for this age range on a weekday evening
- **Daddy Cool!**—a five-session parenting programme specifically developed for men
- **Soul Man?**—informal sessions developed to enable men to explore their beliefs and spirituality
- Other—link in to your existing men's ministries and/or more formal faith exploration/discipleship courses



Who Let The Dads Out? needs:

- A core team of about four people—a welcomer (at the door); a mixer (to circulate and chat); an activity leader (to lead a craft or other activity); a cook (to provide the refreshments)
- Lots of toys—often these can be shared with existing weekday parent and toddler groups
- A leadership team who spend time listening to God, reflecting on local community needs, and communicating effectively with the wider church congregation
- To be recognised and supported as a core ministry of the church by both leadership and congregation