

A Deeply Rooted Missional Community in Bonny Downs

Angie Allgood is interviewed by Martin Robinson in The Well, the Bonny Downs Community Centre, East Ham, London. She describes how it is that four generations of her family have chosen to stay in this place of deprivation, and how they came to set up the Bonny Downs Community Association.

Angie is now a social worker within the Bonny Downs Community Association, leading poverty response initiatives there. The BDCA has grown to employ nearly 60 members of staff and nearly 60 core volunteers. In 2015 it worked directly with around 3500 local people. Angie's sister Sally Mann is a minister of the church, with her husband Dave. She describes the close relationship between the Community Association and the church and tells the story of their community centre church plant nearby. She makes an important distinction. As she explains, 'We are a missional community that worships together not a church that does mission.'