



The Granny Waggon

Building communities (Coventry)

Reaching out to teenagers

On a Friday night, members take hot drinks and packaged snacks down to a local play area where young teenagers gather.

A member uses her car, serving snacks from an open boot.



Members chat with the teenagers, who often talk about all sorts of things that interest or concern them about their local community and the wider world.

“Even when we’re not ‘on duty’ at the Waggon the kids will come up and chat to us if they see us around town. I think the age gap actually helps – in our own way we’re quite ‘cool!’”

(Please seek advice regarding appropriate Safeguarding procedures to follow, and ensure that a full risk assessment is undertaken before introducing an initiative like this).

For general guidelines about setting up and developing outreach initiatives, go to the members' section of the Mothers' Union website www.themothersunion.org