



## The aim of the Centre

Pictured above:  
Captains Malcolm  
and Janet Martin

The Open Door Community Project aims to provide a welcoming, multipurpose community centre for local residents and the people of Preston. We encourage and prioritise the use of the centre by groups serving the local community, and helping the disadvantaged. We are a project of the Salvation Army Preston Corps, partially supported by the Avencentral SRB6 Partnership.

The Salvation Army is an integral part of the universal Christian church. Our message is based on the Bible. Our motivation is the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. We combine a fervent joyous religious faith with a practical efficient social service...not just in Preston but world wide. We welcome and offer care to all people, male or female, young or old, regardless of religion, race, or culture.



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## Volunteers needed

Most of the activities at the centre depend on people who generously give time, labour and skills to support our work. All our volunteers are valued, supported, and where necessary trained, and expenses can usually be reimbursed. Volunteers are needed for such tasks as catering, maintenance, administration, running community activities, fundraising, publicity, marketing and IT support. For further details contact Community Co-ordinator, Greg Smith.

## Location

Just outside the City Centre, 10 minutes walk from Station and Bus Station. On the edge of the UCLAN campus:



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## The building

Our new building, opened in November 2005 offers comfortable, fully accessible and up to date facilities for a variety of activities, events and meetings. There are large halls and smaller rooms as well as a full size caterer's kitchen. Many of the rooms can be divided or enlarged by moveable folding partitions. We have a car park for over 30 vehicles and there are other car parks nearby.

There are rooms and time slots available for groups and organisations to run regular or one off activities at the Open Door Centre. To discuss your requirements, arrange a visit to see what we can offer, or for a copy of our scale of charges, contact our community co-ordinator Greg Smith.

## The staff

Captains Malcolm and Janet Martin are the Salvation Army Officers with overall responsibility for the work of the Salvation Army in Preston.

Greg Smith is employed as community co-ordinator and is responsible for developing and co-ordinating community activities in the Open Door Centre

## The programme of regular activities

People from the local neighbourhood are welcome at any of these activities. There is detailed information on our website [www.sapreston.co.uk](http://www.sapreston.co.uk)

## Religious activities

Religious activities run by the Salvation Army Corps include weekly Sunday services at 11am and 5pm, women's meetings, and sessions for people wanting to explore Christianity.



Above;  
Greg Smith  
Community  
Co-ordinator

Below right:  
The worship  
area

## Community service activities run by the Salvation Army

Include clubs for children and youth on Friday evenings, Parent and Toddler group, on Wednesday mornings, a Craft Club on Monday mornings, and a drop in 'Open Door' Kitchen In co-ordination with Preston Single Homeless Network Friday lunchtimes.

## Independent groups using the building

Include organisations offering activities and support services for students, families and homeless people.

## Support for new and struggling community groups

If you are trying to set up a new community group, or sustain a service for people in need we are willing and able to offer you advice and support, and possibly some concessions on rent. We may be able to help you draft a constitution, service your meetings, apply for funding, produce publicity or manage your finances or mailing lists, either directly or through friends and colleagues in our networks in the city. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there are only two or three of you with an idea for some new activity. Contact the community co-ordinator, Greg Smith.

