



**Dear friends**

This autumn term prayer letter takes a break from the focus on our values to share some exciting developments within GenR8. During this term we will be advertising, and potentially interviewing, for a new GenR8 director. After over 10 years as director and 20 years involvement with GenR8 it feels like it's the right time for someone else to come in and move the work of the charity forward.

I will stay with GenR8 in an employed role, initially for 4 days a week and after a time reducing to 3 days a week, with a focus on delivering projects and initiatives, but without being responsible for the direction and management of our work and mission.

Getting to this point has been the culmination a long process of praying and talking with the trustees and we believe GenR8 would benefit from someone with a fresh perspective and new sense of purpose and energy joining the team. Our prayer is that this intentional change will enable GenR8 to grow to its next level of impact whilst maintaining its vision, mission, and values.

Clearly as well as being an exciting development, it is a big undertaking for us as a charity and we are very grateful for your support which is more vital than ever as we continue our mission to reach this generation of children. I have always said that GenR8 isn't about any one individual. GenR8 exists because people pray, volunteer, and give, and our hope is that we can continue this GenR8 journey together as much as is Godly possible. One thing is for certain, there is work to be done!

So, I'm not going! But assuming a successful candidate is appointed, things will be changing a little over the coming months. It does very much feel like now is the right time to instigate this change and our hope is that a new person leading the team will strengthen our vision and build on our strong reputation.

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask, I would love to talk further with you.

For the first time since Megan was born in 1994. Rachel and I went on holiday without any of our children! We spent a lovely warm week in the Yorkshire Dales. Whilst enjoyable but it was also a reminder of changing circumstances. Turning 60 (I can't believe it either!) was another milestone signifying change and you can't help but look back and wonder where all the time has gone!

Megan is based in Bristol and continues to run her on-line clothing business. I am amazed that she has created this from scratch: after lengthy explanation I am no further forward in understanding the logistics behind it all! Ellen is now a team leader with Cambridge Building Society and spends her time between home, head office, as well as various local branches. Millie is based in London working one-to-one in a primary school; she is moving house with three others in September. Alfie is beginning his second year at 6<sup>th</sup> form college studying uniformed services, as well as hopefully continuing a day a week with a local engineering company that he has worked for over the summer. Rachel continues to work in the library service mainly at Cottenham where we live, although she often finds herself at other libraries covering gaps. Thank you so much for praying for us as a family.

As a school we are very appreciative to GenR8 for all the support and encouragement over this past year. We have been very blessed in how you have walked with us over this season of the pandemic. *Headteacher*

- 🌸 That the job advert for a new director will catch the eye of the person God wants to fill the post.
- 🌸 For the planning, recording, and editing of Connect and Reflect videos for the autumn term.
- 🌸 For wisdom as we contact primary schools in September with a view to visiting schools this term with Cool Choices (for Yr6) and Assembly Presentations.
- 🌸 For new volunteers to join the GenR8 team as the last 18 months has seen changes in circumstances for some current volunteers.
- 🌸 Give thanks for those who enable the work of GenR8 to thrive by praying, volunteering, and supporting financially.

Unless change becomes the constant of our own lives, we'll cease to be change agents in the lives of others. *David Timms*