

Inverness Winner of “BAFTA’s for Churches”

A church in Inverness is the Scottish winner of the “BAFTA’s for Churches” – the Church and Community Volunteer awards organised by the National Churches Trust. Ness Bank Church of Scotland, working in partnership with Inverness Foodstuff, was announced as the winner at an award ceremony held in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London last week.

The judges praised Ness Bank Church for its extraordinary community outreach and the sheer scale of its impact. At the heart of the city, the Inverness Foodstuff project, based in the building, has become a vital centre of care, compassion, and inclusion – tackling food poverty, social isolation, and vulnerability with energy and heart.

Through the input of a small staff team and more than 80 dedicated volunteers, hundreds of people are reached every year. The judges were deeply impressed by how the church offers dignity and welcome to everyone who comes through its doors, as well as hosting groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and other community initiatives.

Ness Bank was recognised for the life and love within its walls – a living example of how a church can serve its city in practical, transformative ways. Its work brings people together, gives hope where it’s most needed, and shows what can be achieved when faith and community go hand in hand.

Stuart Smith, Minister at Ness Bank Church said, "Winning a National Churches Trust awards is a great boost for Ness Bank Church and Inverness Foodstuff. It rewards amazing work done by dozens of local volunteers, and the staff who support them. It shows the folk we serve that their needs are recognised and taken seriously. And it builds a connection between our small local group and a big national charity with significant resources, inspiring us to consider what more we could do. We hear so much about problems facing our church and our society – but this demonstrates the opportunity we all have to make a difference together."

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