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## Community of the Sisters of the Church Bristol

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Outside the house, there is work with One25 (working with women involved in prostitution), and at the Create Centre where life skills are taught.

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Theologically, practically and financially, we encourage and enable churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ. Together, we are working to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders, give a voice to women, and much more.

For over 300 years we have been sharing God's love through practical action, and seeing lives transformed.

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- In Zimbabwe, we initiated a national programme to tackle HIV stigma so more people will come forward to receive counselling and treatment.
- In Myanmar, we are supporting a programme to take healthcare into isolated rural communities.
- In Europe, we are supporting work among refugees and migrants who became separated from their families after fleeing war and persecution in their home countries.
- In South Africa, we have developed a programme to provide church leaders with practical development skills.
- Worldwide, we are working with our church partners to tackle the impact of climate change and to campaign for climate justice.

We don't give handouts, which can create dependency. Instead, we work with our church partners to help them unlock their potential so they are better able to fulfil their mission.

We are motivated by our Christian faith and inspired by the gospel.

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