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Originally from Neath in South Wales, Rev Peter Thomas has been a visible presence up and down the Dales for the past 13 years.

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER

He plays an active role within the village and volunteers his help with the multitude of events going on across the area at various times of the year. Married with two children he combines his role as minister at Grassington Congregational Church with being project director for the Craven Schools Partnership, a charitable organisation recently set up to

oversee Peter's ongoing schools work. This is supported by a group of local volunteers to whom he reports and who have shown a willingness to encourage his ideas without wanting to curb his obvious creativity and talent.

He has regular input into around twenty schools from Ingleton and Bentham in the north across the Dales cluster, many Skipton primaries and all local secondary schools. Collective worship, assemblies, lessons and weekly clubs, are part of his regular work



with additional RE days, worship workshops and ongoing advice and support. Often the smiling faces of children and young people are an indication of his success and the most reliable signal that he is a very welcome part of the school community. The children and young people continue to look forward to his visits others have fond memories of the time the "Welsh guy" came to school, his wacky, funny and sometimes very different approach has a meaningful message and staff and students are always left with a thought to ponder and a message to reflect upon. These relationships are greatly valued by Peter who continues to be part of their ongoing lives.

Staff, head-teachers and students greatly appreciate the creativity and support that he gives "the energy of his delivery and inspiration are fantastic, he is always well received," comment many different schools in both the primary and secondary sector where Peter visits. Schools also value his advice and help with ideas and resources, each of them recognise that Peter along with many other visitors to school are an integral part of the children and young people's learning and growing experience.

There is little doubt Peter has already become a respected figure throughout the community, both in and outside school. Children, young people along with parents know him well. He is happy for all schools to have a piece of him and remarks that the worth of the new project builds upon his credibility and commitment to them that he has built up over many years. Peter is currently seeking to partner with others doing this valuable work and looking for ongoing commercial sponsorship, donations and support.

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