

Roscoe Annual Report

I've worked for Crossnet for just over 3 years now. The role I took on when I started working for Crossnet was focused primarily on Student Mission, believing that to be a key area of focus for Crossnet. Over the last year I have taken on a new role, by instruction of the Trustees, as the Link Leader between different Crossnet gatherings and external organisations alongside Student Ministry in the local Crossnet Bristol community. I have also taken a role in helping church leaders discern if it is right to join the Crossnet Trust and, if it is, to take them through the process of joining.

The role I have is in a 'first among equals' capacity in relation to the other Crossnet leaders. I have continued to coordinate between the London Crossnet gathering (2 communities) and the Bristol gathering to begin working out how we create a network that is independent of Nick Crawley as our main leader. My role is similar to being the 'chair' of a decision making group. I organised our first leaders weekend in September, hosted in Bristol, where we had 7 Crossnet leaders present. We then met for a day in March to discuss further decisions of which 12 Crossnet Leaders were present including Mel Pointon who is currently exploring joining the Crossnet Trust. Part of this role has meant that I release more of my 'admin' tasks which has included the need to contract a website designer/maintainer to re-do and oversee the Crossnet website.

In the last year Izzy has left the team but, before doing so, successfully completed the establishment of the Crossnet CIO. Esther also stepped away from the Crossnet Bristol LT in April 2024. In December we asked Theo Clark to join the LT and we are prayerfully discerning asking a 3rd member to join.

Izzy and I went onto campus each week to talk to students about faith. I discipled a student in the summer of 2023 on a weekly basis as he explored faith. I also met a student on campus in September who gave her life to Jesus. I hosted 2 student dinners at my house which she attended and brought a non-Christian friend to. Although she has visited Crossnet, she has come less regularly in the new year. We have also had 3 students join Crossnet, a 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year. They are all Christians and they all feel called to plant a house church. I have spent some of my time meeting with them in a mentoring capacity to help them think about church planting.

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I was honoured to be asked to step up to the Crossnet Bristol Leadership Team in December 2023, which I joyfully accepted. Over the last four months, it's been such a brilliant experience getting to co-lead this community alongside Roscoe and Esther. Even in this short time, I've sensed God deepening my prayers for Crossnet and growing me in my leadership.

Since I took on the role, I've assumed responsibility for overseeing Crossnet Bristol's worship team: organising the termly rota, a termly check-in morning, and monthly worship night. I've loved getting more opportunities to continue preaching and to step more into service leading too.

Looking back further over the past 12 months of being part of Crossnet, I've been so encouraged to see how God has grown this community – not just widely in size, but deeply in discipleship too. I've noticed a growing hunger for Him in teaching, worship and community, and I've loved seeing so many new people grow in their own leadership gifts and take on more responsibility within the community.

Finally, looking ahead to the upcoming year, my prayer is that we would continue to walk closely in step with the Spirit – especially in regard to planting a new or several new Crossnets in Bristol. I also pray that Roscoe and I would be strengthened and enabled to help everyone in Crossnet keep growing as apprentices to Jesus and His way, and that we ourselves would grow too.