



Stats  
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Faces

## Handout 4

# Community asset visit

Do not put your  
faith in what  
statistics say until  
you have carefully  
considered what  
they do not say.

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This part of the *Stats have Faces* process is to identify “community assets”; those individuals, associations and organisations in the local area which build social capital.

The community asset visit moves us beyond mere numbers by looking at the networks already active in our communities and viewing our local area from their perspective.

In a concrete way we will begin to see what God is already up to in our neighbourhood.

Remember that **you are going as guests to listen and to learn, not to tell people what you believe** or about the role of the church – unless you are invited to do so.

Questions you might like to ask during your visit:

1. What is the overall purpose of the project/program?
2. What does the project/program offer the local community?
3. How long have you been working within the local community?
4. What do you see as the greatest strengths of the local community?
5. What do you see as the greatest challenges facing the local community?
6. Does your project/program work with volunteers? If so, what recruitment, training and risk assessment procedures do you have in place?
7. How is your project/program funded?
8. Which companies/agencies/organisations/government departments partner with your organisation?
9. Is the project/program affiliated with any religious organisations?
10. How do you determine if the project/program is meeting its goals?

Don't forget to thank your hosts.



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