

# ADVOCATE

GO BEYOND THE THEORY. SERVE YOUR PERSECUTED FAMILY. GROW IN YOUR GIFTS.

## WHY WOULDN'T YOU BECOME AN ADVOCATE!?

**You're reading this because you have heard of a movement responding to the cry of the persecuted church. You're up for becoming a voice that tells their story. To join a group of walking billboards that unashamedly stand up for those who suffer because they follow Jesus.**

For too long the persecuted church has been 'out of sight out of mind'. 1 Corinthians 12:26 says that, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it...". The Church is one body, one family. Their story is our story. And we can't keep it to ourselves. Ben was 16 when he was kicked out of his family home in Southeast Asia for becoming a Christian. His family and whole community rejected and beat him. He fled not knowing where to go, fearing for his life, but trusting God.

## THE VISION:

Our vision is to put Ben's story, the story of the persecuted church, on the agenda of every church throughout the UK and Ireland. We refuse to live in a world that doesn't care and speak up for our persecuted brothers and sisters. We see God on the move; changing lives and communities in some of the toughest places on earth to follow Jesus. Ben now lives with a Christian family after attending an Open Doors conference and becoming friends with some young people his age. He continues to follow Jesus, and is praying for opportunities to witness to his parents and old friends.

Join us, to make a stand for people like Ben, and truly be a part of the Body of Christ. Our vision is to see **ADVOCATES** in every area, in every town, across the UK & Ireland.

## WHAT ADVOCATES DO:

We want to release your ideas and passion. Put simply: we believe in you. When you become an **ADVOCATE** we'll invest in you, to help you use your gifts to make a noise for the persecuted. We'll be holding 3 weekend conferences over the course of a year. These are times to get inspired and learn from the persecuted church, grab new skills, and get a real sense of being part of God's worldwide family. And of course you will get to know other **ADVOCATES** and the OD team.

You'll get stuck in with some key OD campaigns (including 1 event in Westminster!) and to use your freedom to inspire people to join you. You can join the OD team as they speak at events, as well as jumping on board at Summer festivals. **Nice!**

We'll keep in touch via WhatsApp, email and the odd phone call or coffee somewhere. Lastly, we'll plug you into shiny new regional **ADVOCATE HUBS**. Online or face to face, we'll encourage you to connect regularly so you can pray, dream and scheme together.

## HOW LONG FOR?

We ask that you commit to a minimum of one year, but your time as an **ADVOCATE** will last for as long as you feel God calls you. As you journey with us, we commit to building your influence and leadership ability, to help set you on a path of life-long activism.

## THIS IS NOT A GAP YEAR!

Whatever stage of life you are in, we believe it is possible for you to be an **ADVOCATE**. Whether in college, uni, work or a gap year, being an **ADVOCATE** is to be part of the body of Christ. To call yourself an **ADVOCATE** is to simply put a name on your commitment to pray and act for the persecuted and to strengthen the Church so that the gospel may be shared across the globe.

## TESTIMONY:

James - 'to hear what some people go through for simply believing in Christ, reading their bible and spending time with one another is crazy, but at the same time, really faith-affirming. If you're wondering whether or not to get involved... do!'

## ONE LAST THING:

The call on which Open Doors was founded is from Revelation chapter 3:

***"Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die..."***

This remains the call. This is our aim.

The world is waiting, desperately, for people with good ideas, passion and belief. Do you have to wait until you're out of college/uni? No. A certain age? Nope. Qualified? Na uh. Make a change with us!

## PETE, CARIS AND DAN

**Open Doors Youth & Student Team**

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## YOUR DETAILS

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Term-time Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
D/O/B: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Consent to using WhatsApp?: Y / N

## ABOUT YOU

Please describe why you would like to become an Open Doors ADVOCATE:

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Please list any particular skills and giftings you feel you would bring to the team:

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What would you like to get out of becoming an Open Doors ADVOCATE?:

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Please give a brief testimony of your Christian faith:

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## PARENTAL CONSENT

Parental consent is required if you are under 18 years of age at the time of application. Please ask a parent or legal guardian to sign below to indicate their consent for you to volunteer with Open Doors.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT FORM - YOUR DETAILS

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

D/O/B: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of an emergency, the apocalypse or a lottery win, who should we contact?

### Contact One:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Two:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please list any special dietary needs that you have below.

(Eating KFC at least once a day doesn't count.)

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## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please list any medical information that we should be aware of, and list any medicines that you need to take on a regular basis.

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