

## Funding/Costs...

We rely on voluntary donations to maintain our work. We are always looking to increase our donor base either through one off gifts, but ideally through individuals or churches giving regularly. If you are a UK tax payer using Gift Aid increases your generosity to us. If you would like to financially support Out of the Box then please contact us.

We do also charge for our services to schools and churches but the cost is purposefully kept low to make what we offer accessible to as many schools and churches as possible.

We would also value your prayer support. If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter which gives updates and information about the project together with prayer suggestions please do get in touch.

For more information and details of how you can support us or how we might be able to help you please contact us using the following:

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*“Chris has an excellent rapport with the children. He is able to engage the children in lots of fun and creative ways, using his dramatic talent to good effect! He has bags of enthusiasm and exuberance which ensures that his message to the children is effective and makes his Christian faith come alive!*

*Wendy Scollay, Head Teacher  
Kilchuimen Primary School*



“inspiring children through creative arts”



## A little bit of background...

**Out of the Box (Scotland) Ltd** is a regulated Scottish Charity SC 035701, set up in 2004 to provide Christian outreach using puppetry, song and other forms of creative arts.

**Out of the Box** was created by Chris Watt, who is now our full-time Children's Worker. Between September 2005 and September 2009 Chris was the full-time Youth and Children's Worker for Hilton Parish Church, Inverness. He has gained a reputation of excellence within the local primary schools and across the wider community for the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the projects he has undertaken and the various regular events he has been involved in. He has a natural ability to capture the imagination and get alongside children both in small and large group settings.



Chris Watt

**Out of the Box** has served many schools, churches and other organisations across Scotland in a variety of different ways, such as:

- Children's Outreach Events
- School Assemblies
- Scripture Union Camps
- Holidays Clubs
- The Royal Highland Show
- Church Services
- Family Events
- Puppet Training Events
- RE classes



Whether it is through a school assembly, a workshop, a one-off event or in the classroom we seek to develop children's **physical, mental, spiritual** and **emotional well-being**. We want to encourage children to be both **confident individuals** and **responsible citizens**.



We have found that giving children a **"hands on"** experience is the best way to engage interest and to ensure we achieve our aim of **child development**. Giving the space and opportunity to explore creative arts for themselves in an unthreatening, lively way enables every child to contribute – we recognise that every child is unique and special.

## Schools

**A whole day** – Chris would spend the morning with three different groups of children in a workshop setting exploring a particular theme. Workshops would include the use of a variety of creative arts, including puppetry, song and drama. The aim of these workshops being, the involvement of the children in a whole school concert in the afternoon, lasting around 50-60 minutes.

**School Assembly** – Chris would lead an assembly on a given theme or will come prepared with a theme himself.

**RE Classes** – Chris would come and lead an RE Class on any given theme.

**School Musical** – Chris has already directed Joseph and his amazing Technicolor dreamcoat for Hilton Primary School and is currently working on Aladdin with Hilton. Chris would be very keen to chat with you if you are thinking about staging a musical in your school.

*"Chris's presentations are entertaining, stimulating and thought provoking. His blend of humour and engagement bring the stories he tells to life. His drive and enthusiasm motivates us all"*

*Ian Kyle, Head Teacher  
Hilton Primary School*



Working with **churches** is key to the success of this project. Chris is available to assist churches with their ministry to children in their local community. This could be anything from assisting a school chaplain with a school assembly to helping with a Holiday Club. Chris is keen to explore with churches, on an individual basis, how he might best be used in their context. Options may include:

**Holiday Club** – Chris would organise and lead a children's Holiday Club in your church. Chris would head up a team of volunteers from your church to run the club for the children of your local community.

**Children's Work Training** - Training sessions on various aspects of Children's Work, from leading a small group to using puppets in ministry.

**Children's Clubs** – Chris can help with getting a Children's Club started or come along and lead one of your Children's Club sessions.

**Children's Address** - A new face on a Sunday morning leading the children's address

## Churches