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CBR Rocks British Universities

Fear is the raw emotion currently felt by pro-abortion leaders in the United Kingdom as CBR-UK embarked on their first university photo display tour. Following a successful free speech court victory in October, CBR-UK followed a plan developed by CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham.

The November tour was so effective that our CBR-UK affiliate received many backhanded “compliments.” Darinka Aleksic, campaign coordinator at Abortion Rights, said: “Abort67 are the most extreme and unpleasant anti-abortion group operating in the UK today.” <http://bit.ly/Wn8XyK>. This is the way of people doing Satan’s work, to call good evil and evil good. The extreme nature of killing preborn children calls for “extreme” educational measures.

CBR-UK Director Andrew Stephenson’s reports on each campus visit are interspersed here with media coverage:

Cambridge (Kings College) November 5

Cambridge News (Nov. 9, 2012) reported about Cambridge University students who tried to block the abortion images from view “before police ordered their removal.”

The Cambridge Student (Nov. 8, 2012) feigned civility: “Though respectful of their [Abort67/CBR-UK] pro-life beliefs, TCS is more concerned at the blind conviction of such groups in the ‘efficacy’ of their means. They are deluded. This corresponds to a general misconception of how to achieve goals. How to enact political change? How to enact moral change? How to lead the good life? Not showing; but informing, discussing and criticising.” The editorial board called CBR-UK “ignorant,” yet they proved to be totally ignorant of the history of social reform.

Andrew: There was absolute outrage that we had turned up at this prestigious establishment. We arrived expecting intellectual dialogue but were sorely disappointed. One guy, when asked what the slogan “I’m offended by their lies” meant on his sign, said, “I don’t know. I just picked it up.” Rather than engaging in debate they would shout, swear and chant over us. Another visit is due soon.

Nottingham (university a.m./ NUPAS clinic p.m.) November 6

Andrew: In all the places we went there were one or two ring-leaders [protestors against us] and several more who didn’t seem to really know what they were

standing for. One girl who was holding up some paper to cover our 7-foot by 5-foot sign conceded that she didn’t know enough facts about the topic to engage in conversation.

The police were fantastically supportive. It seemed the court ruling in September was indeed beginning to work.

In the afternoon we chose to hold a display outside an abortion clinic though we knew they would be shut. We wanted to show the neighbours of the clinic what was going on under their noses. A local shopkeeper was very supportive, saying that he was unaware that the building was used to perform abortions. Several hundred other people in the buses that were stopping in front of us also had their eyes opened.

Manchester (Marie Stopes clinic / university) November 7

The Mancunian (Nov. 8, 2012) reported on CBR-UK’s display at Manchester: “Pro-life demonstrators on Oxford Road faced a strong counter protest on Wednesday, as they brandished huge graphic images of unborn foetuses.” The paper quoted Catriona Gray, University of Manchester Students’ Union Wellbeing Officer, as she rallied protestors against our team: “It’s a really hateful ideology,” and, “They think that they can influence young people.” She got the second part right.

Andrew: Marie Stopes is just off the busiest bus route in the whole of Manchester. So we set up our display here where 3-5 buses a minute picked up and dropped off thousands of people during our time there, including many students.

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*Bristol University pro-aborts were angry that CBR-UK turned up on November 9. Division arose in the Student Union with the side who valued free speech becoming angry at the students who tried to cover up our signs with their “bed-sheet brigade.” This was a particularly significant day as the police had shut down CBR-UK displays in the past. But after learning of our court victory, police didn’t intervene but only kept an eye on the counter-protesters. The national newspaper, *The Sun*, came to observe the display and interview CBR-UK/Abort67 staff members. This was a good finish to the pioneering tour.*

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A real highlight was meeting Sean and John who seem keen to work with us in the future, hopefully to set up a team in Manchester. Sean messaged me later in the day saying his friend was on one of the buses and the whole bus, including driver, were impacted by what they saw.

The university spot was equally good. Conversations were fruitful, with many changed minds.

One young guy who approached us as a supporter of abortion left wanting to help us set up a team. The pictures helped him realise that his past experience of advising a friend to have an abortion was painfully wrong; a decision he now deeply regretted.

Another girl who was working in the cafe nearby kept coming out to look. She exclaimed, "Why aren't people talking about this? I have to tell everyone!"

Liverpool (bpas clinic a.m. / university p.m.) November 8

The Tab-Liverpool (Nov. 13, 2012) Their feverish article announced: "Abort67 invaded University Square with their violent images."

Students saw "violent images" -- the photographic evidence that abortion is an act of violence which kills a baby -- in large part because the police behaved differently as a result of the CBR-UK court victory. A sergeant came out to see the sign display in Bristol and told our colleagues that if there were complaints, they'd have to take down the 10- and 11-week abortion photo signs. When Andrew showed him the court ruling, the sergeant permitted the signs.

Andrew: I think the tour was a significant step forward for the acceptance of these images amongst the police nationwide.

The staff, smoking outside the abortion clinic in a quiet residential neighbourhood, watched in anguish as we climbed out of the minibus. They promptly came out to meet girls coming in, ushering them through the doors. It was here that our tire was slashed by someone who objected to our presence.

There were dozens of constructive conversations as well as frustrating ones from people who hold the increasingly prevalent notion that we should be able to kill any human being if they are in the way. Worryingly, a few of these were training to be doctors. One young guy tried pulling the signs from the hands of our volunteers.

The Huffington Post UK (Oct. 22, 2012) reported on CBR-UK's Sussex University sign display: "Students blocked Abort67's graphic images being seen by others.

The Abort67 group justifies the use of graphic images on its website, saying there is 'no way to sugar coat an image of abortion. We understand that seeing images of what abortion looks like is extremely distressing but feeling distressed about it is an appropriate response.'

Christian Concern (Nov. 8, 2012) wrote about "many people changing their minds about abortion as a result of seeing the pictures." They interviewed CBR-UK/Abort67 staff member Kathryn Attwood:

This is what it's all about -- educating people about what abortion does to preborn children. When people try and

cover the images, it proves a point for us. **Abortion is only acceptable when it is kept hidden from view.**

LIFESITENEWS (Nov. 9, 2012) wrote a lengthy article on CBR-UK's campus tour entitled: "Pro-life group's graphic display censored by foes, attacked by friends."

The pioneering pro-life demonstration group Abort67 is making waves all over Britain with its photographic displays of aborted children, and they are being attacked by friend and foe alike for their troubles.

Fresh from their resounding court victories after being arrested last year for displaying the images in Brighton, Abort67 has moved on to a national platform with new groups forming around the country. Organisers have said that the publicity surrounding their case, including close coverage from the BBC and several national newspapers, was worth the trouble of the arrest...

But not everyone in the pro-life community is pleased with the success of the graphic images strategy. After Abort67's appearance at their campus, Bristol University Students for Life published an op-ed condemning and distancing themselves from the other group and the use of graphic images. The Students for Life mandate, they say, is the correct way to address the life issues, "from a secular and non-judgmental perspective..."

But Students for Life's desire to distance themselves from such a high profile and highly successful activist group is not being well received by everyone associated with them. Rhoslyn Thomas, a former Bristol University student and organiser of Bristol Students for Life, told LifeSiteNews.com, 'We were much more tolerant and sensible when I was there.' She was on the group's organising committee for the academic year 2011-2012.

She responded to the accusations of her former classmates that the use of graphic images is counterproductive, saying that before Abort67 started using them, no one in Britain was giving abortion a second thought.



This November 7 display was held outside Manchester University buildings, with incredible reactions to the images. CBR-UK volunteers pictured here are Tom Attwood (with baby Olive Attwood), Darius Daugela holding photo sign, and Pauline Peachey holding her "I've had an abortion" sign.



CBR Intern and Westmont Student Won't Take "No" for an Answer

Junior Seth Gruber (and CBR intern) tried for 3 years to bring our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, and each year the Student Association (and administration) said, "No." Seth decided it was time to stop taking no for an answer, so we trained Seth to display our abortion photo signs by himself. We first equipped students to conduct GAP without our presence (because administrators had banned us) in 1999 at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, Canada. The students at UBC succeeded, and now GAP displays are being held at many Canadian universities every year. For Christian applications like Westmont, we designed signs with Scripture passages such as "Expose the deeds of darkness" Eph. 5:11.

On October 23, 2012, Seth began showing photo signs on the Westmont campus. Seth was the lone student, but our colleagues Todd Bullis and Timothy Eaton stood with him. School officials kicked Todd and Timothy off campus after an hour and a half. Then Seth bravely stood alone. His courage to continue sign displays has engendered wrath from many, but a handful of students are beginning to stand with him. See [Seth's blog](#).

Your support has enabled us to train Seth to do what we cannot do directly on a private campus. Seth received thorough training from CBR, beginning with an internship during his senior year in high school. As Seth continued to intern with us the following two years, he knew he needed to work to save the babies of Westmont students. He plans to join our full-time staff after graduation.

Janet Mefferd interviewed Seth on her November 15, 2012 Janet Mefferd Show. Seth replied to her question about Westmont's stance on abortion:

Seth: 'Westmont does not take a stance on the abortion issue...That becomes very problematic because Westmont does take a lot of stances, either written in their statement, or de facto, by addressing such things as child slavery, sex trafficking. We have global focus week and we focus on these things.'

Janet: 'I am in shock. I mean if the church does not stand up for the unborn, who is going to do it?'

Janet: 'Years ago I saw *Hard Truth*, which is that video put out by The Center For Bio-Ethical Reform. I think every Christian, every American, needs to see that movie. It is horrible. I could not even finish it. I was weeping and weeping and weeping. That has been THE most effective tool I've ever used with my non-Christian friends.'

WORLD Magazine published an excellent piece on Seth's abortion sign project. We quote the end of the article here: http://www.worldoncampus.com/2012/11/inexpressibly_horrific:

But the response hasn't been all critical. Several people have stopped him to say they're praying for him. Gruber's had more conversations about abortion in the last 10 days than he had in the last two and a half years. And more



Westmont students Seth Gruber, Ryan Hall and Aaron Singer use CBR signs to speak up for preborn children. See accompanying story about this historic effort.

people have offered to stand with him. Gruber plans to keep holding his signs, at least once a week, until Westmont administrators take a stand against abortion or allow the Genocide Awareness Project to come to campus. Administrators don't intend to punish Gruber or restrict his free speech, [Dean] Higa said. As long as he continues to do what he has been doing, without escalation, they won't interfere. But they don't intend to approve the GAP display.

More than anything, Gruber wants to stop hearing people say they share his views about abortion but don't agree with what he's doing: 'While I appreciate the sentiment, we can't just say we agree to disagree. Do you realize what we're talking about?'

Pray that Seth will be an inspiration to Christian students on other campuses. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=-p7L0Th30TQ

Please help us be "fools" and "maniacs" to save preborn children from abortion:

"The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired man a maniac."

HOSEA 9:7

- Pray for Christian students to stand against abortion on their campuses.
- Praise God for the many faithful volunteers who helped with our Key States Initiative.

Events

Key States Initiative Completed November 6

GAP Nov 20-21 Rio Hondo College, Whittier CA

Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

Nov. 3, 10 Marriott Hotel, Dana Point, CA

"Choice" sign outreaches

Weekly Maine –

Portland (Fri), Augusta (Thu), Bangor (Wed)

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no one in Britain was giving abortion a second thought.

Former Bristol University student



Pro-abortion students at Cambridge University (Kings College) were desperate to cover up CBR-UK's abortion photo display on November 5. Volunteers and staff pictured are: Ivana Forman (yellow coat), Kathryn Attwood (pink hat), Pauline Peachey (purple coat), and Robert Colquhoun is holding the ten-week aborted fetus banner.

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