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Ministries

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**RAISING UP  
GENERATIONS  
TO COME**



**£7.25 million** given by **74,257 gifts**  
since the Derwent Project began in 2015

**Dear Friends,**

[Will you join Keswick Ministries in teaching, encouraging and raising up the next generation of believers?](#)

There have been many important milestones throughout the history of the Keswick Convention; but one of the most significant has happened in our time – the Derwent Project.

Ten years ago, the Lord gave the Trustees the vision for a larger, integrated site as a home for the Keswick Convention and for year-round ministry. Since then, we have seen God powerfully at work through the wonderful provision of the Pencil Factory.

We purchased this site in 2015, and over the last four years there has been huge progress in refurbishing what was once a derelict building into a space for inspiring local and global mission.

Our goal for this project was to raise £8 million to transform the Pencil Factory into a new home for the Keswick Convention and the expanding ministry. Thanks to the generosity of Keswick Ministries supporters, we're very close to achieving this goal.

Having raised over 90% of the target, we need £750,000 to complete the project by summer 2024.

[Will you help us complete the Pencil Factory refurbishment and Share the Future?](#)

Your support today will help encourage Christians for generations to come, inspiring mission worldwide and reaching even more people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

With the completion of the Derwent Project in sight, we invite you to be part of Keswick Ministries' future ministry so that generations to come can hear God's Word, become like his Son, and serve God's global mission.

Every blessing,

James Robson

*Ministry Director for Keswick Ministries*



# Our Mission

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**Keswick Ministries exists to inspire and equip Christians to love and live for Christ in His world.**

We thank God for the Keswick Convention's long and fruitful history of inspiring and equipping Christians to love and live for Christ in His world.

For nearly 150 years, Keswick Ministries has united God's people and strengthened churches around the Word of God. The Convention has grown from a small gathering on the lawn at St John's Church, Keswick in 1875, to become a global movement for spiritual renewal and growth. We now welcome between 12,000 – 15,000 Christians from across the UK and beyond each year over 3 weeks in the summer.

By God's grace and for His glory, Keswick Convention has impacted Christians all over the world and seen Bible Conventions with the same ethos and passion spring up all over the UK, in other parts of Europe, and worldwide.





# The Derwent Project

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## A home for refreshing and sending out believers.

The Derwent Project is building a new home for Keswick Ministries in order to provide an integrated site for future Conventions, a venue for an expanding teaching and training ministry, and a resource for churches across the region and beyond.

“The Derwent Project has such potential to touch so many more lives and for some that might even mean to follow in the footsteps of others like Amy Carmichael or Hudson Taylor, for whom the Convention played a significant part in them taking the gospel to 1000’s of people abroad. The opportunities are endless.”

**JOHN TAYLOR, TRUSTEE,  
KESWICK MINISTRIES**



# Our Goals

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To secure the future of the three-week summer Convention on an integrated site at the heart of the town of Keswick, giving Christians of all ages opportunities to worship, study God’s Word and encourage each other during Keswick Convention and throughout the year.

To establish a new centre of operations for Keswick Ministries’ team.

To expand the scope of Keswick Ministries by providing a conference facility for a range of activities at other times of the year, including training programmes and Bible-teaching events.

To make the conference facility available to churches in the UK and beyond – particularly serving Cumbria and the North (including Scotland) – as well as a facility for the local community.

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# The story so far

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Thanks to God's guidance and provision through Keswick Ministries supporters, we have already made significant progress through the Derwent Project:

- In 2015, we purchased the Pencil Factory site.
- In 2019, we were granted planning permission for refurbishment of the site.
- We have made huge progress in refurbishing the Pencil Factory building, enabling increased use for ministry:
  - During Keswick Convention 2022, children's and youth groups – along with seminars, lectures and other programme activities – took place within the Pencil Factory.
  - Throughout the rest of the year, an even greater range of Bible teaching events is being hosted within the Pencil Factory welcoming an increased number of attendees.
  - Local community groups have also started using the space and there is increasing interest from other organisations looking for venue space in the heart of the Lake District.

"Something that has encouraged me is being with loads of Christians my age. It's been encouraging to pray with each other and worshipping together, with so many young Christians passionate about God."

**ANNA, 15, CONVENTION 2022**







# Next steps

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## 1. Convention

Formally, open the doors of the newly refurbished Pencil Factory at Keswick Convention 2023, celebrating the gift of this significant and flexible space, which will be completely accessible and will enhance ministry to all ages, especially children and youth.

## 2. Teaching & Training

Complete the venue facilities, including the kitchens and reception, so that the building is a flexible and high-quality venue for a greater range of Bible teaching events, welcoming larger numbers throughout the year.

## 3. Serving the church and local community

Complete the conference facilities, including practical amenities and aesthetics, so that the building is a welcoming, accessible, and high-quality venue fit for serving churches as well as the local community.

## 4. Support the Keswick Ministries team

Relocate the centre of operations for Keswick Ministries to the Pencil Factory site, supporting the expanding staff team and establishing a recognisable and welcoming face for those visiting the Pencil Factory.



"One of the things that struck me about Keswick Convention was the extent to which it continues to be an event for everyone with a global mission emphasis and heart. Throughout the programme, this was a natural priority for all, not just a specialist stream for a few."

**ANTHONY ADAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
RADSTOCK NETWORK**

"One of the many benefits was the space to meet and chat with other Christians together in one place. We would like to thank Keswick Ministries for the great vision which has brought all this into place, with the Lord's help."

**JIM, CONVENTION 2022**

"The biggest difference is not in the outstanding meeting venues, but in the atmosphere. The Pencil Factory site allows people to amble along at their own pace as they leave a meeting, those with disabilities don't feel they're inhibiting others as there's so many exits and so much space. As people leave, there's interaction, conversations, unexpected meetings, and reflection, all in this spacious and safe environment. Many sit under the awning and linger in the atmosphere. I suppose in a different sense than we usually imagine, this is the application of the Word, people are ruminating, the teaching sinking in."

**ALEX, CONVENTION 2022**



# Opportunities to support

- INTERNAL WORKS
- EXTERNAL WORKS

## Audio Visual Equipment

Installing sound and tech equipment throughout the Pencil Factory, reducing hire costs for Convention and ministry events during the year, as well as serving church groups and offering greater flexibility for venue hire.

## Venue Aesthetics

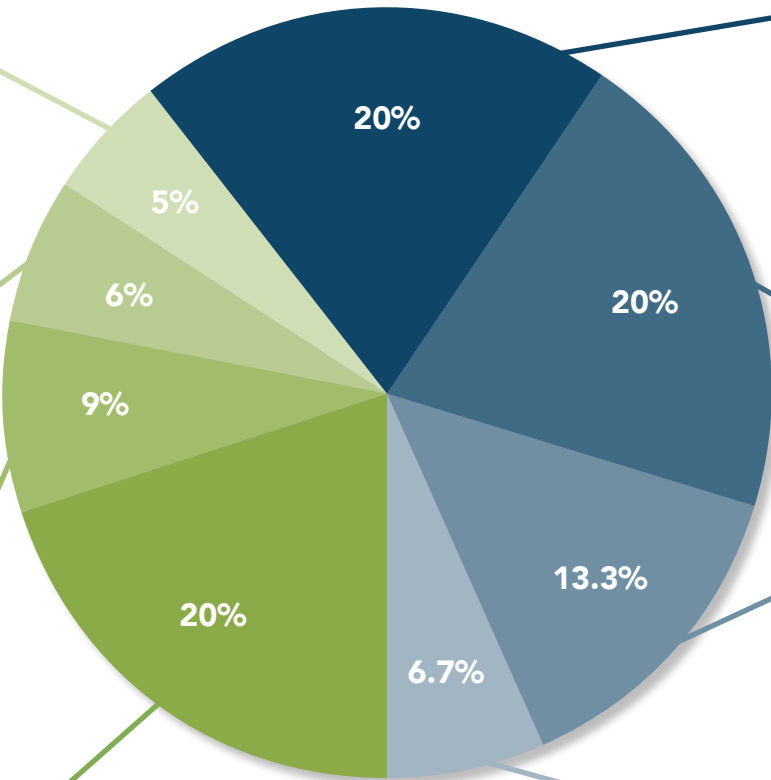
Investing in the feel and ambience to welcome new and returning visitors to the home of Keswick Ministries, sharing where the Convention has come from and pointing visitors towards the gospel.

## Kitchen Facilities

Installing two purpose-built kitchens, expanding the range of events that can be hosted in the Pencil Factory year-round and serving Convention volunteers, church groups and local community events.

## Staff Offices

Providing the expanding Keswick Ministries staff team with permanent offices on the Pencil Factory site.



## Packing Hall Redevelopment

Creating a useable space for the Convention and for venue hire year-round in this unique building, allowing greater flexibility for hosting more activities throughout the year and increasing the return on investment when hiring the space out.

## External Works

Ensuring that we are good neighbours by keeping a presentable site and caring for the building and green spaces as stewards of this gift from God.

## Site Accessibility

Making the Pencil Factory accessible to all by completing lift installation, reception areas and exterior accessibility that will create a welcome and flexible space enabling everyone to enjoy worshipping together on one site.

## Landscape Works

Enhancing and caring for the landscape surrounding the Pencil Factory, in recognition of God's wonderful creation surrounding the venue.



# Ways to give

With the completion of the Derwent Project in sight, will you *Share the Future* of Keswick Ministries by helping to complete the refurbishment of the Pencil Factory?

## Single Gift: Give with purpose

A one-off gift towards the final phase of the Derwent Project will enable us to transform the Pencil Factory into a vibrant home for Keswick Ministries, as well as a hub for local and global mission where Christians for generations to come will receive spiritual refreshment all year around.

## Recurring Gifts: Every gift makes a difference

A monthly gift of £75, £50, £25 or whatever you can share will help us to transform the Pencil Factory into a vibrant home for Keswick Ministries and sustain fruitful ministry for Christians of all ages and backgrounds.

## Gift-in-kind: Volunteer your time

Could you volunteer your time to help with the works on site? If you are a qualified contractor for building work - a painter, electrician or another tradesperson - you could give a gift-in-kind to the project.

Contact [info@keswickministries.org](mailto:info@keswickministries.org) for more information.

1X £100,000

1X £75,000

2X £50,000

4X £25,000

5X £15,000

6X £10,000

10X £5,000

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RECURRING GIFT PLEDGES = £85,000



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"Keswick has made an immense contribution to the spiritual life of the UK. From my perspective as a Keswick participant and a speaker, there is no question about the value of having Conventions that deliver clear and authoritative Bible teaching. Also, as a parent and grandparent I am deeply grateful for the spiritual benefits that my children and grandchildren reap every year from attending Keswick. I therefore unhesitatingly support this new initiative to extend Keswick Ministries' capacity to be a spiritual oasis on a larger scale throughout the year."

**PROFESSOR JOHN LENNOX, AUTHOR AND EMERITUS FELLOW, GREEN TEMPLETON COLLEGE, OXFORD**

"In an increasingly secular age Keswick Ministries provides our generation of Christians with a solid foundation of serious biblical teaching, rigorous thinking about current challenges to the gospel and a passionate encouragement to be involved in mission and evangelism around the world."

**DR AMY ORR-EWING, PRESENT SENIOR FELLOW, OCCA, THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS**





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