

North East Scotland YFC Annual Report 2006/7

Welcome!

2007 has been an exciting year for NESYFC. Breathe is continuing to find success and the team involved have started to share their experience with other Christian groups. Our resources are stirring up more interest all the time with more groups starting over the past year. We've also set out on a venture to partner with a number of churches in Mastrick in Aberdeen to share God's love with young people in that community. We've had a great youth worker training day and were invited into a school. Through our direct and indirect work we are able to share the Good News with hundreds of young people in the North East; read on to find out more!

Financial Report

Financial summary of the year ended 31 December 2006; totals exclude fundraising associated with the Mastrick Project. Clearly regular giving will need to increase to sustain any future employed staff; additionally the low admin overheads are thanks to the continuing kindness of Crown Terrace Methodist Church in supplying a rent-free office.

Income

Regular Giving (Churches):	£410
Regular Giving (Individuals):	£2670
Charities Aid	£1782
Bank Interest	£64
Resources	£1385
Breathe	£235
Total	£6546

Expenditure

Salaries	£152
Training	£699
Breathe	£829
Resources	£1000
Insurance	£302
Telephone	£389
Office costs	£147
Travel	£100
Equipment	£277
Total	£3896

Training

Saturday 10th February saw our annual training day take place in City Church, Aberdeen. Numbers were a bit down on last year, but that led to a great opportunity for discussion and networking between the leaders who were there. We had some great talks on different aspects of youthwork from Chuck Freeland and James Gregory.

We've another training day lined up for **15th September**.

Deep Impact

19-21 January saw the Deep Impact youthwork training conference take place in Aviemore. Pioneered by Highlands & Islands YFC it is now run by the Scottish Christian Youth Work Forum. This year something like 250 people descended on Aviemore from across Scotland - a great testament to the work God is doing with young people across the country!

As part of our policy of investment in our volunteers, NESYFC were able to offer subsidised places to our team. This year we were able to send three of our volunteers and all agreed it was a really worthwhile experience.

Mastrick Project

The past year has seen NESYFC called to participate in a youth project in Mastrick, Aberdeen. This is in partnership with a number of local churches, each of whom will be involved in a steering group to coordinate the work and will contribute in different ways. It is hoped the project will see Christian workers immersed in the community and working with young people in that context. A YFC one gap year team is hoped to bolster the work once it is established. Currently we are recruiting volunteers and fundraising is underway to pay for running costs, including a salary for a project director.



Breathe

There have been 7 Breathe events over the session 2006/7. **Aboyne's** event followed the theme of "the G-Factor". We were treated to some excellent miming, some not-so-excellent singing from our volunteers and some peculiar dressing up. The message was that we don't need to do anything to go to heaven except have the G-Factor; God in your life. There were about 40 people there from a number of different churches in our first venture up Deeside for a couple of years. In **Kintore** we had over 60 people crammed into the church hall. The theme was *Mission Impossible* - with a definite spy theme and a most unconventional presentation of the genealogy of Jesus (really!) **Kemnay** went musical with the theme being "I Don't Feel Like Dancing" with some odd dressing up, tedious linkage and a new use for cheesy wotsits, and some "interesting" dancing. Both these events focused on making a bigger commitment to Jesus and sharing what he can do with friends. In December we had a great time in **Newburgh**, with a (cringe) pantomime theme and a great look at who Jesus is. In **Stonehaven** we had The One Band from Aberdeen playing for us, with a crowd coming from all around The Mearns. The theme of the night was "Celebrate!", and was rounded off with a different talk from Tony Stephen, youth worker at Banchory. In March we were hosted by **New Deer** with the theme "Believe it or not?!!"; a look at faith. April saw us in **Longside**, with a crowd including folks from places like Fraserburgh and some groupies from New Deer coming to find out about "Compassion". We were also encouraged recently by a story. Cat (our chairperson) normally runs the bookstall at Breathe, and recently she was in one of the Christian bookshops in Aberdeen when she was flagged down by a lady who recognised her. The lady went on to explain how a book given away at the Breathe bookstall had completely changed her daughter's life.



Gener8, It's Time and Encounter

This year has seen a considerable upsurge in NESYFC partnering with other organisations. For the Breathe team this has been reflected in support for a number of events. We've been running video and supplying some volunteers for a number of months at Gener8 - a youth event in Angus. Similar support has been provided for It's Time, a new event in upper Donside run by Lumsden Church. Both of these are intended to continue so as part of our commitment to supporting local ministry, we aim to start training volunteers of the events so that they may become self sustaining. We've also been asked to assist with a youth programme for 11 to 13 year olds at Encounter 2007, which gives us the exciting opportunity to work with the experienced Souled Out team, and potentially reach a larger number of young people in one go than we've been able to for a number of years.

Resources

We had quite a successful year, in that there was a lot of interest in Resources. We gained and lost a Mettle club at Fetteresso Church in Stonehaven - though they liked the material, for their young folk it wasn't right. Two new RS clubs started at Fyvie and Methlick, and RS2 at New Deer. Turriff swapped from RS to RS2.

Current RS Clubs: Oldmachar, Elgin, New Deer, Kemnay, Chapel of Garioch, Mid-Deeside, West Holburn, Methlick, Fyvie.

Current RS2 Clubs: Oldmachar, Sheddocksley Baptist, New Deer, Turriff, Bridge of Don Baptist, St. Columba's, Belhelvie.

No Mettle clubs at the moment

We do feel the material has improved this year, with more Bible references, and a better layout.

Prayer

We have just launched a monthly prayer bulletin, which we hope will include requests for prayer both from us and anyone working with young people in NE Scotland. This is in addition to our quarterly newsletter - about 150 copies are now being sent out which will hopefully be read by considerably more Christians in the North East. With this publicity there's more chances than ever before to pray for the work of NESYFC and young people in NE Scotland.

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