

Newsletter

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Welcome!

We hope you had a good summer. The past few months have been fairly quiet for us and accompanied by a couple of setbacks on the launch of Breathe Out and the project in Mastrick and Northfield. We're sure that progress will be made on these in God's time and the extra time has given us a better chance to make sure the focus is on Him.

Meanwhile there's a lot to look forward to: we've started organising Breathe for the coming year and Rock Solid clubs have recently received their new materials and have begun preparing. We have found someone to do our administration so our ministry can start to run more efficiently behind the scenes, and we were recently blessed with the gift of some furniture from BP for our office (thanks to them!). A couple of new possible ministries have recently come up so please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we investigate these.

A number of our team had the chance to take part in this year's Imagine festival at Thainstone, Inverurie. It was a real privilege to be part of such a great event and humbling to see God at work in so many young lives there - make sure you get involved next year!

In Brief

Publicity Spot

Got a Christian youth or training event, youth worker vacancy or something related you'd like publicised? Get in touch and we'll put it in our newsletter and website. We'd welcome a donation if you can afford one to help cover costs - but it's not essential.

Picked this up and like what you see?

If you've picked this newsletter up somewhere or had it passed to you and you'd like to receive your own copy in future (by post or email) please contact the address on the back page. A monthly prayer bulletin is sent by email and the full newsletter is about once a quarter.

Looking for a job in Christian youth work?

Visit www.jobsearchmonitor.co.uk for some great opportunities in both youthwork and other caring and charity related jobs. You can also try www.freshroles.co.uk

Aberdeen Christian Diary

...is the place to find out about Christian events happening in the North East. Find it at www.the-abcd.org.uk

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People Changes

We're pleased to welcome Joanna Molek (pictured) as our administrator. Joanna is looking forward to getting to know each of our contacts and partners over the coming months and by the time you read this will already be helping us run more smoothly and making it easier to take Good News to young people. We're also happy to welcome Daniel Pearson (as featured last newsletter) onto our executive committee. He'll be looking after technical things like the equipment for Breathe.



Project Update

Since our last newsletter we've had a bit of disappointment with the project in Northfield and Mastrick. Everything was set to go but for one obstacle which we've been struggling with: finding accommodation for the volunteers (or just money to rent a place). Crunch time came a couple of weeks ago and the project steering group had to agree that things couldn't go ahead at the moment.

The time over the coming months will be crucial: we know that God wants something for an area full of spiritual hunger but we're not quite sure what. Please pray that God shows us what He wants to happen, and if it is to get a team of year out volunteers in, that we can sort out the accommodation issue in time for starting next year. Also, if you or someone you know is in the area and might be able to help, please get in touch.



Breathe Update

Sandy Brownlee has the latest 'Breathe' news

Over the summer the Breathe team have been fairly quiet, with no main events. We were pleased to help at Gener8 in Arbroath again, and a couple of our volunteers (myself included) were able to use their experience to join the team at Imagine 2008.

We had been hoping to launch *Breathe Out* in September - a new initiative to share our experience of running youth events with others by partnering long-term with a church to set up a self-sustaining event. As it turns out a couple of issues have stopped us being able to go ahead imminently but we are sure that in God's time this will become a great ministry. Meantime, if you would like to discuss the possibility of your church being involved please get in touch.

We're organising regular events for the coming year - there are still spaces so please ask if you'd like us to come to your area. Currently, we have:

- Sun 28 Sep - St Kane's Church Centre, New Deer
- Sat 8 Nov - Lumsden Public Hall
- Sat 6 Dec - Gamrie Church, Gardenstown

Finally, the NESYFC team are having a good think about how God wants the event to continue in terms of format, themes and as a concept - please pray for God's guidance as we deliberate.

Prayer Points

(email prayer@nesyfc.org.uk with suggestions)

Pray for young people, teachers and youth workers in schools across the North East.

Pray for the Breathe team as they start a new series of events that they can have plenty of opportunities to share their faith with young people and that God uses these events to change lives for the better.

Pray for our new administrator Joanna. Thank God that we have found someone for this important role and ask that He helps her to help the rest of the NESYFC team in serving Him.

Pray for our friends at Somebody Cares, a Christian charity in Aberdeen helping those in need with food and furniture. Pray that they can raise the funds they need to keep going.

Pray that God helps the NESYFC team to head in the right direction: with Breathe, with the project and in any new mission work. Also pray for those planning a new session for their Rock Solid or RS2 club.

Pray for those who have made requests through our website.

YFC Resource Focus: *ExploRE*

ExploRE is a new resource from Youth For Christ and Alpha for use in schools. Find out more...

Young people are always asking questions! *exploRE* is about providing them with space to find some answers for themselves.

This 12-week programme of study has been devised for use with students aged 11 to 14 in RE lessons. Its easy-to-use lesson plans make this an ideal resource for teachers, youth workers and church workers looking to engage with their local school. It has been created by experienced teaching professionals to fit seamlessly in line with the Curriculum for Excellence for RME.



Each lesson unpacks key areas of Christian beliefs and practices using an exciting array of activities; games drama, art, discussion

and interactive illustrations. Also including a DVD that incorporates vox pops, testimonies and short films, *exploRE* gives students the opportunity to investigate the Christian faith in a way that is fresh, engaging and relevant to their everyday lives.



exploRE contains 12 lessons that can be used either individually or consecutively as an entire unit (complete with a final assessment).

Each lesson comprises a clear outline including objectives and learning outcomes and a detailed lesson script. Lessons are divided into four sections:

- Square one
- Getting going
- Delving deeper
- Looking back

The 12 lessons ask the questions:

- Is there a God?
- Who was Jesus
- Why did Jesus die?
- What do Christians believe about:
 - Faith and guidance?
 - Temptation?
 - Suffering?
 - Sharing their faith?
 - Prayer?
 - The Bible?
 - The Church?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What makes somebody a Christian?

Additional materials include worksheets, homework, a DVD containing multimedia resources and an appendix for non-teachers.

If you're interested in *ExploRE* or any of our other resources, email resources@nesyfc.org.uk or give us a call. You can also find out more about *ExploRE* at:

www.exploreforschools.co.uk

Volunteer Spotlight

This issue we speak with Anne Laird



- What's your role within with YFC?
Bean counter commonly known as treasurer

- How did you get involved with YFC?

Hmmm, Jay our prayer co-ordinator, a couple of years ago, stood up in church one day and requested a bean counting volunteer and mysteriously my hand went up I still don't know how that happened???

- What's your favourite sport?

Mountain biking in summer, skiing in winter

- What's your favourite fruit? I think there are too many to mention, pineapple, mango, blueberries and strawberries and maybe raspberries.....

- When / how did you become a Christian?

Kinda always been there, but certain times in your life make your walk closer to God

- Do you prefer Chick-flicks or action movies?

I like both

- What's the best thing about God?

He's like your big brother or sister, (assuming you like them) but better He's always there, and no problem is too big for him. We all need to know him.

- What was your most embarrassing moment?

The MiB erased it from my memory, sorry

- What's the most tragic CD in your collection?

Probably too many to mention but my favourite is Aqua it's so jolly and happy, How can it be wrong?

- Who's your favourite superhero?

Elastigirl from the Incredibles

- What's your role in your local Church?

Musician, although that is a bit grand I play guitar and help out with RS

- What's your most enduring YFC memory?

I've not been onboard long enough to have one ;-o but away weekend at Glenshee was good as I got to know the rest of the team a lot better.

- What's the best thing about being part of YFC?

Too many things to mention, the opportunity to do new things that scare me half to death ;-)

- Who's your role model?

My dad, who is no longer with us, he was the best



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Director Wanted!

We're still looking for the right person to help lead our ministry and achieve our vision of every single young person in the North East being reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have a passion for God and a heart for young people, we want to hear from you!

Is God calling you to work with us?



North East Scotland Youth for Christ is looking for a director.

Working with a host of volunteers, this post offers the challenge and opportunity of working with young people inside and outside the Church, showing them God's love, realising their potential and encouraging others to do the same.

**P/T (20 hours)
£20,842-£26,200 pro rata
Closing date:
8 October 2008**

For more information and a job description, call Alasdair on 07720 837311 or email Cat on cat@nesyfc.org.uk.

Training Day

As this is written we're preparing to hold a youth leader training day on 20 September 2008 at Kintore Parish Church Hall, 10am to 4pm. Topics will include working with young volunteers, with training given by Sandra Blair of YFC in Scotland and the NESYFC team.

For more information on future training events, email Cat on volunteers@nesyfc.org.uk or keep an eye on our website.

Recycling

Got an old mobile phone or print cartridge lying around collecting dust? Put it to good use by sending it to us! We are now able to send these for recycling which not only helps preserve the planet God's given us but also raises funds which will be used to grow our ministry and work with young people. Working and non-working mobiles are accepted, as are all makes of printer cartridge except Epson inkjets.

Thanks to those who have already sent us their collections, please keep them coming! For more information, call us or email sandy@nesyfc.org.uk.

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Is God calling you to work with us?

Do you:

- Like a challenge?
- Want to serve God but don't know how?
- Want to grow in your own faith?
- Want to help change young lives for the better?

North East Scotland Youth for Christ is looking for volunteers from all backgrounds from age 16 up. Contact Cat on 07772 690966 or volunteers@nesyfc.org.uk

Our mission is to take the Good News relevantly to every young person in North East Scotland. Find out more about us at www.nesyfc.org.uk.

Make a difference!

Please pray for us and the work we do. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in NESYFC, please contact us. **We're always looking out for more volunteers** - of all ages and skills whether in front line youth work, training, or behind the scenes technical and admin jobs. We'd also love to share what we do with as many Christians as possible - give us a call and we'll be happy to give a short presentation to your church or group.

Please also consider supporting us financially; you can make a secure one-off donation on our website, or call us about regular giving - **as little as £5 a month will help us to reach young people across the North East with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

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