

Prayer



Points for prayer this month:

- All young people in the North East and those working with them on a regular basis
- Direction and guidance for the exec as they seek to listen to God and develop the work here in the North East
- Breathe, that God would work through the team to touch the lives of the young people who come along to events
- Volunteers with NESYFC, that their passion and enthusiasm would continue to grow
- All the work that NESYFC and other organisations are involved in the area, that God would use them to touch and change lives and that He would give them many opportunities to share their faith

Deep Impact

Some of our team are just back from the Deep Impact Christian youthwork conference in Aviemore. As always it was a great chance to meet youth leaders from across the country, combined with high quality training, inspiring stories and challenging teaching. To find out more about next year's event, keep an eye on www.deep-impact.org.uk.

Make a difference!

Please **pray** for us, the work we do and the young people of the North East. We'll happily come to share our work with your church or group. We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills for front line youth work, training, or technical and admin jobs. Finally, please consider **financial support** - a one-off donation or as little as £5 a month will help us to reach young people across the North East with the Good News of Jesus Christ

Fort Rocky



Fort Rocky is the group weekend with a difference from British YFC. It's fun-filled and action packed with an opportunity for young people to explore the Christian faith in a new, exciting and significant way. This year has an extra date just for those at our end of the country - 18-20 September at Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee. For more information, check out: www.yfc.co.uk/residentials/fortrocky

Training Day

We had a training day on 20 September last year. A number of youth leaders and helpers got together in Kintore to learn and encourage each other for the day.

We're looking to run another in conjunction with Scripture Union Scotland, 10am-4pm on 21 March at Oldmachar Church, BoD, Aberdeen. For details please contact us by phone or email volunteers@nesyfc.org.uk. We're looking for suggestions for topics to be covered - you can submit these through our website.

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009. This issue we're trying A5 format to save on trees and labour, but if you're finding it a bit small or have any other comments, please just let us know.

People changes

The past few months have seen God calling some of our team on to new things and us welcoming some new people in. Our recently appointed administrator Joanna had to move on for personal reasons and we're really grateful for the help she gave us over the past few months. Having realised just how helpful she has been we are looking for someone to take over our admin role - if you know someone who'd like three hours of work per week please link them up with us.

One of our longest serving volunteers Cat Lawson will be stepping down from our executive committee over the next few months and is currently helping us to find someone else to look after training and our team of volunteers. It's hard to put into words just how much Cat has given (and continues to give) to God's work through NESYFC - please pray for her in whatever God leads her on to.

We're also really happy to be welcoming Aly Brown as our new prayer coordinator - read about her over the page.

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Director

Regular readers of our newsletter will know that we advertised for a director to provide support for our volunteers and partner churches and to help our ministry grow. Although we interviewed promising candidates, a number of issues have come up during the appointment process which mean this post is still unfilled.

We are going to take some time now to prayerfully consider which path from here will bring the greatest glory to God - please pray for our Executive Committee and Council of Reference as they consider God's plans for the future of NESYFC.



Thank you to all who have been praying for us during the recruitment process.

Want a copy of the newsletter for yourself, or have you something to advertise? Just contact us at the address on the back.

Art of Connecting

We speak with Thomas Griffin-Walker of St Kane's Church, New Deer...

I recently took part in The Art of Connecting. I wasn't entirely sure what to expect but I had an idea that it would be about sharing our faith. What I liked about the course was that we could all freely discuss our experiences with our faith, our emotions and our day to day life and that we could learn how to communicate in a far a more sociable way. I hope to take from the experience the ability to share my story, Jesus' story and the story of others and to be able to hold conversations with others at a much higher level.

If you'd like to find out about Art of Connecting or any other YFC resources for your church, visit our website or email resources@nesyfc.org.uk.

Breathe Update

We had three events in Autumn 2008, in New Deer, Lumsden and Gardenstown. Though fairly quiet compared to past events this let us really engage with the young people who were at each event. The events focused on Heroes, Going for Gold (winter Olympics) and the meaning of Christmas.

We are visiting Oldmeldrum Church Hall twice in 2009 - 22 February (postponed from 8 Feb due to weather) and 10 May. We're also going to be in Montrose on Saturday 28 March, venue TBC. Keep an eye on our website for details.



In Brief

Sports Apprentices

YFC in Scotland is currently working to get a group of churches or organisations to partner in a project based around a recently acquired street football pitch. The idea is that each group would find a person to work as a sports apprentice, who would be split between community or schools based sports ministry and training towards a qualification. Once a group of potential partners is identified, a joint funding bid will be placed. A couple of groups in the North East are already interested and if you'd like to be involved too please contact us.

Anniversary

2009 will mark 20 years of NESYFC (originally Aberdeen & District YFC). We'd like to get everyone who's been involved with the ministry - including missions, schoolwork, Powerpoint, Sonrise and Rock Solid - together at some point to give thanks to God for the good things that have happened through NESYFC and pray for the future, as well as just enjoying company among old friends. Please get in touch if you'd like to take part and pass on the news to anyone else you know.

Mobile Phones

Got an old phone spare after a Christmas upgrade? Please send it and any old ink cartridges you have to us - we can send it for recycling and it will provide vital funds for our work with young people.



Interview

We speak to NESYFC's new Prayer Coordinator, Aly Brown.

How did you get involved with YFC? I spoke to Sandy one morning after church about youth work and YFC and he mentioned there was an opening for prayer coordinator and strangely after much prayer - I spoke to him several weeks later and asked for more info... and well, here I am!

Chick flicks or action movies? My idea of a nightmare is a chick flick, so I'm afraid action films and thinky films get my vote!

What's your favourite sport? Well to play is probably badminton - but I am a football fanatic with a cousin who plays for good old Northern Ireland and a mad rugby fan as well as watching most sports! I've also a husband who is continually attached to sports channels so it's hard to get away from!

...and your favourite fruit? Don't have one in particular - but a smoothie is just the best!! As long as there's pineapple and banana in it!

Who is the best superhero? I don't really have one to be honest!

Project Update

Progress is slow but steady for the team planning to launch a youth work project in Mastrick and Northfield. We were recently approached by another church who could help with the accommodation for a year. Please pray that this works out, that discussions with the schools in the area are fruitful and that there are enough volunteers signing up to YFC Kick this year that we can get a team.

Meanwhile, NESYFC have booked the British YFC mission team Nomad to come

What's the best thing about God?

Obviously that He wants to have a relationship with me.... but also that He's always there and never turns His back on us

What's the most tragic CD in your collection? All my music is awesome!!!!

How did you become a Christian? I was 4 and it was after a Good News Club at my school, but I don't think I really realised the impact this had on my life until I was a teenager.

What's your most embarrassing moment? Probably falling in the snow in front of one of my lecturers when I was at uni (now I work with them!!)

Who's your role model? Probably my dad

What's the best thing about being part of YFC? Well so far I guess it's gotta be the opportunity to serve... but also making lots of new friends and lots of new opportunities for me to get involved in!



on 3-9 May; we're hoping they will be able to work in this area as a preview of the long term project. They work with a football cage (you might have seen it before at *Frenzy* - the team and cage are pictured above) and we're really excited about what they could do here. Please pray for them and the young people they will be working with.