

Youth Alpha

Zak Robb reports...

We ran a youth alpha group over the Christmas term this year in the Grammar school, which was great fun! We had a weekly attendance of 5/6 kids who were joining in with all the discussions and were really showing an interest in their faith. The materials were excellent as we covered topics from "Who is Jesus" through to the Holy Spirit in our weeks in the school.

The school itself seemed happy to support it as there were posters up through the halls while we ran it and weekly bulletins inviting people to come. Overall, it was very exciting to be a part of, and because of that we are starting a youth alpha group in our local academy over this next term - in Oldmachar academy.

Do you have a problem reaching young people age 10 to 18? YFC have a great range of ready to use innovative programmes to cover these age groups. And it's now time for ordering Autumn resources! If anyone would like information or sample packs (small charge) on Rock Solid, RS2 or Mettle please contact us now - email resources@nesyfc.org.uk or tel 01771 644228. Alasdair & Edna Brownlee, resources co-ordinators

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.

Breathe Update

Over the past few months we've run Breathe in Oldmeldrum twice and in Montrose. The events were based on the themes of "Love" and "Breathe's Got Talent". The former was looking at different kinds of love (it was around Valentines' Day) and how God's love is different. The latter provided some brilliant moments looking at different giftings of the team and how God can change a person's life.

Though crowds at the events were fairly small they really engaged with the team and God certainly spoke to the young people at them.

We're really happy to have been asked to run Breathe on a lunchtime at Banff Academy - on Friday 26 June. Obviously this is a little different to our regular events but it's a great opportunity to reach young people so please pray for the team that are running that event.

We currently have a couple of events provisionally lined up for the year after the summer. If you'd like to be a host please get in touch by calling us or emailing breathe@nesyfc.org.uk.

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Welcome!

The past few months have been pretty hectic, but God has been doing some great things through that. Our exec have been prayerfully considering the future and what God wants us to focus on. We're currently looking at all of our ministries and working out how we can make each of them better. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction through this. In the meantime, we've had an amazing week with the NOMAD team and have some great things lined up for the coming months, please read on to find out more!

People changes

We were really pleased to welcome Sarah Maiyo as our new administrator in April. Unfortunately due to unforeseen personal circumstances she had to return home to Kenya at the beginning of June. As a result we're now looking for another administrator to cover 3 hours a week until at least October.

We are also looking for people to fill two key positions on our exec committee: volunteer coordinator and publicity coordinator. The former is particularly important as the role is all about making sure our volunteers are mentored and supported properly. If you feel called to any of these roles or just want to know more please email Sandy Brownlee sandy@nesyfc.org.uk or call on 01224 699937.

AGM

Our AGM will be on Wed 24 June, 7:30pm at our office in Crown Terrace Methodist Church, Aberdeen. Anyone interested in NESYFC is welcome to come and be updated on our ministry, but please let us know in advance so we can accommodate everybody.

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Keswick in Buckie

We're really pleased to be running the youth work component of Keswick in Buckie convention (1-7 August), and have taken on Dave Brown to lead a team there. This will take the form of sports-based mission work on streets in Buckie during the festival. It will be a great opportunity for young leaders (16+) to get experience of mission and is a good chance to grow in faith. If you're interested please email us on office@nesyfc.org.uk

Gap Years

British YFC are now looking for young people who would like to take a gap year with God from this summer as part of YFCOne. Whether your gifts lie in music, sport, leadership, dance, youthwork, communication, or anything else (even if you're not sure!), there could be a place for you in YFCOne.

Find out more at www.yfcone.com

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



Prayer

From our prayer coordinator, Aly Brown



I hope you are all enjoying the nice weather we've had this week!! It just reminds me that we do have a summer and we're getting near to the holidays! With that in mind, I have some prayer points for you to consider over the next few months. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to praying for us.

We are involved in a lunch time event at Banff Academy at the end of June. Please pray that we make the most of this amazing opportunity and that God would be glorified through our presence. Pray for the young people and teachers at the school.

We are hoping to continue the work that the NOMAD team did when they were in Aberdeen in May. Please pray for those organising and planning this and for the volunteers who are willing to give up their time to commit to this work.

In August, NESYFC will be running the youth work at the Keswick in Buckie convention. Please pray for Dave Brown as he organises this and the team of volunteers who'll be involved in the week.

Pray for teachers and youth workers over

the summer holidays as it provides different challenges for everyone. Pray for summer missions and for all those involved that God would bless each of them and that the young people would be challenged.

Prayer Partners

We'd like to have people who could join us as prayer partners. Specifically for:

Breathe & other events - while the team are busy running events, a group of people who'd commit to praying for a period of time during the preparation and the event itself. I'm not anticipating that you come along to the event, or commit to the entire time, but rather that you'd commit to pray for 10-15 minutes at some point during the course of the day/evening for those involved and the young people who attend.

NESYFC Exec - We'd like to have a 'prayer buddy' for each member of our Exec. I am looking for people who would be interested in committing to pray for a specific member of the Exec. We all have different roles and responsibilities within the team but the same vision - to see young people reached and lives changed.

If you are interested in either of the above, please contact me (prayer@nesyfc.org.uk) so that I can get each organised.

Survey

To help us make our work more relevant to the young people you work with and support churches better in what they do we're conducting a survey of all Christians in the North East who work with young people. Please take part in it - it's on the web at www.nesyfc.org.uk/survey

Mobiles + Ink Cartridges

We're still looking for these for recycling to contribute towards our funds. Please email office@nesyfc.org.uk if you can offer some.



In Brief

Anniversary

2009 marks 20 years of NESYFC (originally Aberdeen & District YFC). On 18 September we're getting together 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. Everyone who's been involved with the ministry - including missions, schoolwork, Powerpoint, Sonrise and Rock Solid - is invited. Please get in touch if you'd like to come and pass on the news to anyone else you know.

An Awesome Week!

An update on the project in Mastrick, Middlefield and Northfield from Sandy Brownlee

From the 3-10 May we hosted Tim, Hannah and Stu of NOMAD, British YFC's itinerant sports mission team. They were also joined by Alan Gray, sports coordinator for YFC in Scotland, for part of the week. NOMAD base their activities on 2 vs 2 Panna KO football in a 22' metal cage which can be set up nearly anywhere. The idea is that they use the cage as a focal point and can speak with young people around it. They spent their daytimes in Northfield Academy, setting up the cage in the playground at lunchtimes and helping with PE + RE lessons in the afternoons. During evenings they were set up in a number of places around Mastrick, Middlefield and Northfield - you might have seen them in the P+J pictured outside the shops in Mastrick.

This was an awesome week to be a part of. The team working with something like 250 young people over the week and a small group followed them around all the different locations.

Speaking with the team at the end of the week, the best thing that happened for them was a chat between them and a group of five girls at the school, sharing testimony and answering questions. From this came their most memorable quote of the week - "can you become a Christian if you're not one already?" Questions like this made the week what it was and the team's biggest encouragement was how open and honest the young people were willing to be with them. It is obvious that they are desperate for things to do and for people to be interested in them.

The NOMAD team have asked us to pray for two things:

- For the follow up work to their week here, that the local churches involved in schools can keep up the new contacts made
- For the team as they go on to other places, that they never miss opportunities to share the gospel and that they get help with their finances (as volunteers they raise £3000 each towards their training costs)

At the end of the week my heart went out to the young people in this area. One of them said to the team "you're going again - now what are we going to do?". More than ever it's obvious that God wants us to establish something permanent here and as a start we're getting a small team of volunteers to go to one of the local parks and kick a ball around, just getting to know the young people there. We're looking for volunteers who can spare a night a week for this right now. In the longer term it'd be great to get something like a cage for ourselves and be able to pay someone to work full time here - please pray that resources to allow this to happen will come.

