

## Elsewhere in YFC

### Highlands & Islands YFC

You might remember Linda Buchan from her days making a big contribution as a volunteer with Breathe around the North East. Linda has now been in full time Christian youth work for several years around Scotland and has just started with HIYFC (on 1st Dec). She will be working part time at Inverness High School and part time in project development, making the work of HIYFC better known and extending the work into other secondary schools and P6&7. She will be offering support to youth work in churches. Please pray for her for this challenging role.

Also HIYFC are opening an Antiques and Collectables shop in Inverness. Please pray for the managing of this venture that in time it will be successful and provide a small funding stream for HIYFC.

### Inverclyde YFC

#### Holy Mischief Day!

On the 24th of October this year, on a soggy, wet, Saturday afternoon 3 teams of young people showered the people of Inverclyde with random acts of kindness. These young people went into the streets of Greenock armed with: goodie bags; balloons; gift cards; and smiles on their faces, hoping to practically "love their neighbours" (Mark 12:31), and challenge negative perceptions of young people. Approximately 300 small acts of kindness were carried out on the day, with ongoing acts continuing to be passed on from one recipient to another. IYFC are really thankful for the opportunity to have hosted this day, and are pleased with the positive impact it has had on all who took part.



## Help us!

You can help us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for us and the young people of the North East. **Volunteer**, working with young people or in background support. **Give**, in your will, a few pounds a month or a one-off. All makes a difference!

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## Welcome!

**John 17: 20-23.** *'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one, as we are one: I in them, and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them, even as you loved me.'*



It has been a great joy to be part of a united team ministry reaching out to the young people in Tillydrone and Seaton. Our youth worker Curtis has been welcomed and supported by the existing ministries and charities working in this area, including the Lighthouse, DCF, Seaton Church, Destiny Church and the Mission, and our thanks goes to them all at the end of our first year's full engagement.

The work is going well, and we look forward to what 2016 brings!

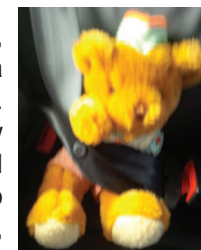
Yet again, we lay before you the problem we have of way too few people on our steering group. It has now reached a critical point: the ministry cannot continue to operate with so few. Please see the attached letter, and see if there is any way you can help.

May Christ's rich blessings be with you this Christmas!

Alasdair Brownlee, for the NESYFC Steering Group

## Hank's Panel

Yo! Hello you bear lovers, it's Hank, and I am SO excited! Our new Panna KO Football Cage is ready for action. It is already mounted on our new replacement trailer, and all we need now is enough volunteers to crew it. So if any of you readers can help with that, let us know. And - this is the best part - we have a set of floodlights so it can be used on dark nights early next year! This was courtesy of the Lord Provost's Charitable Fund. So, if all you young folk in Tillydrone and Seaton want to see me (I am a bit of a celebrity now) come along and meet the team, and have some fun. We'll be there every fortnight. Love you all, Hank.

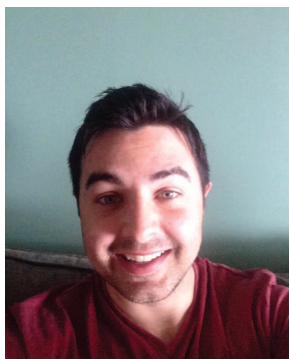


## Deep Impact

A reminder that Deep Impact, Scotland's conference for anyone involved in Christian youth work (paid or voluntary), is on Friday 22nd January - Sunday 24th January 2016. It's a good source of refreshment and training and a great way to kick off your year with God. For more information see their website: [www.deep-impact.org.uk](http://www.deep-impact.org.uk)

## Outreach update

*News from youth worker Curtis Sangbarani on what's been happening each day in a typical week – quite a lot!*



Monday – help at night with youth outreach club at Seaton, with Tony from Seaton Church. From January onwards, God willing, the Cage will go in fortnightly, alongside the Dyce outreach bus which is already there. Late primary plus academy young people.

Tuesday – School Pastoring role, through which kids have been coming across to lunchtime club. Mixed nationalities, sometimes find it difficult at school, find a safe haven in lunchtime club. Good cross contact with young people now, through football coaching and school, also through TLG (Transforming Lives for Good Education Charity), befriending at Riverbank primary school. Teacher picks out the ones who might need this kind of one to one approach. Going well.

Wednesday – SAMS youth club, Seaton (Samuel Trust). After School club Seaton Primary. P3 – P7, currently games, Bible lessons, snacks. Then Riverbank Primary football training. The work on discipline and respect for fellow team players has been bearing fruit. Around 14 each week and growing. 2 boys from the academy also there. Chance to get them to come to clubs also. Have man of the match competition with Haribo prize.

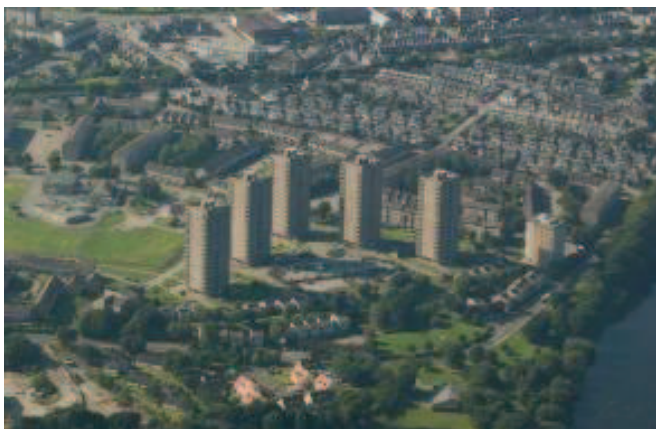
Football games on a Saturday, transport difficulties,

many parents don't have cars. Need to go to places like Kaimhill, Harlaw. Minibus would be useful! There is a big patch of grass out the back of the school, may belong to Aberdeen Football club. Would be okay for footie, and not same need for transport then, and might be able to coach P4/5 as well as P6/7. Will look into this further. Team progressing. From not winning at all, now 4 out of 6 wins!

Thursday – at Dougie Simpson's (DCF) support group, then St Machar Academy lunch club with boys. Have started serving food to them now through Lighthouse – hot dogs, pizza – trying something different. No table tennis etc., but wacky games. Mark, Grace and Jane helping.

SU club, Riverside Primary. Have a rota which is helping, but need more volunteers to help. Now increased to 29 young people, total 40 from both sessions. Football/Bible combining well, and will develop that. Mainly male, just 1 female. Need for equivalent female youth worker to do something parallel with the girls.

Friday – SAMS+, lunch club (Samuel Trust) at



Mission Church next to the Uni hub. 2nd Years. 3 leaders. Not working so well, low numbers. May stop this, which would leave time to try something else, more Cage, Befriending at Academy or additional football coaching.

Saturday – every second one. Befriending started. Riverbank Primary Games. Pizza, activities, bowling.

Helping at Childrens Church at the Lighthouse on Sunday. Primary plus a few Secondary, including Reece who was saved recently. Could take Cage in here. They have lunch once a month – could be there also.

## Prayer

- Give thanks for provision of replacement cage and trailer.
- Pray for enough volunteers to man it on a fortnightly basis.
- Pray for the young people in Tillydrone / Seaton, that their lives will see positive change
- Pray for the groups the young people are going to, that through them they may come to know Christ.
- Pray for more local people to come onto the Steering Group
- Give thanks for those in Seaton Church, Destiny Church, the Lighthouse and the Mission, who are part of the team ministry in this area.



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*'Taking the Good News relevantly to every young person in North East Scotland'*

## **Outreach to Young People in Tillydrone & Seaton**

### **Brothers and Sisters in Christ – Can You Help Us?**

North East Scotland Youth for Christ (NESYFC) have been both blessed and privileged to be a part of the growing multi team ministry which is coming together as one body in Christ to follow His example and reach out to people where they are and particular in Tillydrone and Seaton.

As you know, we have our full time youth worker Curtis Sangbarani working with the young people (football coaching, school pastor at St Machar Academy, befriender at Riverbank School, TLG, Cage football, discipling young people, helping out at the Mission and Lighthouse etc). We are seeing that work impacting on young people in a positive way.

Through people moving on and being called to other parts of our Lords work, we at NESYFC are at a critical stage in our ministry regarding the manpower required behind the scenes, to support and develop the 'front end' work in Tillydrone and Seaton. At the moment it is difficult for us to see how the ministry can continue in its present form if we do not get more people on board.

We would really appreciate it if you could take time to consider and let me know if there may be anyone in your home church or social circle who you think could be approached or be willing to help serve our ministry, particularly in the following critical roles.

- **Ministry Co-ordinator**

Overseeing the overall vision and direction of the work that NESYFC do in Tillydrone and Seaton; be our focal point for networking with other ministry leaders working in the area. This role would be supported by and report to NESYFC's Steering Group.

- **Cage Manager**

Overseeing the Panna KO football Cage operation (how cage is used, ensuring compliance with Health & Safety requirements, the logistics of getting the cage from storage to the event site and returned to storage etc). Health & Safety procedures are already in place. This role would be in close conjunction with our youth worker.

- **Volunteer Co-ordinator**

Overseeing the recruitment, training, development and discipling of young volunteers involved in the front end ministry work in Tillydrone and Seaton (Cage football, football clubs etc) This role would be in close conjunction with our youth worker and would involve PVG processing which our Steering Group would help with.

- **Steering Group Member**

Just be a member of the Steering Group helping with the operation, vision and decision making process of our ministry. **We are really keen to find people who are (a) local to Tillydrone/Seaton and/or (b) who have a real burden for that area and for reaching young people with the reality and good news of Jesus.**

We can provide more detailed role descriptions for anyone who may feel led to help us or want to explore things further.

Many thanks – in Christ whom we serve.

Alasdair Brownlee – Chair of Board of Trustees

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