

Resources

There has been an increase in the number of Rock Solid clubs having to close down because of lack of leaders, particularly for the co-ordinating role. It is sad, that we sometimes have young people and an excellent resource, but no programme in place. This year NESYFC will be focussing on improving links with churches, and we will help you go about finding leaders, getting your club up and running again, or to start a new one. Just call Alasdair on 01771 644228 or e-mail resources@nesyfc.org.uk

The CRUX resource will also help you reach young people in schools. The CRUX is Youth for Christ's

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** - whether in your will, a regular donation of as little as £5 a month or a one-off gift; it all helps us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



groundbreaking extended school's resource. It is designed to be run in secondary schools by local volunteers or teaching professionals as part of the Government extended school's initiative – but can easily be adapted for younger or older age range. Since its launch in November 2007, the CRUX is now running in over 100 schools nationally and engaging with 2500 young people. The 5 key strands are Technology, Sports, Creative Arts, **C**urrent **A**ffairs and **S**pirituality. For further

information contact our youth outreach worker Steven Hamilton - e-mail steven@nesyfc.org.uk

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Welcome!

There's a lot going on at the moment. While it feels like the door is closing on some parts of our ministry God has led us into a whole load of new things at the same time!

New links are developing with schools and partner churches and new volunteers are coming on board. We're really excited by the work Steven has been doing in the few months he's been with us and ask you to pray for him and the rest of the team as we continually seek God's will for the way forward.

It's our vision that one day every young person in the North East will have a chance to hear about God, whether through us or someone else. We need your help to reach young people with the good news of Jesus. Please read on, pray and consider how you could get involved.

Please share this newsletter with others, pray for the young people we work with and consider how you could be involved in this work, and most of all thank God for the great things He continues to do!

In Brief

Imagine

Imagine 2011 is lined up for 2-6 August. A great week for young people to encounter God! Find out more at www.imaginescotland.co.uk

Deep Impact

Several members of our team are just back from the annual training weekend in Aviemore. As always it was a great weekend with lots to learn and lots of networking to be done. Deep Impact is Scotland's National Youthwork Training event, for Christians in voluntary or paid Youth Work, pioneered by Highlands and

Breathe Dates

Breathe continues to provide opportunities for young people to come together and engage in dynamic worship. It's always great to see the crowd at each event getting involved and encountering God!

Two dates arranged in 2011 so far:

- 20th March Inverbervie
- 15th May Dyce

Our December event in Newhills had to be postponed due to the weather and that, along with more dates, will be confirmed soon. Keep watching our website for updates, or ask to be put onto our mailing list.

For more information on Breathe, contact Anne Laird on breathe@nesyfc.org.uk.

Islands YFC and now run by Scottish Christian Youth Work Forum (SCYWF) - find out more at www.deep-impact.org.uk.

Mobiles + Ink Cartridges

Thanks to those who have been contributing these for recycling. We can get anything between a few pence and a couple of pounds per cartridge and more for phones - it all adds up; this year's recycling has covered the cost of a whole Breathe event! Email office@nesyfc.org.uk if you have any to offer.



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

We want you!

The following volunteer positions need to be filled to help us focus on all parts of our ministry. The more people we have, the more effective we will be. You will be joining a small friendly team of volunteers.

Volunteer Co-ordinator – looking after our young volunteers including disclosure checks.

Prayer Co-ordinator – everything we do must be rooted in prayer and we need someone to specifically focus on this.

Fundraising – our income comes from various sources and we need someone to build on this and bring in their own talents and ideas.

Publicity – liaise with media, publicise events such as Breathe and communicate with supporters and prayer partners.

Administrative support – To act as a communicator and co-ordinator for the rest of the team plus administrative tasks not covered by our part time secretary.

If you feel called to help with any of these roles, please contact Alasdair on 01771 644228 or e-mail office@nesyfc.org.uk



Prayer Points

We would appreciate your prayers for the following in the coming weeks:



- Pray for our Outreach Worker Steven as he continues to develop his work in particular areas. Pray that doors will open for him in the Oldmeldrum area and that he can reach out to the young folk there. Pray for guidance as Steven makes plans for this summer. Give thanks for his faith, enthusiasm and desire to see young people come to know Jesus.
- Pray that the right people will come forward to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee.
- Pray for guidance for the Executive Committee as they consider how to focus their energy in the coming year.
- Pray for the 2011 breathe events that they will provide an opportunity for young folk to have fun whilst getting to know more about the Good News.
- Pray that in 2011 more churches will be made aware of the work being done by NESYFC and that their support both in terms of prayer and money will be forthcoming.

Outreach Worker

Steven Hamilton was commissioned into his role at Deeside Christian Fellowship 31 October and we've been really excited by the things God's been doing through him already. Please join in prayer for Steven as he works with young people around the north east. He brings us up to date on how things are going.

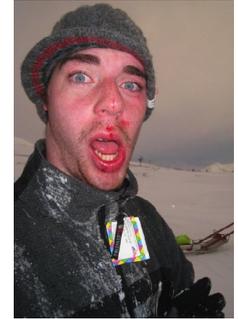
So far...

I have now been working three months for NESYFC. All has been very exciting so far. Most of my work has been really to develop partnerships with churches (Oldmachar, Deeside, Mannofield and Sheddocksley) and Christian groups (YMCA, Master Commission). That has helped us grow a bit in the number of volunteers and helped some churches get to know about us for the first time. In November I had a chance of working around our Breathe event by meeting kids and advertising our event in the communities of Methlick and Oldmeldrum (our event was held in Methlick). That gave us also a chance to pray for those places and the events. Although we don't know how effective our advertising was, we know that the Lord answered our prayers with a great event, with a lot of kids in Methlick! That also started a good partnership with Methlick parish and its youth workers. Also in December I spent a lot of time praying and asking God for vision and doors to open for a new project.

Coming Up:

God was faithful. He opened two doors and not just one!

Oldmeldrum: For a while- since the summer really- I have been praying for the community in Oldmeldrum and considering a sense of God's calling to that place. That calling has been confirmed and shared with the church workers from Methlick who are already doing some work in Oldmeldrum Academy. It is a relatively new Academy with quite a wide catch of communities, that overall seem to have been quite hard places to reach with the Gospel. It is pioneering work that God has called us to do! Please pray with us as we hope that doors in the school will be open to us.



Steven and cold weather don't seem to mix!

Oldmachar: I have been supporting first-hand one of our Rock Solid groups in Oldmachar. From tonight (18th) onwards I will be one of the leaders of the group. Please pray for this ministry as many non-church kids come to this weekly group. Also, this opened doors to support Oldmachar church's youth work in a broader sense. I will hopefully be helping the youth in terms of discipleship, getting alongside them, individually and corporately, to help them grow in love for Christ and understanding of God's word and Christian living.

Thank you for your prayers,

Steven