

Breathe

There were two events leading up to the summer - 15th May at Dyce Parish Church "One of a Kind", and also Newhills 18 June "Play to Win". Both were great events and we'd like to share the words of some of the young people who came...

"Was great please come again"

"Had such a lovely evening, please come back to Dyce soon ;-) Thank you!"

"Best youth Christian event ever!!!"

"I loved the games, the presentation + I LOVED the Band! :-)"

"I really enjoyed it!"

"This has been amazing, thank you! All the band are very talented! ;-)"

"It was epic! Thank you sooo much! The band are so awesome ;-)"

The first event of the new session takes place while the newsletter is in print: 17th Sept 2011 in Methlick Parish Church. The rest of 2011 is now fully booked - so if you'd like Breathe to come to your area please contact us soon! Dates to the end of the year are:

29th Oct 2011 - Montrose area (venue TBC)

20th Nov 2011 - Turriff

11th Dec 2011 - Inverbervie

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Want a copy of the newsletter for yourself, or have you something to advertise? Just ask!

Make a difference!

Pray for us, our work and the young people of the North East. We'll happily share our work with your church or group.

We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills

We need **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.

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Welcome!

The summer has passed very quickly, with lots of different things taking place. A particular highlight has been the summer mission in Kemnay, but there have been a number of other things going on, and God is using it all to impact on young lives. Pray that the ongoing work following on from the summer's activities continues to help young people encounter God. With all these things happening perhaps now more than ever we need more volunteers to support this good work so please prayerfully consider joining in!

Summer Mission

Our mission week this year was with Kemnay Church of Scotland, on 18th - 22nd July. We planned a week with the YFC nomad team (football cage for panna k.o. competitions).

It is very much an outdoor kind of evangelistic tool.

But of course, the team started on Monday under pouring rain. Not many children around and initially we were a bit discouraged.



But as always the Lord answered our prayers and turned up to bring more and more kids around day after day. By the end of the week we had about 30 kids coming along.

In the afternoon we would have the cage in the primary school and the Lord granted us nice weather the rest of the week.

In the evening we had the cage at the Kirk centre car park, and we opened up the centre for games and activities inside as well as running the cage outside.

The church was very encouraged by the week and the work done. It gave them so many more contacts. It was very encouraging to see.

During any program we had, we shared about our Jesus through testimonies or short talks. The kids took them in and enjoyed them. We believe that there is space for follow up in this village, so please do join us in prayer about this.

The Nomad team did a fantastic job and it was a joy to work with them and the local church people as well.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support about this. Do join us in prayer as well about a possibility of getting our own cage next spring.

North East Scotland
Youth for Christ taking good news relevantly to every young person in north east Scotland



Prayer Points

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



- Give thanks for the summer: Gospel presented SO MUCH in Scotland this summer!
- Pray for follow up and the churches in each of these places
- Pray for the Avellino GLO Team that starts on Saturday the 3rd until the 12th
- Pray for young people and team at Breathe as it resumes
- Pray for Gionathan an Italian guy who joined Steven in the work this summer and picked up good English on the way. Pray for his future.
- Pray for spiritual growth and strength with those we reach, us and our churches

We need you!

Be part of our exciting work...

We are currently running very near the bare minimum of volunteers and to do our job properly we urgently need more people involved.

You just need a desire to see young people connect with God and be 16 or over - whatever your experience or skills we can find a place for you.



As well as direct work with young people in mission and at Breathe, we need background help with these important jobs: volunteer support including disclosure, prayer ministry, fundraising, publicity and admin support. Also, if you know someone else who might be suitable please pass this on to them. For more information, contact Alasdair on 01771 644228 or e-mail resources@nesyfc.org.uk

Focus Scotland

Focus Scotland was held in Aberdeen on the 10th-11th May. This is the annual get together where the three YFC centres and supporters in Scotland share with each other, and staff from National YFC at Halesowen tell us what is going on nationally. It is always good to hear about latest developments, including the resources and programmes being used to reach out to young people in schools and young offenders institutions.

Facebook

Having done away with our Bebo page a while back we've been sorely lacking a social networking presence - this has now been fixed! Click on the Facebook logo on our website to visit our new page.



Treasurer

In an answer to prayer, we have a volunteer for the post of treasurer. We're grateful to Tom Cowie (Deeside Christian Fellowship Church) for coming forward and look forward to his help on our team. There are still other core team vacancies, detailed left; if you'd like to serve as part of this rewarding and mission-focused ministry please get in touch.

Cage

We are looking forward to the launch date for our own cage ministry next Spring! A further £2000 is needed to complete financing for this project, without compromising our existing ongoing work. The cage will be a vital tool in engaging with young people, helping us to build relationships with them. Just 40 donations of £50 will enable us to do this – send cheques made out for nesyfc to our Crown Terrace address.

Olympics / Commonwealth Games

With the Olympics and Paralympics in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in 2014 there are going to be many opportunities for churches across Scotland to engage with sport. Some activities such as Global Community Games (www.globalcommunitygames.com) are already taking place in Scotland. YFC are exploring how to expand, and help churches deliver sustainable programmes in the church. Scottish YFC & Glasgow Churches are delighted to announce the first step in this process: a training weekend, 25-27 Nov 2011 at Carronvale, Larbert. It aims to equip those aged 16-30 wishing to explore how their faith and interest in sport go hand-in-hand, and how they could use sport in their own church.

Over the course of the weekend you will:

- receive coaching certificates in some of the Commonwealth Games sports
- hear from individuals already working in the field of sports ministry
- have the chance to meet people from around Scotland united by their faith and a passion for sport

Funding has been secured to subsidise participation. Please pray about your attendance or pass this onto the relevant people. Contact alan.gray@yfc.co.uk or chris2014@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk, or point your web browser at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=115617645194438>

Summer Activities

We hear from outreach worker Steven Hamilton about activities over the summer period.

RENFREW (2-9 July) We joined the GLO team, helping the church with a Holiday Bible Club and evening events. The Church was encouraged by how the week went.

OLDMACHAR (11-15 July) We ran a Holiday Bible Club in the morning called (the X-Banter!) and an evening drop-in. After a difficult start we were encouraged by the contacts made and the message being really well received by the kids.

CLAN GATHERING (23-29 July) We were part of the Youth Detached Team, running the yfc/kick portable football pitch & chatting to the kids.

IMAGINE (2-6 August) We had a stand in the market place and met a lot of youth leaders and young people; some of the Breathe kit was also in use through the event. Find out more about the Imagine festival at www.imaginescotland.co.uk.

SHETLAND (7-12 August) We joined Burra Baptist to run their soccer school; teaching kids football skills and clearly and extensively presenting them with the gospel message and the Lord's work in our lives. Church was very encouraged and we believe there is an opportunity for follow. Do join us in prayer as we think about our possible involvement there as well.

BELFAST (13-20 August) We joined the GLO team and Crescent church running an outreach in Belfast City Centre plus special evening events. We were very encouraged by the conversations we had.

Pray for Steven and our volunteers as they return to the usual regular activities, and that long term follow up to the summer programme can be maintained well to have a lasting impact on the young people reached.

