

Around YFC

The wider YFC network offers a great deal of support and is very much a family, focused on reaching young people for God. We're starting a new section to the newsletter this issue: a snapshot of one of the other Scottish YFC centres. This month we hear from Inverclyde YFC in Greenock.

Please give thanks for our new Youth Worker Jenni Dyer. Jenni is enthusiastic and very passionate about sharing the gospel with young people. Jenni is currently raising her personal support and all being well will start with us in December.



Please give thanks that one of our projects has been recognised for a Mustard Seed Award. (The Andrews Charitable Trust and Christian Initiative Trust) We made an application to run an Inverclyde-wide Day of Holy Mischief. We don't know which category we have won yet but have been told that no matter what we will receive £5000 towards the cost of delivering the project. Jill and Jen are off to Lambeth Palace in London to receive the award. We are very excited about the positive impact young people in Inverclyde could have on their neighbours as a result of this project.

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!

Friends International

We work closely with several other Christian organisations. One is Friends International, working with students from overseas. We'd like to share the following from them



International Café at Hebron Church; International Bible study at Mission Church; Friendship link scheme; Outings


What you can do to help and how can you contact me:

1. **Pray** – Please pray for a leader at the new café at The Mission, and for an established team. Also pray for God to guide us in the strategy of international students in Aberdeen
2. **Partner financially** – All Friends International staff commit to raising the finances required to fund their work. If you are able to contribute, please contact Joyce.
3. **Get involved in a ministry** – If you would like to join in this work, meeting with international students and sharing Jesus with them, please get in touch.

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Welcome!

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Welcome - A joyous and blessed Christmas to all our supporters! As we approach the Celebration of Christ being born, we stand in awe at what it means for each one of us, personally. When God sent His Son to us as a newborn, His master plan to save mankind was already unfolding, foretold by the prophets. Isaiah 9:6,7.

Jesus knew that His mission here on earth was not just to show us the true path, but to die for us on the cross. His total awareness of His mission was revealed as the soldiers came to arrest Him. The disciples wanted to stop Him being taken away, one drawing his sword and cutting off an ear. Jesus admonished him and said "Surely you know I could ask my Father, and He would give me more than twelve armies of angels. But it must happen this way to bring about what the Scriptures say" Matthew 26:53,54.

If we are to hear God's voice as clearly as Jesus did, we need to spend even more time with Him - in prayer, in fellowship with other believers, and by reading His Word. Knowing His purpose for our lives will allow Him to work fully through us, so we don't count the cost, but serve in joy through all obstacles and seemingly dark times.

Let us go forward into 2015 together, as one body, those directly involved, those behind the scenes, and all you supporters out there who help to make this work possible!

The NESYFC Steering Group.

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Please pray for:

- The young people we work with, that they will encounter God
- Thanks for the provision of funding for the full time worker in Tillydrone
- Thanks for the army of prayer warriors and supporters who uphold us.
- God's guidance on the youth worker appointment
- Our young volunteers and leaders, as they juggle jobs and uni work with their service for Him
- More people to help with the 'behind the scenes' work

Our Mission for 2015

Tillydrone - Outreach Worker Update

First, a big THANK YOU to all our supporters. Due to your prayers, sacrificial giving, advice and help, we have been able to advertise for a full time youth worker. After much prayer and consideration, it became clear to the steering group that this is what God required us to do for His work in Tillydrone. It is a step of faith, because there is still a shortfall in the known regular income, but we are sure of His provision, and it means we are dependent on Him rather than our own strength.

We have just completed interviewing again, and God willing, we hope to have someone appointed early 2015. Please continue to pray that we will feel God's guidance on the final decision – it needs to be His choice. We will keep you informed through the web site which we are now trying to keep more up to date. Some of the work could be confrontational, and it is important that the youth worker is sure they can handle this, and that we have the right support package in place.

Other work

It is fair to say that, in the past, we have not focussed enough on the disenfranchised young people in our community, so on both counts, Tillydrone will be the main area of work for us for at least 3 years.

However, we will continue with our networking, and setting up local hubs of churches working together on youth work. Also, although the cage will be used predominantly in Tillydrone, it will still be available for other events throughout the City and Shire. This will include Cube style games as well as Panna KO football.

We will also continue with our support, training and discipling of young volunteers. We are still working on forming volunteer talent groups, who will engage in outreach, and the first one of these should be up and running early 2015.

Our Breathe style outreach event will still be available on a limited basis, but will be dependent people with the necessary skills coming to man it.

About Tillydrone

Tillydrone is a district of Aberdeen, bordered by Woodside, Seaton and Kittybrewster. It is one of the more deprived areas of Aberdeen, with very little provision locally for secondary age young people. We hope to work closely with the Lighthouse Project – www.tinyurl.com/dcfighthouse They have offered us office space in their base in the old shopping centre. There are many issues faced by the community there, including drugs, alcohol, crime, unemployment and mental health.

There are several churches in the neighbourhood, across denominations, some of which we will be working with as we get alongside the young people there, and build relationships.

Some more detail on the nature of the outreach worker's role is as follows.

Overall Aim

To create a community in which young people can walk together with adults in a journey of faith. Ultimately, that the young people would meet and get to know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That their lives would be changed by contact with this community of faith and that the love of this community would have lasting influence in the lives of the young people and in the Tillydrone area.

NESYFC's Aims

- 1) To honour the Lord God in all we do
- 2) To reach the young people of the Tillydrone area relevantly with the Good News of the Gospel
- 3) To provide young people with a sense of meaning and self-worth, a moral and spiritual framework to guide their conduct within a community of faith.
- 4) To inform, teach and make young people aware of their academic, physical, social and spiritual potential.
- 5) To develop environments where young people can



actively explore their lives within the framework of the Christian faith.

6) To create a community that bears something of the new kingdom that Christ has introduced, through relationships being built across social and generational differences.

Specific Aims

- 1) To provide young people with an environment in which they can develop their understanding of the Christian faith.
- 2) To provide an environment of rest, integrity and positive role models for the young people.
- 3) To help young people develop their inter-personal skills.
- 4) To help and encourage young people to build positive and meaningful relationships with each other and with others.
- 5) To equip young people with skills to communicate their faith.
- 6.) To equip young people with life skills and encourage them to see their own potential and the variety of opportunities that they have ahead of them.

Activities - how outreach worker will spend their time

- School Pastor role (St Machar Academy), relational work.
- Lighthouse Project – Befriending scheme
- Football at Riverbank Primary
- SAMS Youth club at Seaton
- Outreach work in the Tillydrone area, at times using the Cage team
- Working closely with churches, and other outreach groups/individuals in the area to provide a coordinated approach.
- Personal study and prayer, training, preparation, e mails, admin, helping with regional vision.
- With line manager and spiritual mentor
- Looking for further financial supporters for the ministry
- Networking