

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. Occasionally we share a snapshot of another Scottish YFC centre's work. This newsletter, we hear from Rosemarie Shairp at Highlands and Islands YFC.

Just now we would greatly value prayer over the interviews for the new Project Development Worker on 24th April, for wisdom and discernment for the panel that we would clearly see if either candidate is God's person for this position. Give thanks that virtually all the funding for 3 years has come in. This worker will be based at Inverness High School part time and will also be responsible for training volunteers and expanding our work into other schools.

Comedy Club

An idea from our volunteer coordinator Nehemiah...

Recently I came up with an idea to do a comedy club, for secondary school pupils. The idea of the comedy club is to write and perform comedy sketches. Later on I met with Steven to brainstorm the idea and figure what school(s) would be interested in the idea, during this discussion it was important that this comedy club could be an example in schools in terms of showing kids how to have fun without profanity and derision. Of course the ultimate goal is to see kids hear the gospel, which is why Youth for Christ exists. Something to pray for would be for that the volunteers and I are able to pray and commit to this idea, because the easiest thing to do is have an idea, but the hardest thing to do is implement and commit to that idea and if you know a Christian, male in particular who could help, then don't hesitate to contact.

Could this be you, or someone you know?



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!

Alasdair Brownlee (Chair, steering group)

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118 22-24

Although rejected, Jesus became the capstone, the one who holds everything together – as in a church building, where the capstone is the most important part of the church, centre stone at the top of the arch, holding the whole structure together.



We recognise Christ at the heart of everything we do, and He has done amazing things in our sight. From uncertain times, we now have a full time youth worker, Curtis Sangbarani, in place helping the work in Tillydrone. Curtis is already settled in, working alongside other churches and the Lighthouse project, and using his football coaching skills to get alongside young people there. See further detail in this issue.

Once again, thank you all for continued prayer support and partnership in the Gospel

Help! Please see the section on key jobs we need help with, and consider if you, or anyone you know, can spare a few hours a month to help us. Thanks!

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Prayer



- Give thanks that God has brought Curtis to NESYFC, that he is settling in well, and that the resources - again - have miraculously been available to make this possible
- Pray for the work to bear fruit in young lives changed
- Pray for young people who have recently come to faith - give thanks and pray that they can grow in that faith
- Pray for more volunteers to come forward to serve behind the scenes
- Pray for God's wisdom as we constantly seek the best ways to reach young people relevantly

Introducing Curtis

We're really happy to announce that we have now appointed a youth worker to take up the work in Tillydrone. Here's a profile: please pray for Curtis as he settles in, that God guides him in the work; pray for us as we support him in his new role; and pray for the young people that God has called him to work with.

What's your name and where is home?

I'm Curtis Setaghaian Sangbarani. I have an Armenian family background, but now an Aberdeen loon.

What's your family like?

I have two brothers and am an uncle to be. All into football, Dad is a chef and my mum is a fitness instructor and also leads a Christian rock band.

What church are you a part of?

Destiny Church Aberdeen

How did you come to faith?

I was brought up in a Christian family but when I became old enough to understand what it was all about, I made a decision to accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

Can you share a bit about your NESYFC role?

I'm the youth worker in Tillydrone, plus helping with wider NESYFC activities in North East. I started in January 2015. I am a qualified football coach, and I love reaching young people through this.

What do you most enjoy about being involved with NESYFC?



Curtis is spending most of his time here in Tillydrone



I like the mission statement of reaching the lost and spreading the good news of Christ. I enjoy learning and growing in my role as a youth worker and building relationships with young people and other youth workers around the city.

What excites you most about God?

How much God wants to be a part of every little thing in our lives, how the most famous one ever to exist values, and has a plan and purpose, for everyone's life. Seeing change in peoples' lives because of God.

What's your favourite fruit?

Raspberry!

Hank's Panel

Our semi-regular chat with Hank, the bear that's brighter than most!



I am really excited about the new season, after hibernating for much of the Winter! The Cage and trailer have been checked out and we are ready to roll.

We already have the team of volunteers and the case of footie gear ready for events at Ellon Academy and Oldmachar Bridge of Don. Also 4 possible dates with Formartine Youth Group, and helping with the ongoing work in Tillydrone, Cults Primary, and others. I will soon be climbing up to my vantage point to watch the action. If you want us to visit you, better be quick, as we are getting booked up fast!

Yours aye, Hank

We need you!

There are a few key jobs that we need help with. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus...

Administrator

This is a crucial role in the ministry, keeping things organised and enabling the staff and volunteers in their mission work:

- Arranging meetings for Advisory Body, Steering Group and AGM, taking minutes.
- Acting as a point of contact for other NESYFC volunteers
- Helping to arrange special events such as Focus Scotland, ceilidhs etc
- Checking phone, mail and e mails for messages, and informing appropriate people.
- Liaison with National YFC on behalf of NESYFC over various issues needing their support.
- Volunteer basis, only 2 or 3 hours per week on average. Contact Alasdair at alasdair@brownlees.net.

More Steering Group members

We urgently need more people to join our Steering Group. If you have a heart for young people, and would like to help us, please contact Alasdair alasdair@brownlees.net. This will only involve a few hours a month.