

North East Scotland YFC Annual Report 2007-8

Welcome!

2007 has been another exciting year for NESYFC. There have been a number of changes of people and our ministries have continued to develop. There's been several great Breathe events, including one at the AECC as part of Encounter07. We've also begun seeking a partner for *Breathe Out* (more on that later). Resources like Rock Solid continue to help churches in their mission work and another training day has supported youth workers across the North East. The project in Mastrick has been

coming on slowly but looks like way may be getting there with a team possibly in place this year.

We have just taken a major leap of faith and have started advertising for a half-time director to help support our team of volunteers and lead the ministry forward. We're also looking for an administrator for 3 hours a week to help keep things in order. It's a real privilege being able to help share the Good News with hundreds of young people in the North East; please pray for our ministry and read on to find out more!

Prayer

Our monthly prayer bulletin in addition to our quarterly newsletter now reaches nearly 200 Christians in the North East, with more being added all the time. With this publicity there's more chances than ever before to pray for the work of NESYFC and young people in North East Scotland.

We are currently searching for a prayer coordinator to maintain this central aspect of NESYFC.

Training & Volunteers

We had quite a wide range of people for the training day in September, coming from places as far apart as Aberdeen and Elgin. Workshops were highly varied, from using technology and drama in youth work right through to dealing with challenging behaviour.

Our next training day is lined up for **24 May** at Oldmachar Church in Aberdeen.

External Training

This year we have continued in our support and discipleship of our volunteers by paying for them to attend high quality training events put on by others. A number of volunteers took part in the Deep Impact conference in Aviemore and a number are not long back from Worship Central in Glasgow.

Volunteers

Our ministry needs more volunteers to function! We have all kinds of jobs to do from front line youth work and evangelism to behind the scenes work like pushing buttons and stuffing envelopes. If you know anyone who might be interested please email volunteers@nesyfc.org.uk.

Financial Report

Financial summary of the year ended 31 December 2007; totals exclude fundraising associated with the Mastrick Project which has been essentially static. Clearly regular giving will need to continue increasing to sustain any future employed staff; once again thanks are extended to Crown Terrace Methodist Church in supplying a rent-free office.

Income	2007	2006
Regular Giving (Churches):	£240	£410
Regular Giving (Individuals):	£3010	£2670
Bank Interest	£262	£64
Resources	£1982	£1385
Breathe	£121	£235
Donations	£2815	£1782
PAYE Refund + Gift Aid	£942	
Total	£9373	£6546

Expenditure	2007	2006
Staff costs	£100	£152
Training	£583	£699
Breathe	£891	£829
Resources	£849	£1000
Insurance	£302	£302
Telephone	£214	£389
Office costs	£347	£147
Travel		£100
Equipment		£277
Total	£4149	£3896

Breathe

There have been 7 Breathe events so far over 2007/8. September saw us join up with the guys behind Souled Out to run Breathe @ **Encounter in the AECC**. This was based on the theme of God the Transformer (how He can change your life); as part of the Encounter festival it was a rather different dynamic to what we're used to. Over 50 11-13 year olds were there and it was a real privilege seeing them taking part in worship and hearing about God so enthusiastically. In October we returned to **Whitehills** with the theme "Bourne Again" focusing on what God can do with our past. In late November we were at Mid-Deeside Church in **Kincardine O' Neil** with a Christmas theme. Finally in December we were in **Newmachar** with a Simpsons Movie related theme focusing on looking after God's creation, with the new Scottish YFC director Graeme Brooks as guest speaker. In February we were in **Laurencekirk** with the theme of Dancing on Ice and trusting fully in God. This theme also came up for the usual big crowd at **Oldmeldrum** in March. In April we had our first event in **Aberdeen** city for some time at St Mary's on Carden Place. Here we focussed on what others think of us with the title "Under Pressure". One more event is still to come in this session - **Methlick** on 25 May.

Still more stories of the impact Breathe is making filter through to us. After the one recent event a phone call from a parent over a lost jacket revealed that their son had pretty much given up on church but now had a

Resources

Things have remained steady this year. We have two clubs that are holding off material during the Summer months but will likely start again during the Winter. Other than that our RS clubs are Oldmachar, New Deer, Kemnay, West Holburn, Chapel of Garioch, Mid Deeside, Fyvie and Elgin. RS2 are Oldmachar, New Deer, Sheddocksley, Turriff, Bridge of Don Baptist, St Columba's, Belhelvie and our new club at Cove. We have no Mettle clubs at the moment, but New Deer hope to start an Art of Connecting after the Summer.

The material continues to be good to use - with the added bonus of a CD which means we can e mail the material to other leaders easily.

We are promoting the material at presentations to Churches and with the efforts of Sandra at YFC in Scotland this should bring in some new clubs.

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new found enthusiasm for God and would be giving the church youth group a shot. Praise God for this encouragement!

Breathe Out

For over a year now we've been running video and supplying some volunteers at Gener8 - a youth event in Angus. As part of our commitment to supporting local ministry, we have been training volunteers there so that the event may become self sustaining. The next year should see the launch of *Breathe Out* which extends this concept; we will partner with one or two churches in a community for 4 of the 8 events in the year so they can work alongside our team and develop the skill needed to run a Breathe like event themselves. Two potential partners have so far been lined up for this and we are currently prayerfully considering where to go.

To help with this venture and Breathe in general we were recently successful in a grant application to the David Gordon Memorial Trust, who generously gave us £500 towards equipment which will be matched by investment from our core funds. The equipment already purchased has made a huge difference to our events, relieving volunteer workload and adding a more professional touch; it will be available for others running Breathe-like events to borrow.

Mastrick Project

The project has been coming along very slowly over the past year. At times there has been great discouragement, then at other times God has shown just how powerful and faithful He is. There is no doubt that there is a desperate need to share the Good News with this part of Aberdeen.

We now have a steering group of individuals from four churches in the area; there is also the possibility of linking up with two other Christian charities to bring a team into the area.

We are currently looking for volunteers, accommodation and a little more money - if you can help in any way please let us know. Meanwhile, keep praying that we can do this!



Scenes from Encounter