

Cage

If you've been following our work over the past year you'll know that we've twice made use of a football cage as part of our mission work - for a week each in Northfield (pictured) and Buckie. It's great because it can be set up nearly anywhere, generates a big crowd and provides perfect opportunities for conversations with young people. We're seriously considering investing in a cage for more regular use in the North East - we'd make it a resource available for churches to borrow in addition to our use. We'd want to see it used as much as possible so we're also looking for a couple of groups who would like to partner with us - taking the cage about once a week in return for help with running costs.



We're looking at sources of funding at the moment but if you'd like to contribute - perhaps by sponsoring one of the 20 cage panels as an individual or a group - or in some other way please let us know. Contact Sandy Brownlee on sandy@nesyfc.org.uk for further information.

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.

Prayer Points



Pray for the young people. At Breathe, that they hear God speak to them, in Rock Solid and other clubs that they grow to know God, and for the young people reached by the project, that they come to experience God's love in action and have positive life-changing experiences through this work.

Pray for our partners - youth leaders and volunteers across the North East that God gives them passion, enthusiasm and words to say when working with young people.

Pray for good governance - that the ever-increasing load of paperwork and laws connected with youth work doesn't get in the way of us doing God's work - and that whoever forms the government after the upcoming elections recognises the good work being done by churches and organisations like us.

Pray for pupils, teachers and schools workers as exams approach

Pray for resources - in worldly terms finance and the right people to make our work possible, and spiritual strength and guidance

Pray for stability - we've had a number of people coming and going within our core team over the past year and it's been hard work keeping up with it all! Pray that God keeps us filled with His spirit and driven to keep fulfilling the mission He's called us to.

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Welcome!

It's been some start to 2010 for us! Breathe is back in swing, the project continues to run and we've been planning for the months ahead. Having spent the first week of the year at British YFC's conference, it's clear that all the while God is working through our volunteers to impact on the lives of young people - not just in our corner of Scotland but throughout the UK. Read on to find out more!

Sandy Brownlee, Chairperson

Field Worker

We're excited to announce that we'll soon be advertising a part-time post for a field worker. Primary responsibilities will be developing our on-the-ground youth work and providing leadership for our volunteers. Keep an eye on our website for the advertisement - in the meantime if you or someone you know might be interested please get in touch.

In Brief

AGM Date

NESYFC's 2010 AGM is confirmed for 5 May; 7:30pm at Crown Terrace Methodist Church. All with an interest are welcome to come and hear about our work. There will be something to eat; please let us know if you're coming to help us cater for you.

Other organisations / events...

Solas - a new Scottish festival, launching in Summer 2010, which aims to celebrate, explore and develop connections between art, faith and justice within and beyond Scotland: 25-27th June 2010 at Wiston, Biggar. More at www.solasfestival.co.uk

Youth festival Imagine has been confirmed for 3-7 August 2010 at Thainstone, Inverurie. More details can be found at www.imaginescotland.co.uk

Resources Update

The online versions of YFC resources (Rock Solid, RS2 and Mettle) are now live! There were a few teething troubles with passwords to start with but now things seem to be running well. The online versions offer greater flexibility - you can mix and match sessions from all of the resources and those working in groups can share the materials more easily - but we accept that it won't suit everyone and there is probably room for improvement. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or comments; we'll feed them back to British YFC and do our best to help you.



Summer mission

We're making arrangements for a mission in Kemnay during the last week of July in partnership with Kemnay Parish Church. Please pray for the team; we'd also welcome any young leaders (over 16) you may have to help - it's a great opportunity to help them step out in their faith.

Mobiles + Ink Cartridges

Thanks to those who have been contributing these for recycling. Please email office@nesyfc.org.uk if you can offer some. This an easy way to help our ministry and has brought in much needed funds.



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



Project Update

Sandy Brownlee gives an update on the project in Mastrick, Middlefield and Northfield.

The project continues to involve hard work but we continue to build relationships with young people, providing opportunities to talk and reveal God's love for them. Our two year out volunteers Tom and Laura have been working with volunteers and staff from a number of local churches, in schools and clubs.

Particular things worth highlighting - please remember these in prayer:

- the girls group Laura is involved in; only a few girls have been coming but this has made it easier to have one-to-one conversations. Pray that God helps the team with these

- a youth cafe has just been started at Mastrick church which Tom and Laura are helping with; pray that this takes off well

- with the daylight hours increasing and temperatures rising again more opportunities for detached work in streets and parks are coming up

Tom would like to share this story from a few months ago:

"Probably a story that stands out to me is about a kid at the holiday club, who was struggling to enjoy it at the beginning and didn't really want to be there, but we thought it would be best to have like his own personal helper. We prayed about it and the general thought was that I should take the position as there were only two male helpers and the other one was like around 50, so they thought he might respond better to me. I helped him with tasks and the crafts; before he got angry if he couldn't finish anything and we got on well and seem to click. I still see him

in schools now and then and like he still likes to chat to me, and at the end of the holiday club he didn't want to leave which was rather funny and nice to see."

The young people here are so hungry and it's just really great to see God at work with them. It's exciting to think what He's got planned for the future!

We'd like you to focus on the following points for prayer as the project continues:

- That Laura and Tom keep growing as individuals; and the Spirit guides them in their work and as they consider where God is calling them next.
- Pray for Laura as a number of things back home have meant her travelling back and forth a lot
- That God opens up more opportunities to share the Good News
- For the young people - that God will speak to them through this project and make positive life-changing experiences happen
- That Tom, Laura and the others are safe in detached work and clubs, and they make use of every opportunity they get to share God's love
- Wisdom for those managing and supporting the volunteers
- Thanks for the generosity of project partners in finance and time and to the hosts for opening their homes.
- Thanks for the progress made so far; for the changes to make an impact on the lives of individual young people and their families
- Guidance for the project steering group as they begin to consider the future of the work after Laura and Tom's year ends

Breathe Update

Anne Laird brings us up to date on Breathe over the past couple of months.

The last Breathe was themed on the Winter Olympics and took place on 20th Feb, the day after snow stopped play in much of Aberdeenshire and surrounding areas including parts of Moray. I seem to recall around 50 odd schools were closed that day. The Breathe was in Buckie so there was some debate as to whether or not we should go ahead with the event given that most of the volunteers had to travel a fair old distance to get to Buckie. Many forecasts were checked and many phone calls were made and on the Saturday morning we decided to go ahead with the event.

The weather had improved somewhat by Saturday and the event was well attended

Changes!

Again the past few months have seen a number of changes to our team. After joining us as prayer coordinator late last year Tim Still has since happily been made a full-time youth worker and the resulting reduction in free time means he's stepped down from the exec.

We've taken on a new administrator - Casely Adiele - to take care of our office work. Casely is a member of King's Community Church in Aberdeen and has a real passion for God's work. Please pray for her in this important role.

We need to fill a number of vacancies on our exec. Specifically: treasurer, prayer and publicity coordinators. We are managing at the moment but we urgently need to fill these roles so that our work is as good and God-honouring as it can be.

with around 30 young folk, we had a band from the local area who provided us with the worship music. As it turned out the snow came in handy for a couple of our games too.

The event was well received and the volunteers were glad they had decided to go ahead despite the weather.

Future dates now confirmed:

21 Mar South St Nicholas Church, Kincorth

24 Apr St Bridgets Church Hall Stonehaven

21 May Pentecost in the Park, Kemnay

27 Jun Kintore Church Hall

There's still spaces for later on in 2010 so please contact us if you'd like to be a host. Check our website for final venue details and times, and further events as they're confirmed. Get in touch by calling us or emailing breathe@nesyfc.org.uk

Fort Rocky

Fort Rocky is British YFC's weekend for 11-14s. It's a unique opportunity for youth groups to go away together, have a great time and hear about God in an exciting, fresh way. It's a blend of fantastic activities, sports competitions, messy games, life-changing stories and excellent youth communicators.

Especially for people in the North of Scotland, it's being held at Compass Christian Centre on 21-23 May and 17-19 September. It booked up fast last year so get in now!

Find out more at:

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