

## We Need You!

Is God calling you to serve with us? We urgently need more volunteers: particularly for our steering group, where numbers remain critically low. In order to properly support Curtis and his team, we need a broad range of skills and experience in our background team. In truth, we cannot continue with the ministry in the long term with numbers as they are. Please consider how you can help.



## Hank's Panel

Well, it's that time of year again although the weather might say otherwise, and it's the season of lots of cage football events. I'm so excited to be back in action! First stop will be St. Devenicks church on Saturday, followed by fathers day football at Westhill community church on the Sunday and then Seaton on the Monday 3 days of non stop football. On the Friday we will be back at Westhill for their youth group in the evening and then on the 25th we have been invited to attend the Tillydrone gala. We then have a full week in Kemnay followed by another full week in Shetland! Then in August we have Seaton, St. Devenicks again and special cage football after church at the Lighthouse. Looking forward to seeing who has the skills to pay the bills!



Your footie mad bear  
Hank

## 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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## A Time for Thanks - A Time For Vision and Faith

There are many times detailed in the Word of God when people were faced with seemingly impossible odds and have acted in a way that looked crazy to anyone looking on. An ideal example would be when the lad David went out to face Goliath. His brothers sure thought so, and King Saul wasn't that far behind them, yet David's faith in God proved them wrong and the result of his faith is well documented in 1 Samuel 17.

Almost two years ago, we at NESYFC faced our own Goliath as we sought wisdom on our way ahead with the ministry. Logic told us one thing, spreadsheets told us another and as He often does, the Holy Spirit told us yet another in the way ahead – appointing Curtis as our full time youth worker and focussing our effort in Tillydrone, Aberdeen. We as a ministry very much moved forward in faith and - it has to be said - a degree of trepidation. Faith and the Holy Spirit yet again won through: we give thanks to our Father God for the way that Curtis settled in so well to the work he was chosen for and also for the way that the Holy Spirit has been working through Curtis in reaching and affecting the lives of the young people we care for so much. As the old hymn says, "To God be the glory, great things He has done." Join with us in prayerful thanksgiving for what He has done and is doing in Tillydrone.

Like many ministries and charities in the area our income has been affected by the major downturn in the oil and gas industry. Logic would tell us to pull back in our efforts, but as we prayerfully considered what we should do in the future, we have been given a very real vision for the work to continue and grow in Tillydrone. Wonderful things, perhaps small in themselves yet nevertheless wonderful, have already happened, showing us that the Spirit is at work and that there is yet more to be done as we partner with the other ministries working in Tillydrone.



Our vision is, and this is very much a vision of faith, that we should continue the ministry and in fact extend it for at least three more years, giving Curtis more direct responsibility and relative autonomy to develop our ministry of outreach through sport; also appointing a sports development worker, initially on a part-time basis, to be part of developing that work. For this to happen we need support. Firstly the ongoing prayer support of you our prayer partners, that our God and Father will provide the means, both financial and personnel, to achieve this vision. Please pray for us as we seek adequate funding for the ministry, that we receive wisdom as to what funding bodies to approach, that God would guide those who He would have help us financially and that the Holy Spirit would move people to come on board this exciting work and opportunity to serve Him.

This is a time of vision... it is a time of faith. Referendums and elections come and go, but the Lord is still on His throne!

Tom Cowie, Treasurer

## Outreach update

News from youth worker Curtis Sangbarani on what's been happening over the Spring months.

It's coming up to the end of the school term and this year has passed very quickly. I have built up a lot of good relationships with kids, parents and teachers and local projects and churches.

Tucker from Kings Community Church has very kindly given his time to make a NESYFC video of what we do which we can use to send round churches. You can see it on our webpage at [www.nesyfc.org.uk](http://www.nesyfc.org.uk).



Seaton Cage Football has been going extremely well. The project only started in January, and has been a big success with many relationships developed and a lot of opportunity to share the good news. The football has also been terrific and is always good to watch – this from a football fan!

Last week we had the future S1s up to the academy so it was absolutely pivotal that we were there in around them. I knew a lot of them from Riverbank primary school so it was easy in that aspect to chat to them and continue positive relationships. It's also a key moment as the kids will see who is there for them from day one and who they can come speak to. I also

got the opportunity to play some football on the field with the upcoming first years.

TLG has been great and the progress has been very encouraging. This will end in October and then I will restart the process with someone new.

It's been good working with The Samuel trust and seeing how the gospel is impacting the primary aged kids. Even though the number of kids attending has fallen this term, it is still so important for those who do come regularly to know Jesus. I will be finishing this project this term as I am moving on to some other projects.

Riverbank Football has been such a great success, the consistency at training and winning games through football which we feel is played the correct way has surpassed all our expectations. We recently had football trials for next year so looking to restart all our hard work in creating a team that can play football and also a team that can gain values and important life skills. We will miss those who are off to the academy but wish them all the very best!

Thursday lunch club has been very consistent in the number of pupils from St. Machar academy who turn up to the Lighthouse. We have around 2-3 volunteers and it consists of minute to win it games. The young people's names are on a table with the person who finishes the top after term will then get a choice of football or cinema tickets. I will also be ending this project this term to start a new cage football project.

Befriending has been a great experience. John Merson, who has vast amount of experience running the Lighthouse and being an outreach pastor at Deeside church, has said to me that a lot of the times it's the 1 on 1s that you can see the most benefit, which I completely agree with. Me and my befriender have

enjoyed hanging out doing a wide range of activities like going to play bowling, golf, pool, football and just generally building up trust, and I'm glad that we have built up such a great friendship. After summer I will be taking on a second befriending who I am very excited about.

After summer I'm excited to say that we are in partnership with St. Machar academy with the cage football. This will happen every Thursday lunch time and also have our previous centre director Steven Hamilton who is currently one of the Pastors at The Mission church helping on a regular basis. This will be a great way to build more relationships with the older youths through football.

## Prayer Points

- The NESYFC steering group who are putting together the funding bids: that God will provide them with the inspiration and wisdom needed.
- Those who are receiving the funding bids catch the vision for this work, and look favourably on it.
- That more volunteers of all ages will come forward to help with the work.
- That the Lord will sustain Curtis, and carry him through this busy Summer season.
- Give thanks that YFC has the opportunity to be part of the combined team work in youth outreach in this area.
- Pray also for the young people in Tillydrone, Seaton and Woodside, that they may come to know Jesus, and his resurrection power!
- Give thanks for the Lord's provision thus far.

