

Breathe

We'll bring a roundup of the recent event in Methlick along with the ones still to come in the next newsletter.

We're still booking... Below is a list of available dates. It's first come first served, so please let us know as soon as you can which date you'd like. There's only space for one event each month, but both Saturday and Sunday dates are listed so you can choose the most convenient to you and your young folk.

17 March, booked for Cullen

21/22 April

26/27th May

Email us on breathe@nesyfc.org.uk if you'd like more information or are interested in holding an event. Likewise you can check our website for up-to-date confirmation of dates and venues.

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In Brief

Volunteer Day

A gathering of our volunteers will take place in Methlick on 9th June. Get in touch with Steven if you'd like to know more - steven@nesyfc.org.uk

Imagine 2012

Our friends at Imagine Scotland are booking for this year's festival of music, teaching and friendship on 17-21 July. Find out more at:

www.imaginescotland.co.uk

Fort Rocky

Fort Rocky is a fun-filled, activity youth weekend, designed to give young people an amazing time away from home with their mates. It's also a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a new, exciting and significant way. This year's Scottish Fort Rocky weekend is at Whitaugh Park in the Borders from 21-23 September. Find out more at:

www.yfc.co.uk/residentials/fortrocky



Make a difference!

Pray for us, our work and the young people of the North East. We'll happily share our work with your church or group.

We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills

We need **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.

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Welcome!

There's lots going on at NESYFC just now. We're seeing real fruit through different parts of the ministry, as more young people come to encounter God. We're excited that the cage project is nearly here, and can't wait to see what God's got planned for this and other parts of the ministry. Read on...

Director

We're happy to announce a change in roles amongst our staff. In recognition of his increasing input into the vision and development of NESYFC's ministry, our part-time outreach worker Steven Hamilton is now working as Centre Director. Our exec committee will continue to keep up the administrative side of things so Steven is able to keep working directly with young people for most of his time, but the new role allows him freedom to shape the work as God leads him.

Please pray for Steven as he takes on this additional responsibility, and for the rest of the NESYFC team, as we support him in the role and obediently seek God's will for ways to reach more young people better.

Commenting on the new role, Steven said:

"I feel this is the right way to move in being more deliberately the missional arm of the church to young people. I really look forward to:

- **finding out how to support and equip churches in their youth outreach,**
- **praying for them and**
- **providing them a good example with our work in the shire."**

Prayer

Please pray for the following:



- For Steven in his new role, and the exec as they support him.
- For our upcoming Breathe events this year, 17th March in Cullen and future ones, and for a lasting impression to be left with the young people who came to Breathe in 2011.
- For more volunteers to help with Breathe and the outreach work in schools and churches.
- For the launch of the cage football ministry in the summer, and especially for the young people we make contact with through it.
- For more regular funds to support Steven and the ongoing ministry costs.
- For FYG (Formartine Youth Group), which will hopefully be starting next month. The vision is to make disciples among the young people across north Aberdeenshire and across denominations!
- For Shannon who is hoping to start a drama after-school club at Oldmachar Academy.
- We are working a lot on our strategy. Pray that we will keep acknowledging God as King and listen to His voice first!



Outreach Update

Steven Hamilton updates us on his outreach work

Give thanks:

- The Christmas period and events went very well. The highlight personally was on the 20th December at the Rock Solid club in Oldmachar. We told the story of Jesus as the Son of David (we've been looking at David weekly at this club) and we built a "Tabernacle" like thing, and told all about the Holy of Holies. As we explained that Jesus' death ripped the curtain so we could access God, one of the kids stood up and said: "that makes sense!" Praise God for the wonderful Gospel that "makes sense" even to a kid!
- Our National YFC conference (beginning of January) was a time of great refreshment for our vision and ministry
- Alpha/ 24/7 Kingdom Come day in Glasgow (4th Feb). Great day to encourage churches to pray and evangelise. As missional arm of the church to young people to we want to encourage churches to pray and reach out to their young people!
- Good time looking at our strategy with Sandra (National YFC worker)
- My job has just changed to centre director so that we can work on the best strategies to equip churches in youth outreach
- A girl who gave her life to Christ at our last Breathe event in Methlick (19th Feb)!

Please pray for Steven in his role and the items on page 1

People Changes

As well as Steven's role change, there have been a couple of other changes to our team. We're pleased that Matthew Laurenson of Deeside Christian Fellowship Church has joined our exec to help with fund raising. We're also grateful to Matt Canlis and Dennis Rose (ministers at Methlick Parish Church and Arbuthnott, Bervie & Kineff Parish Church) for agreeing to join our council of reference, and look forward to their input. Please pray for all in new roles, that God helps them make the best use of their talents and experience.

Cage

It's coming! Our new portable football cage for Panna KO football is now being made by an engineering company in Aberdeenshire. The planned launch date is Monday 11th June, when it will be used in the Aberdeen Bridge of Don area. This is the date the Olympic torch is coming to Aberdeen, and the churches there will be using the cage as part of their outreach programme.

This kicks off a busy Summer of activity involving the cage, and we're very excited about the important part it'll play in our relational youth work. Bookings are already coming in, and the structure, and team to operate it, put in place.

We still need sponsors to help with the purchase costs of the cage and trailer. Please can you help us with a donation? Make cheques payable to NESYFC, and send to Cage Support at our Crown Terrace address shown on enclosed giving form.

For more information on the cage project, please contact Alasdair on 01771 644228, mob 07720 837311, or email resources@nesyfc.org.uk



We need you!

Be part of our exciting work! You just need a desire to see young people connect with God and be 16 or over - whatever your experience or skills we can find a place for you. In particular, we have vacancies in direct work with young people in mission and at Breathe, volunteer support, publicity and admin support. For more information, contact Alasdair on 01771 644228 or e-mail resources@nesyfc.org.uk

YOU!

Discipleship Interview

Steven has been supporting and discipling young leaders in their walk. We hear from one, Nehe Somevi...

Steven: So tell us a wee bit about yourself.

Nehe: My name is Nehemiah Kwesi Somevi and I am 19 years old. I am Ghanaian by birth, brought up in London and we moved to Aberdeen in 2006. I come from a charismatic African background in my church experience, and now I am a member of Oldmachar, a fairly modern-style Church of Scotland. I am a student at Aberdeen University, first year, studying divinity and film.

Steven: What has your Christian walk been like so far?

Nehe: I was brought up in a Christian home, but I knew that I had to make my own decision. When I was 17, a good friend gave me the advice of reading "The Way of the Master" by Ray Comfort. In this book I found a brilliant and clear exposition of the Gospel in all its implications for my day-to-day life and that really gave me the desire to start living properly in submission to Christ. This book also spurred me to evangelise more, and I feel this is a real calling on my life.

Steven: How did you hear about NESYFC?

Nehe: I was only vaguely familiar with it through a Rock Solid group run by the church. One evening I met Steven at it and he gave me a lift, taking the opportunity to tell me about the work of NESYFC and the need they had of new volunteers and leaders.

Steven: How are you involved now with NESYFC?

Nehe: I help out weekly at Rock Solid now. Also Steven would often let me know about any events in which YFC are involved and I would occasionally make one of them. I would definitely like to be more involved.

Steven: What's YLA (Young Leaders Academy)?

Nehe: Steven and I meet once a month for YLA. For me this is especially an opportunity to be really accountable to a fellow Christian about almost everything in my life. I also see it as training in godliness and a passing on of knowledge - we study together Wayne Grudem's "Systematic Theology" and work through some Bible texts. We also try to learn from leaders in the Bible and in Church history so that we may then "pass the baton" of the gospel to the next generation.

Steven: Finally, what is it that gets you really going, really fired up in ministry?

Nehe: Well I have a heart for evangelism. I would love to use the skills that I am learning and the gifts I have in film making and music for evangelistic purposes. My desire is that the gospel will be preached to young non-Christians to make young disciples that will bring new life to the local church!

