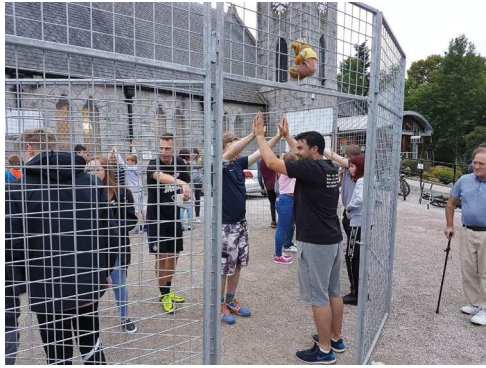


Hank's Panel



Hi Hank here, its been an incredibly busy Summer for me and the cage as you can see from Tom and Curtis report. I wish I could have gone to Liverpool on the Team Coach but I needed to stay behind to keep an eye on the Cage – ah well there's always next year! Keep praying for the cage team and all the young folk they worked with this year. In the meantime can you spot me watching over the cage football?



We urgently need storage for our cage trailer! Do you know of anyone with an unused lock-up garage preferably close to Seaton/Tillydrone? Please contact Curtis on 07895347415

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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Words most of us are familiar with as we see TV coverage of space rockets taking off on their journeys into Outer Space! So too we at NESYFC have 'lift off' to our school term programme again following a very busy and rewarding summer of Cage football events.

Last year's Primary 7 kids have moved up to first year in St Machar Academy, where they are no longer the 'big guys', but now 'small

fish in a very big pond'. We pray that the self-belief and confidence that has grown in those we have been privileged to work with will serve them well as they adapt to senior school.

In turn, new kids have moved up in primary school and particularly in terms of the Riverbank Primary School Football Team, new relationships will be built between Curtis, the other coaches, the kids and their parents. This was a concern for Curtis at first, as very few P6 kids were involved in the football team and training last year. However, a 'trials session' was held a couple of weeks ago and due to the number of kids who came along, an extra session had to be held! Once selection of team and reserves is complete, training and weekly games around Aberdeen will start, and will hopefully lead up to the next 6v6 Tournament.

Two new boys have been referred to Curtis under the Transforming Lives for Good programme, one each from Riverbank and Seaton Primaries. New relationships will have to be formed between Curtis, the boys and their parents. Pray that these relationships will grow and that these boys' young lives can be impacted for the better.

Curtis' other work (Befriending, Riverbank Primary Scripture Union, School Pastors, The Cage and Red Bus at Seaton) have also lifted off for another year. All involve lots of hard and challenging work. Please pray for Curtis as he serves Jesus in his role as Youth Worker with NESYFC.

We are also looking at how our ministry and its partnership with sister ministries in outreach to Tillydrone, Seaton and Woodside can develop and expand. Our vision is to see more young people hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, to see that He is real and cares for them as individuals. Pray that we receive God's wisdom in choosing the right direction and that the people and funding come to turn vision into reality. **If you are reading this, you obviously have the same interest in young people as us. Could you or someone you know join this exciting work?**

What drives us? Why work sometimes long hours and deal with difficult and stressful situations? We touched on this last newsletter, but the question has come back to mind. The answer can be found in words spoken by Jesus Christ. His 'team' tried to stop children coming to him. They didn't want him to be bothered by them. He told them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." As we lift off this new year of ministry, pray with us that that same Jesus will touch the lives of the young people who we will come along side. Pray that we will see their lives changed for the better.

Outreach update from Curtis

This summer has been brilliant. Thanks to a very generous donation from someone anonymous we were able to employ 2 staff members to work over summer which not only benefited NESYFC but we were able to reach out to more young people and add up the calendar with cage dates. We partnered with Seaton church who ran a make lunch club where they feed kids free of charge all through summer, we also took 2 bus loads of kids to Landmark for the day thanks to Active Schools for generously organising and paying for that. We ran the cage football at the Mission Church



and met many Syrian refugees, although the language barrier was difficult to communicate, football is the universal language so as long as we had a ball it didn't matter. We had an amazing week again in Kemnay partnering with the church doing a week long twice a day cage football mission. We met hundreds of young and older kids and many of them responded to the daily God slots. We took the cage to Formartine where we had a number of older teenagers come along and had a great time really building up relationships with

them and enjoying the footie. We also had a special fun day at Cults St Devenicks church where we brought the cage football and were well fed with BBQ to keep us energised! What a fantastic summer we had and as we mentioned on the last newsletter about the kids we took to Liverpool which just tops everything off. Now looking forward to another exciting and fruitful season!



Prayer Points

Prayer is very much the power house of the ministry NESYFC is involved in. Please pray for us and:



Give Thanks For:

- The encouraging support and respect from local primary and Academy heads and for the access we have into schools.
- The fantastic time Riverbank Primary Football team had on their Liverpool trip.
- Ongoing faithful financial support we get from a relatively small core of supporters.
- A very busy and rewarding summer season taking The Cage 'On the Road' around the Shire supporting various outreach events.
- The positive impact that our and sister ministries are having in Tillydrone, Seaton and Woodside.

Ask for Us

- That the relationship we have with the schools deepen and grow as we seek to help young people.
- That we are given wisdom in how the ministry may be developed further.
- That the new school year programme would go well.
- That the young people who have just started at St Machar Academy adapt to and grow in their new school environment.
- That Curtis and the Riverside Football Team volunteers know God's help and presence as they form new relationships with the kids, and instil in them discipline as a team, respect for each other and growth in their self-belief that they can be the best that they can be.
- That young people would see the reality of Jesus Christ and that they would know Him personally in their lives
- That volunteers would be identified and come on board to support Curtis in the ministry particularly in the football team and Cage.
- That we would be able to identify people who would come on board to support the ministry as part of the Board of Trustees/Steering Group. We have a very real need for additional help in the wider vision and management of NESYFC.
- That we would be given wisdom in how to proceed in recruiting another staff member to help run the ministries, particularly Sports Development.