

North East Scotland YFC Newsletter

Winter 2006/7

Welcome!

It's been a busy few months as we've been keeping up running Breathe, preparing for our training day and working on the project. Please keep praying for our work, and consider either approaching your church to contribute to us financially or doing so on a personal basis. For a breakdown of how your money could help us, check the box below. We're also seeking volunteers - other than a minimum age of 16 there's no restrictions other than a heart for God and young people.

In Brief

NESYFC on Tour

Want to hear more about our work in person? We'd love to present NESYFC's work to your church or group - and can make it a couple of minutes or a 20 minutes talk. Just give us a call.

Project Update

We have had a mixed three months since the announcement of the project in Mastrick. We have been turned down by some major funders, but still have a number of applications out there which need prayed for. A number of individuals and a church have pledged support in the form of regular giving and we have received grants from The Brian and Betty Souter Foundation, Aberdeen Journals and Dingbro. Currently we have around £14 000 of the total £108 000 required, which is a tremendous tribute to God's glory and a great encouragement to us. Please continue to pray that we can raise the rest, and that we can find the right people to make this happen.

We've also had some great interaction with different churches interested in being involved, and have been discussing the possibility of working with similar projects taking place in other parts of Aberdeen. So far we have interest from every Christian body we know of in the Mastrick area - that's 10 different churches from seven different denominations!

It's certainly an interesting time as God is taking us in directions we'd never thought possible. The next year is going to be great fun!

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Website

Our website is the place to be for information about NESYFC! Dates, prayer points, contacts and other information can all be found there. Make sure you check out our forum with discussion areas for youth leaders and young people.

Join us at www.nesyfc.org.uk

Funding Breakdown

How could your money help NESYFC? Please consider becoming a partner and enabling us to reach more young people with the Good News of Jesus.

£5 a month will cover the equipment hire for one Breathe event a year

£10 a month would pay for materials for a Rock Solid club in a school or community

£15 a month would send one of our volunteers to a high quality training course (like Deep Impact, or specialist courses like video and sound) every year

£20 a month would completely cover the cost of running two Breathe's - on average reaching 60-70 young people

£50 a month would put a worker and volunteers into a school or youth club for one day in that month

Breathe Update



Jay and Sandy Brownlee bring us up to speed on the latest 'Breathe' news

Phew! What a session we've had, the past few Breathe's have been some of our best yet. In **Kintore** we had what would be classed as a sell-out crowd (if we sold tickets) - over 60 people crammed into the church hall there. The theme was *Mission Impossible* - with a definite spy theme and a most unconventional presentation of the genealogy of Jesus (really!) **Kemnay** jumped off the BBC TV bandwagon with the theme being "I Don't Feel Like Dancing" with some odd dressing up, tedious linkage and a new use for cheesy wotsits, and sadly some "interesting" dancing. Both these events focused on making a bigger commitment to Jesus and sharing what he can do with friends. Finally in December we had a great time in **Newburgh**, with a (cringe) pantomime theme and a great look at who Jesus is. Thanks go to the bands for these events, Ruach from Kemnay and The One Band from Oldmachar, for the excellent music! Here's some pictures from the past few months...



Breathe Dates

The next dates for Breathe are:
25th February
(St Bridget's Hall, Stonehaven)
29th April
(Longside)

Dates in March & May still TBC.

We're always on the lookout for new volunteers. If you or anyone you know has a passion for God, we can find a place for you at Breathe. You can help with the games, welcome people as they come in, do the techy stuff behind the scenes, come up with ideas for the programme, star in our video sketches, pray for the event as it happens or just be there to encourage the rest of us! All our volunteers have a mentor assigned to them and have free child protection training and can get access to training relevant to their specific talents.

Gener8

Gener8 is a new event being run by churches in Montrose and Arbroath for the young people of Angus. NESYFC has been supporting the event by providing some volunteers and equipment, and it's well worth going to if you're in that part of the world! The next event is on 24 February in Arbroath - for more information visit www.gener8.org.uk

Prayer

Our prayer co-ordinator Jay Brownlee has a few points for prayer



As we start this new year may we pray that this year is even more God-filled than the last

May this be a year of revival where the saved, young and old, fight for the lost in Jesus' name

Pray for young people everywhere in difficult or unsafe living situations. May they know the comfort and safety of God's loving arms

Pray for God's plan for each of us to be revealed in a clear and undeniable way. May the plan be something we can get on board with.

Pray for 'the project' as we think about taking on volunteers - that the right people will come forward with a real heart and passion for the young people in the area

Pray for Breathe, that the people and resources are there to keep the event going in the name of Jesus and for young people all over the North East of Scotland

May all the Rock Solid clubs have exciting sessions where the love of the father is displayed for all to see. In particular pray for the new club in Stonehaven as they build relationships with the young people and as the leaders get into the rhythm of the programme

Volunteer Spotlight

In a new feature we aim to meet one NESYFC volunteer each newsletter and see what makes God's servants tick. This issue, Emma Drane interviews Ian Brownlee, our cartoonist, cameraman, king impersonator and stunt double.



Ian will really love me for putting in this picture!

1. What's your role in YFC?: Camera Guy
2. How did you come to be involved with NESYFC?: My brother was already a volunteer, and I went along in case they needed a spare.
3. Who's your favourite superhero?: Superted, and his trusted friend Spotty.
4. What's your role in your local Church? Rock Solid leader, band member and heavy lifting guy.
5. Where do you see yourself this time next year? Hopefully doing my postgrad in teaching at Aberdeen Uni
6. How would you like to see NESYFC blessed?: A new director would be brilliant, to help steer us in the right direction
7. What's the most tragic CD in your collection?: That would have to be a Bjork CD that came free with a cheap magazine - It isn't great!
8. What was your most embarrassing moment?: Ah so many, I would have to say watching the King Darius video for the first time at Breathe was one of the most embarrassing. The effect is beginning to wear off having watched it many, many times!
9. What colour are your socks today? They're supposed to be white...
10. When was the last time you cried? At my Grandad's funeral.

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IT WAS THE SECOND "DUDE, THIS IS A CHURCH NOT A FUNERAL" THAT MADE HANK REALIZE THIS CHURCH WAS NOT FOR HIM

Deep Impact

19-21 January saw the Deep Impact youthwork training conference take place in Aviemore. Pioneered by Highlands & Islands YFC it is now run by the Scottish Christian Youth Work Forum. This year something like 250 people descended on Aviemore from across Scotland - a great testament to the work God is doing with young people across the country!



As part of our policy of investment in our volunteers, NESYFC were able to offer subsidised places to our team. This year we were able to send three of our volunteers and all agreed it was a really worthwhile experience.

We would definitely encourage anyone in Christian youth work to attend Deep Impact in the future - keep looking out for details at www.deep-impact.org.uk.

Training Day - Realising the Vision

Still on a training theme, this month sees our annual training day. It's a great opportunity to hear high quality speakers on a range of youth work subjects, and to network with other Christian youth workers in the area. Our last training day had around 50 in attendance and was very well received.

10th February, 10am to 4pm

Location: City Church, Aberdeen.

Cost: £5 for non-YFC affiliates, free to Rock Solid and other resource users and YFC volunteers.

Morning sessions:

- Working with YFC resources.
- Very small groups; How to adapt to their needs.

Afternoon sessions:

- Talking to a crowd, Chuck Freeland, City Church. Chuck will help us plan and present talks to larger groups of teenagers.
- Working with year out volunteers, James Gregory, Oldmachar Church of Scotland. James has experience in working with year-out volunteers in Bridge of Don, particularly Kick team sports volunteers and the One Band musicians.

It'll be a great experience and we hope to see as many of you there as possible, there's still time to book a place! If you feel you can't come for financial reasons, have special requirements or any questions give us a call and we'll try to work something out.

YFC Resources in Action



This time we take a look at how the RS2 club is working in New Deer

So you have done some good outreach work with young teenagers and need a suitable Bible based programme to bring them on? In the summer newsletter Oldmachar reported on how a Rock Solid club can do this – introduces unchurched young people to Christ and shows them how Jesus can help them cope with the various life issues they face. Our Rock Solid Club at New Deer covered P6-S2. Due to an increase in available leaders and the need to go deeper into the Bible as our young people progressed, we have been running an RS2 group as a follow on. Rock Solid now covers P6 – S1 and RS2 covers S2 & S3, with S4 plus progressing to another group called SK crew.

The RS2 material we now call Rock Solid 2 since our young people pointed out religious studies is called RS! RS2 is like Rock Solid but with more Bible content. Like Rock Solid it is well structured and easy to use and adapt. It is still fast moving and fun and the young people still like it. For a small village, the numbers are encouraging: 12 for Rock Solid and 6 for RS2. Before we used these Youth for Christ programmes we had no teenagers coming on a regular basis.

Some of the themes are quite inventive, for instance the desert island setting (pictured) which included some fun activities, but also some good Bible based thought. One of the programmes suggested a prayer tent. We set this up at one end of the room with big sheets over some tables and chairs – room for 8 including leaders!



This went down so well that the young people asked for it to be a regular feature, in the close atmosphere we have had all the young people praying out loud, plus plenty of laughs which is all part of it! Clearly they are also hungry for more of the Word, and again the programme is flexible enough to put as much of this in as is required.

What we particularly like about both programmes is that they constantly challenge the young people to be aware about putting their faith into action and about how fulfilling this can be.

We try to get our Rock Solid and RS2 groups together from time to time – including our six day residential in the summer. They all get on well together and we feel it keeps the younger ones interested. What is really rewarding is seeing our young folk come right through the Rock Solid groups and eventually becoming young leaders themselves.

If you're interested in RS2, Mettle, Rock Solid or any of our other resources, just give us a call or email resources@nesyfc.org.uk - we'll be happy to talk with you and can send a sample pack to try out.

Supporting Us

Please pray for us and the work we do. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in NESYFC, please contact us. Our details are to the right.

Please also consider supporting us financially; you can make a secure one-off donation on our website, or call us about becoming a partner by giving regularly.

Contacting Us

You can visit our website at: www.nesyfc.org.uk, email us at office@nesyfc.org.uk, call us on 01224 213495, or text us on 07913 059728.

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A different way of doing Rock Solid

Report on the training day

How one group developed as a result of Breathe