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The Coventry YFC Newsletter

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CYFC GOING MOBILE...

For a long time, the team at Coventry YFC have been exploring opportunities to develop links between schools and churches throughout the city, with a heart for relevant outreach & mission to young people in their own environments. Having seen substantial growth in some of our current detached projects over the last few years, we've been keen to explore new models of engaging with young people, building on the relationships we have already developed throughout the city.

the vision...

Wouldn't it be great if CYFC were able to have regular opportunities to engage with young people on their own turf, offering them a safe place to meet, access to guidance, support & literature, opportunities to discuss issues of faith, life & love with Christian peers and leaders from local churches & a direct link to other youth projects run by schools, churches and groups in their local area? Our answer to this big question is a resounding "YES!!"

the vehicle...

So here's the deal. We've developed a partnership with the Diocese of Coventry which primarily involves making use of a converted ex-library van which can be moved around Coventry; using it to engage with young people in the places where they already are, offering all of the above, plus drinks, snacks and maybe even a Wii space (the nintendo type). We've already found accommodation for the van (lovingly known as "Arnie") and as you can imagine we're really excited to move ahead with this new venture, initially focussing on bringing together young people from our hub of work in the Wyken area.

the van...

Arnie is a lovely grey beast of a van, that, despite looking slightly prison-like, has actually been refurbished inside to create a great space for engaging with young people. It has facilities for making hot & cold drinks, storage for resources and a suprisingly comfortable seating area. Exactly what facilities we will be able to provide depends primarily on increased income and volunteers to help run the project, and that's where YOU come in...

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the BIG question...

"Is God calling you to support this project?"
We're really excited about this new project, but need to raise extra regular finance to ensure its longevity and effectiveness across the City. If you can help, PLEASE get in touch!



Coventry

Youth Camp 2010

WHAT?

A week of
fun &
madness

WHO 4?

Young People
entering School
Years 7-13

WHEN?

23rd - 28th August

HOW MUCH? NO bids

COVENTRY YOUTH CAMP 2010 - FOR THE JOURNEY...

It's that time of year again when the CYFC team start getting excited about our annual youth camp. This year we're going to Oswestry again with the hope of creating opportunities to invest in more young people than ever before. We've managed to freeze the price from last year (£110, including all accommodation, travel & food) and we're really keen to not only encourage young people to attend the camp, but for them to bring the youth leaders from their churches to be involved as we journey together for 5 nights of fun, craziness, and God-honouring teaching, worship & celebration. If you or people you know have been to Coventry Youth Camp before, you'll know how excellent it is to bring together young Christians from across our city and experience life together in a safe, welcoming environment. And if you or the young people you know haven't ever considered being a part of it, there's no better time to get involved than now. Simply fill in the slip below and return it to: **Coventry Youth Camp, 533 Binley Road, Coventry, CV3 2DP**. If you need more flyers for your youth group you can contact us through our website and we'll get some sent out to you. As always, we'd recommend you book early. Come on, join us on the Journey.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Although our aim is to always keep costs as low as possible for CYFC events, we realise that some young people (or their parents) may struggle to raise £110 in order to attend Youth Camp. We'd love to be able to offer bursaries to young people (including those who we meet through our detached projects) so that finance is never a reason for young people to miss out. That's why we're inviting our supporters to sponsor a child to come to youth camp this year. If you would like to support Coventry young people in this way, just fill in the form below writing 'bursary' in the 'name' field. Every penny of your support goes directly towards helping a young person attend Youth Camp.

Name Email DOB Sex: M / F

Address Post code

Phone No. Dietary Requirements

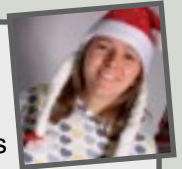
Church School

Cheques payable to
'Coventry Youth Camp'

I enclose: £110 (full cost) £20(deposit non refundable) other

Full payment required by July 9th 2010

SCHOOLS UPDATE...



So, we were in a class at Blue Coat in December doing a Christmas lesson. Part of the lesson involves us discussing some parts of the Bible that describe Jesus, and talking about why Christians see Christmas/the coming of Christ as a world changing and life transforming event. During this discussion time I was talking with a group of young people. The conversation went on to talk about life as a Christian. It was such an incredible opportunity to spend time talking with young people about what God thinks about certain behaviour and why Christians make lifestyle choices that reflect God's preferences in the midst of a world that is becoming more and more corrupt. Some of the comments the young people were making about the drinking and clubbing culture were very interesting and how the thought of going to a club, getting drunk and then spending the night with a stranger is "just what you do". It is so important in a world that is getting darker that we can bring a strong light of purity and set an example for young people to follow that is counter cultural, to challenge that which they see as "normal" and ask them to question "why?" rather than following the crowd.

Jo

SAYING GOODBYE TO ANNA...

Today I leave the office for the final time. It is quite a sad day for me even though I have only been with CYFC for 2 ½ years. It was hard to say goodbye and clear my desk as I love my job as the administrator. Although my role was mainly behind the scenes, I saw the benefits of what my work did. A lot of people think that the whole team are youth workers but there is tonnes of admin that needs to be done to keep the organisation running smoothly. I've loved this job so much because I knew I was helping to support CYFC on its journey to living out its vision of supporting the young people of Coventry.

My prayer is that CYFC will continue its work. I used to be the young person that looked up to people from CYFC. They helped me and influenced my life choices so much, so being able to eventually work for them myself was a real privilege and enabled me to give something back. CYFC only exists because of the support of others. I have seen and encountered the benefits of what CYFC do first hand and know how much they value the support of others. Whether that's financially or in prayer - any support people can offer is appreciated very much.



I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in the Coventry YFC team - for all the hard work we did together and for the friendships I made. To the wider team who work out in schools, the executive committee and council of reference, thank you for your continued support and the time you give to CYFC. And finally a big thank you to all the supporters we have.

Anna has now taken up a role as administrator with another organisation. She will be greatly missed.

Anna

MORE FROM THE WORLD OF CHRIS...



Reflecting on my first few months here is a difficult thing to do. There has been so much happening in such a short space of time. Personally I have been really excited to be involved in Coventry Youth for Christ because of what they have going on as a centre. They have allowed me to be on the front line right from the start, being in lessons, assemblies, lunch clubs and basketball clubs through Coventry Crusaders. This has given me the best possible chance to build relationships and engage with young people.

I have been building up a passion for the city and for the work here. After having time settling in, getting to know young people and after having some reflection, I really feel passionate to see the young people changed in this city. I really feel God can do a lot in this city and that's definitely something I want to be part of. I am excited to see more opportunities develop and to be involved in that process.

Chris

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

As you'll read in the above articles, life is never dull working with the team at CYFC. It's so great to be a part of an organisation that has mission, innovation and partnership at its core. The last 18 months have been a real rollercoaster journey as I've settled into the role of Director, and it's been amazing to see so many young people engaging with God through Junction7 and Youth Camp, not to mention our involvement in many local secondary schools. Our heart is to not just put on amazing events, but to facilitate strong links between young people, their schools and their local churches. It's a privilege to be a part of God's awesome plan for redeeming communities in and around Coventry, and our ability to continue chasing after God for young lives is due to our regular supporters. Thank you for all you give, enabling us to continue to serve young people in Coventry.

Jon Mills

HOW COULD YOU SPEND £2 PER WEEK?

Buy a cup of coffee? Eat a Happy Meal? Buy a magazine? Donate to Coventry YFC?

We are looking to build a team of 100 people who will commit to donating £2 per week to support the ongoing work of Coventry YFC as we seek to engage with young people through work in schools, churches and detached youth projects around the city.

For just £2 per week (or £10 per month) you could play a key role in supporting new youth ventures, allowing us to spend more time in local schools, working with disadvantaged young people, supporting the role of local churches and taking the Good News relevantly to young people in Coventry.

COULD YOU BE ONE OF THE 100?

If so, simply fill in our online form at www.covyfc.org/donate and tick the "sign me up" box



WHEN? 4th Sunday of every* month
7.30-9.15pm

WHERE? Nexus
71 Albany Road, Coventry

WHO? Young People in school
years 7-13

***check the CYFC website or facebook group for details or to receive a poster for your church.**

PRAYER DIARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
	<p>The Mobile Cafe Please pray for us as we develop this new project and hopefully visit similar projects to gain insight and understanding of how to best use this resource. Also, pray that we would find the finance we need.</p>	<p>Finance As with most charities, CYFC works on a shoe-string budget and we need to increase our regular income. Please pray that we will find new sources of income to help our work continue & grow.</p>	<p>Schools Please pray for us as we continue to work in schools across the city, running clubs, lunch activities & helping to lead regular lessons and assemblies. Especially pray for our increased presence in Caludon Castle School.</p>

How you can help **1** through supportive prayer - see our 'items for prayer' section **2** sign up for Inspire Online at www.covyfc.org **3** make a gift @ covyfc.org/donate