

# Youth Forum Newsletter

News for those involved in youth work in Methodist Churches across Cardiff

## Issue 1 – September 2009

### What's on

A collection of youth work dates for the diary.

#### 23rd to 25th October 2009 - Circuit Youth Weekend

A Friday to Sunday residential weekend for young people from across the circuit to get together at the start of the half term holidays. To register interest as either a volunteer or participant then get in touch.

#### 1st to 7th November 2009 – Youth Work Week

As part of WAG Youth Work Week, we are organising a number of events. Details to follow shortly.

Check out what else is going on across Wales for Youth Work Week visit - [www.thankssam.org.uk](http://www.thankssam.org.uk)

P.S. Do you recognise some of our young people on this website?

#### 13th to 15th November 2009 - Youth Assembly, Durham

We are looking for young people to attend the National Youth Assembly held in Durham to join the elected representatives from the Wales Synod. Talk to Ian to explore the funding options available to any young people wishing to attend.

Further details are available on the Methodist church website - [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

#### 18th November 2009 – Youth Forum Meeting

An opportunity for Youth Leaders and Volunteers from across the Cardiff Circuit to get together and share ideas, stories and concerns. This meeting will also look at planning the next Circuit Youth Event for Spring 2010.

#### 22nd November 2009 – Youth Sunday

#### 12th to 14th February 2010 – Spring Circuit Youth Weekend

#### 9th to 11th July 2010 - Breakout 2010, Cliff College

### Are you organising any special events?

Let us know and we'll publicise them in the next edition of Youth Forum Newsletter, or even issue a special edition.

### Safeguarding Info

Bi-lingual Childline posters are currently available with up to 10 free per order from NSPCC Publishing. Why not order them and stick one to the back of each toilet door in your church. Would you want to take down a confidential number in public?

[publications@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:publications@nspcc.org.uk) - 020 7825 7422

### Where has that Youth Worker been?



Ian has been Youth Worker to the Cardiff Methodist Circuit since 1<sup>st</sup> September and is now settling in well. Ian says, "As well as setting up Youth Space 1 I've been visiting youth work across the circuit and searching out places that we can get our young people out and about." The most recent place he's visited was the Amelia

Trust Farm near Barry. As well as being a teaching farm, there are the bbq areas, woodland walks and an outdoor matrix course (Ian will soon be trained as a leader). Before starting as a Youth Worker, Ian having been brought up in Cardiff returned following his degree to work for Sherman Cymru as a Deputy Technical Stage Manager.

His achievements included leading the construction of last year's Christmas production of "The Snow Queen" and building the set for the award winning verbatim theatre piece "Deep Cut".

When not working, Ian enjoys a good dose of fresh air whilst out hill walking or going out to listening to live jazz.

Further details of the opportunities at the farm can be found in the resource file at Circuit Office or you can visit - [www.ameliatrust.org.uk](http://www.ameliatrust.org.uk)

Contact Ian:- [youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk)

### Did you know?



Did you know that Rev Susan McIvor's role has recently changed? She has been released from pastoral charge of Taff's Well United Church in order to give her time to development of the Youth Space project and Youth Work generally around the Circuit. Susan's main tasks also include supporting volunteers who work with young people and promoting youth work across the Circuit. Susan says, "I'm really excited by this new opportunity. I'm encouraged that the Cardiff Circuit has taken this important step in investing in work with young people". Watch out. Susan will be visiting a church near you very soon!

Contact Susan:- [susan.mcivor@methodist.org.uk](mailto:susan.mcivor@methodist.org.uk)

### Where did you get that?

Did this newsletter get sent directly to you? If you work with Young People (aged 11 – 18) in the Cardiff Methodist Circuit then register for your own copy by sending an e-mail to [youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk)

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