

Youth Forum Newsletter

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

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What's on

A collection of youth work dates for the diary.

20th December 2010 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Youth Space 1 will not be meeting this Sunday. As we recognise this Sunday is a special family occasion in the life of the church Youth Space are not planning any activities for this Sunday as we invite all our young people to join their family church in the Christmas Festivities. But, have you thought about how you are going to make any young people feel welcomed and a part of the church family when they come to you this Christmas?

12th to 14th February 2010 – Spring 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. This time we are going to be staying at the Amelia Trust Farm just outside Cardiff.

The number of Places is limited so, to ensure your spaces, register interest as either a volunteer or participant with Ian as soon as possible.

26th February 2010 – You Choose

A fun evening of choice for young people in any organisation or none across the circuit to come together for a Friday evening. Venue To Be Confirmed

4th April 2010 – Dawn LIVE

Not your normal sunrise service. The young people of the Cardiff Circuit are encouraged to join a brave team of young leaders who are heading up onto Caerphilly Mountain in time to greet the sun as it rises over the horizon at 06:28 on Easter morning. But don't worry we plan to hold a sleepover in Cyncoed Methodist Church first so that we can all make sure we get out onto the mountain before the sun creeps over the hills on this moving morning.

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

The bi-annual gathering for young people in the Methodist Church. We are currently looking into having a bus from the circuit, if there is enough interest. Further details about the event itself are due to be released over the Christmas vacation so more on this in the new year.

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.

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

Training opportunities

The circuit youth work team are currently looking into training opportunities to bring you in the new year. From January we will be offering a modular course for anyone involved in youth work (or who wants to be) on topics such as Safeguarding, First Aid, Spirituality and Devotions with young people, Planning a Session, Group work.

The sessions will be on Saturday mornings one a month, (dates to be released on the Youth Space website as soon as we have them confirmed). The training will take place in Youth Space and you can come (or invite others to come) for any or all of the units.

A great opportunity to top up your teams' knowledge or introduce someone new to church youth work without dropping them in at the deep end.

Where has that Youth Worker been?

Well, Eastbourne actually. I've been to "Youthwork, the Conference" to share in worship, seminars and hunting through trade stands with over 1000 other Christian Youth workers.

Now that I'm back I'm endeavouring to sift through all the leaflets and my notes from the conference and will gradually be adding info from the seminars and trade stands that may be of interest to the volunteers' section of the Youth Space website.

News from around the Circuit

At **P.L.E.D.G.E.** (and in case you don't know, that stands for Pray; Laugh; Eat; Discuss; Games; Eat) as I was saying, at P.L.E.D.G.E. in Cyncoed we met THE WEMMICKS

and quite honestly, if you've not met The Wemmicks you really haven't lived. They are little wooden people, very concerned about what other people think. Ponchinello gets everything wrong and is miserable, but a visit to the giant woodcarver makes him realize that actually he, Ponchinello, is very special. 'How do you know I'm special?' he asks the woodcarver. 'Because I made you. Just come back to me for a while every day and we'll work together.'

P.L.E.D.G.E. is for 11 to 18 year olds and meets on a Sunday evening in Cyncoed Methodist Church from 19:00 to 22:00

The children and young people of **St. Andrew's** are putting on a Nativity with a difference. If you loved Mamma Mia then this is the show for you it includes the three 'Dancing Kings' (instead of queens!) singing shepherds and a very greedy King Herod. All the songs have been rewritten to tell the Christmas Story.

St Andrew's nativity will be performed as their morning worship on Sunday 13th December at 10:45.

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