

CARDIFF METHODIST CIRCUIT – YOUTH WORKERS' FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2009 in Wesley Methodist Church, Canton

PRESENT : Ian Thomas (Circuit Youth Worker), Susan McIvor (Minister for youth work), Steve McElveen (Wesley Canton), Anne Middleton (Fairwater), Gloria Passmore (Cyncoed), Wendy Pritchard-Griffiths (St Andrews), Lisa Pucknell (St Andrews), Gauri Taylor-Mayar (Cathays), Andrew Tyler (Circuit Youth Work Management Group), Helen Tyler (St Andrew's), Colleen Tyler (Fairwater), ACTION

Arrived late (due to other meeting) Paul Knight (Wesley Canton), Mrs McElveen (Wesley Canton)

APOLOGIES RECEIVED Jamie Price (Fairwater), Meleri Edwards (Youth Space) and Laura Evans (Trinity & PLEDGE), Chris Bracey (Wesley Caerphilly), Marina Stock (Whitchurch), Linda Hosgood (Wesley Canton)

Ian Thomas chaired the meeting. Notes taken by Susan McIvor.

Ian led opening devotions

RECAP the decisions which had been made at the earlier meeting were that we would hold a BBQ for young people in the summer, that it was a good idea to plan ahead, and that we aimed to plan one event to bring all the young people together once a term.

The next event is a live band night on 28th November. Avril Porter at St Andrew's is arranging this. There was some confusion about the venue etc. IT to contact Avril and to ensure the event is advertised around the churches etc. and through the Youth Forum newsletter IT

There was a discussion about Youth Space. IT explained it was church by young people, for young people for God. Questions included how much Youth Space would be a resource for the whole Circuit and not solely based in Canton and the balance between specific education and discipleship of the young people and effective empowerment and participation. The cell group model of welcome, word, worship and witness was also contributed. The meeting was reminded that Youth Space was not yet open as a space. That Youth Space 1 had been launched but was in its very early stages and that we do not yet know what will happen in Youth Space as this will be determined by the young people. As a follow up to this discussion this group to view a selection of Fresh Expression projects at the next meeting. SM, IT & AT

Ian and Susan gave short descriptions of their respective roles; identifying Ian's work with young people and Susan's work with volunteers in Youth Space.

Ian asked for help with the process of mapping the Circuit's work with young people and explained the involvement of Matt Hassmann in this process. He talked about the need for an annual audit. Others pointed out that one was already completed with the annual returns in October. IT will check if these give us the information needed. Steve Mc has a form he will forward to Ian too. Annual statistics form to be complemented by a local form if necessary. Ian outlined the importance of the statistical information which would IT & St Mc

give us a real picture of what's happening and enable us to apply for grants.

FRESH Susan said that she was still trying to identify enthusiastic young people to join this scheme from SJI who had reserved 3 places for us. Gloria has two possibles, and Anne indicated there may be interest from Fairwater too. SM, GP & AM

NEWSLETTER & MINUTES IT said that he aimed to produce a Youth Workers' Forum newsletter every term following the meeting. This would be an opportunity for groups to highlight their activities. IT & SM

It was also proposed that notes from Youth Forum minutes would be available within a week of the meeting. These would be emailed to all participants and available from the Youth Space website. IT requested that all items for inclusion reach him by 22nd September 2009.

NEWSLETTER for young people. IT was encouraged to "Facebook" events (although it was noted that the minimum age for Facebook is 13 so information would have to go out in printed form too). IT is exploring links with the Synod Youth forums on the Synod website. The group encouraged IT to explore production of credit card size cards with Youth Space details. IT

NEWSLETTER there will be a regular newsletter for all Youth Space volunteers. SM

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING it was agreed to rotate the day of the week that we meet in order to enable those who work with young people in other churches to attend. We will meet again on WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER. Venue to be confirmed. IT