

Youth Workers' News

News for those involved in youth work across the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly

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What's on

23-24th April 2011 - Dawn Live 2011

(Sunrise Worship 24th April 2011 at 05:45 BST)

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION IN TIMINGS!!

A celebration of the Risen Christ shared together at Dawn - the real, sun rising over the horizon, dawn. Meeting together the night before (from 20:00) to stay at Wesley Methodist Church Caerphilly before heading up Caerphilly Mountain for the true Dawn Experience and back down to church to warm up with Bacon baps.

Don't forget to **WRAP UP WARM!**

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/dawn-live>

7th May 2011 - IGNITE Hope Local

Ignite Hope gets young people from all over South Wales to share in transforming their own local communities and sharing the love of Jesus. Youth Space will be working from St Paul's Loudon Sq for the day where we will be serving a jacket potato lunch before going out into the community to litter pick with Keep Wales Tidy.

We are then invited to a massive gathering organised by IGNITE Ministries at Glenwood Church featuring L27.

£10 for the whole day of Social Action

£7 to invite a friend for L27

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/ignite>

12th May 2011 (Thursday) 19:00 - 21:30 - Safeguarding Module A at Llanishen Methodist

Compulsory training for all workers and volunteers with children and young people.

Please book your place on this training with Madoc in the Circuit Office (cmcoffice@btconnect.com)

15th May 2011 (Sunday) Cafe Sundaes

Borders – God and Immigration

Our informal cafe style worship which uses video clips and games all challenging you to respond to the word.

A great opportunity to try Youth Space for the first time.

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/cafesundaes>

21st May 2011 (Saturday) Wales National Children's & Youth Work Conference

(Hope Community Church, Newtown, Powys)

A day of training, fellowship and resources for all volunteers working in Christian Youth (and Children's) Work from all denominations and from across Wales.

Cost £10 per person + Travel to Newtown.

Booking is available online but please let Ian know if you're going and be-green, share a lift with someone.

www.wncywc.org.uk

30th May – 5th June 2011 (Monday – Sunday) National Family Week

Why not be a part of National Family Week 2011 and organise family-friendly events and activities for families in your local community? Your organisation can use The Week

to showcase your work - how you support families, offer activities and services for families, or engage in other ways in the promotion of family life. Your Family Week activities can be organised as a fundraiser, be used to publicise your work, or to simply have fun!

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk>

10th – 16th July 2011 (Sunday – Saturday) Spirited Art

For 1 week the collection of artwork by young people on the theme of Spirituality and Faith "Spirited Art" will be available at a location in Cardiff (Venue TBC). As well as being open to the general public for some of the time there will also be the opportunity to book in a session for your school or youth group for a workshop with the Spirited Art collection.

Contact Ian for further information and to book your space.

youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/spiritedart>

10th July 2011 (Sunday) Cafe Sundaes

16th July 2011 (Saturday) Summer BBQ

An afternoon BBQ for young people from across the Circuit. Families are also welcome to join us

Further details to follow.

Please let Ian know if your coming so we have enough food.

youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/>

10th September 2011 (Saturday) Wales Methodist Youth Forum Meeting, Newtown

This will be the first meeting of the All Wales Methodist Youth Forum which will meet alongside the Wales Synod.

<http://www.methodistwales.org.uk>

10th-11th September 2011 (Saturday-Sunday) Harvest Festival at the Amelia Trust Farm

A two day celebration of the mixed harvest of work at the Farm culminating in an act of worship on the Sunday afternoon.

<http://www.ameliatrust.org.uk>

24th September 2011 (Saturday) Storytelling Workshop (Venue – Somewhere in Wales TBA)

A days workshop on methods and styles of storytelling run by the Wales Training Network.

<http://walestrainingnetwork.org.uk/>

21st – 23rd October 2011 (Friday – Sunday)

Circuit Youth Weekend

Our Autumn Circuit Youth Weekend, sharing a weekend together from a base on a church floor somewhere within the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly.

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/cy-we>

1st – 7th November 2011 (Tuesday – Monday)

Wales Youth Work Week

This national week aims to increase the profile of Youth Work across Wales.

<http://www.thankssam.org.uk>

<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk>

Training Programme

Safeguarding Module A

A special invitation is issued to all workers and volunteers with children and young people in Sunday Schools, clubs and uniformed organisations across Cardiff Methodist Circuit.

In order for us to plan effectively please book your place on one of these dates through Madoc, Circuit Administrator.

(cmcoffice@btconnect.com)

For further information about this training please contact Mr Trevor Evans, Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

(trevor.evans1@btinternet.com)

Saturday Morning Sessions

We've just held our Saturday Morning session on "Facebook and You" to explore using electronic communication with young people and keeping young people safe online.

If you have another title you would like to see then do let us know.

All of these Saturday morning sessions are open to any volunteer working with young people within the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly.

Show your interest in a title or book your space with Ian

(youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk)

Wales National Children's and Youth Workers' Conference

A refreshing day of worship and training for those working with children and young people covering such titles as Family Centred Ministry, Raising up a new generation of young leaders, Establishing a local youth worker project, using sport to reach young people.

Places only cost £10 per person plus travel to Newtown.

(www.wncywc.org.uk)

Interview with a ~~volunteer~~ Student on Placement



My name is Efreem and I am a first year student studying Youth and Community work at the University of Wales, Newport. I am currently on placement at Youth Space to learn about the role of youth workers. I have taken part in the Cafe Sundaie evening and also the weekly YS1

sessions and have done some detached youth work with young people. The main purpose of my placement is to learn about the role of a youth worker and how the practical life of a youth worker relates to the theory that I learn in University. I believe that my placement is of benefit to both Youth Space and myself and that I am leading the way for other students in the future to support their learning with practical experience. By giving me and future students this opportunity Youth Space is contributing to the professional development of future youth workers.

I learn a great deal from day to day office work, training sessions and team meetings with colleagues and other volunteers. I have gained experience of planning youth work, encouraging young people's participation and Volunteer week at the Amelia Trust Farm. These events have support me in meeting my learning outcomes which mainly focus on establishing relationships with young people. I am keen to deliver some activities for young

people that will encourage their creativity and interest in the world around them. This will give me the opportunity to put my learning into practice.

Policy Matters

Safeguarding 2010

The latest safeguarding advice including sample policies from the Methodist Church is "Safeguarding 2010" and can now be downloaded from the Methodist Church website

(<http://www.methodist.org.uk/>)

Young People and Electronic Communication

Based on guidelines from the Methodist Church Children and Youth Section, Youth Space has just completed our policy on communicating electronically with young people. All of the Youth Space policies are available on our website to be downloaded and adapted for other groups within the Circuit.

(<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/downloads>)

News from around the Circuit

With the Circuit currently asking the churches what their Vision and Mission are, do you know what the Vision and Mission are for your Youth Work project? Where do you think your group will be in 1 year, 5years, 10 years from now and what are you doing to get it there?

News from Around the City

IFANC / The Sprout

The Young People's Information Service is gathering feedback on the Sprout and has compiled two surveys; one aimed at young people and one aimed at organisations To Complete the organisation survey go to;

(<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/441661/sprout-organisation-survey>)

And how about asking your young people their views

(<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/421489/sprout-satisfaction>)

Meic - information, advice and support for your life.



Meic is a new 24hour helpline and advocacy service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales.

From finding out what's going on in your local area to help dealing with a tricky situation, Meic will listen when no-one else will. We'll give you quality information, useful advice and the support you need to make a change.

Contact us in Welsh or English – it's up to you! We're open 24hrs a day, 7 days a week. You can contact us by phone, email, text and instant messaging. Meic is confidential, anonymous, free, and just for you.

Phone: 080880 23456

SMS txt: 84001

IM/webchat: www.meicymru.org

Cardiff Street Pastors

Cardiff's Street Pastors are currently recruiting for Street Pastors and Night Base Members. They are looking for those aged 18+ who want to serve the city of Cardiff by being the hands and feet of Jesus on the streets.

(www.igniteme.org/streetpastors)

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