

# Youth Workers' News

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

## Issue 8 – June 2011

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

### What's on

#### 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 (Sunday) Youth Forums BBQ

A BBQ at Porthkerry Park (Barry) for youth workers, volunteers and young people across the circuit.

(<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/youth-forum/>)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday) Volunteers social

An opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all the volunteers who work with young people in the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly. It will be held at the Youth Space building where food and fellowship will be shared.

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

#### 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Sunday) Cafe Sundae

Meeting in Wesley Canton to explore Spirited Art through informal café worship.

(<http://youthspace.cardiffmethodist.org.uk/whatson/cafe-sundae>)

#### 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (Wesley Methodist Church, Canton, CF5 1JP). 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](mailto:youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk))

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

#### 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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>)

#### 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Saturday) Storytelling Workshop (Venue: Wrexham)

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

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

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

#### 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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>)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November (Friday – Sunday) Methodist Youth Assembly

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

#### 18<sup>th</sup> December (Sunday) Youth Space Carol Singing

Young people from around Cardiff and Caerphilly going on the High Street to sing Carols and raising funds for Youth Space. Subject to Council Permit.

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

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## Interview with a volunteer



Laura Evans started volunteering with young people through Pledge at Cyncoed in 2005, from where on she “just got roped in” to helping with other Youth Work Projects. Now, she is heavily involved with the work of Youth Space and thoroughly enjoys helping out. When asked the question, “why does she do it?” she answered by saying, “because

it’s fun and rewarding and you get to be involved with youth projects as they develop – It’s a privilege”.

Along with all this work, she is also part of the Youth Space Vision Group and is actively involved in the detached work – going out to meet young people in the community beyond the Church walls.

Laura helps out at the Circuit Youth Weekends and does “any random stuff Ian tells me to”.

To all the people who want to give it a go at volunteering with youth projects, Laura says, “It’s really not as scary as people think it will be, if you fancy a go then do”. She believes that everyone is really supportive at Youth Space and no one is alone as everyone works together as one big team.

## News from around the Synod

The Wales Synod Youth Forum (facilitated by the Wales Synod Youth Work Action Group) are having their first meeting at the Hope Community Church in Newton on the 10<sup>th</sup> September’ 11. Young people are needed who are interested in discussing world issues with their peers. Lifts to Newtown for anyone interested can be arranged by getting in touch with Ian

([youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:youthspace@cardiffmethodist.org.uk))  
([www.methodistwales.org.uk](http://www.methodistwales.org.uk))

### Youth Witness at National events

Youth Space have been working alongside Cytun to encourage young Christians to have a place in Christian witness. Smoothie Bar is once again going on tour to the Royal Welsh Show and the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, Wrexham with Youth Space.

## News from Around the City

### Young and Ambitious

The ambition AXA awards are searching for the UK’s most gifted and driven young people. It’s open to anyone between the age of 11-18 in the field of sport, enterprise, the arts, science, or the community. This is an opportunity to win a personalised mentoring programme worth up to £40,000.

(<http://www.ambitionaxaawards.com/>)

### Children In Need Small Grants Programme

The small grants programme awards grants of £10,000 or less per year and can be made for a maximum of three years. The deadline to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> October.

([www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey))

### Impact + Round 5

A small capital grant scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly. A maximum of £5,000 can be applied by the VAC member organisations. The deadline for application is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 12 noon.

([www.vacardiff.org.uk](http://www.vacardiff.org.uk))

## GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grant Scheme 2011/2012

The aim is to support young people aged 16-25 in accessing volunteering opportunities.

([www.gwirvol.org](http://www.gwirvol.org))

### All Wales Forum

AWF is an organisation that works to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities. Parents and Carers of People with Learning Disabilities are launching their website.

([www.allwalesforum.org.uk](http://www.allwalesforum.org.uk))

### STARBUCKS Youth Action

A scheme inspiring young people aged 16-24 to take action and make a real difference in their community.

(<http://www.guardian.co.uk/starbucks-youth-action>)

### o2 Think Big

Young people between the ages of 13-25 have a chance of starting a project if there’s something they wish they could change or create. Youth Cymru has up to £30,000 to give away to young people in Wales who want to put something back into their communities.

(<http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>)

### The Directory of Third Sector Services

The Directory of Third Sector Services for Children, Young People and Families in Cardiff 2011 has been launched, taking forward the aim of raising awareness about the diverse range of voluntary organisations.

([www.vacardiff.org.uk](http://www.vacardiff.org.uk))

### Construction Youth Trust

The trust helps young people access a craft and professional level opportunities in the construction industry providing taster sessions throughout South Wales.

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

### Bursary Fund – Challenge Wales

Challenge Wales, which offers sail training opportunities for those aged 12-25, is now offering young people’s groups in Wales access to a bursary fund to help more people get on board.

(<http://www.challengewales.org/>)

## 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)