

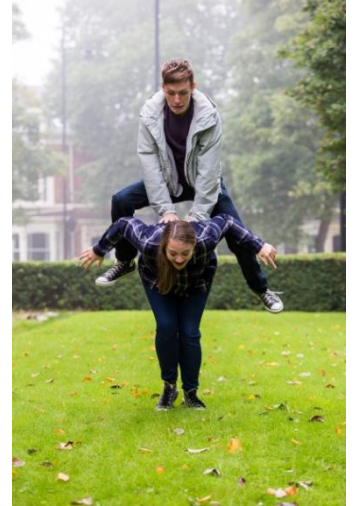
June Update 8

Welcome to our final Update 8 of the school year!

Update Schools

This month the team have delivered a total of 59 sessions in 11 different schools. 32 RE lessons, 9 assemblies, 11 lunch time clubs, 4 school friends sessions and 3 sessions at the returners unit. We've been doing topics such as value of life, good and evil, pilgrimages, stewardship of God's creation, and is there an ultimate authority and ultimate truth. Below are a couple of highlights.

Whilst taking a lesson at Venerable Bede for Year 7's about Christian Pilgrimages we were able to share about our experiences of going away on Christian camps and festivals where we have encountered God personally. At the end of one of these classes one girl asked a question which led to a really positive conversation over break time with her and a group of her friends. As we answered their questions we were also able to encourage them to come along to the youth club at Calvary Christian Fellowship which is local to them and ran by a team, including Andy. Some of the young people who already attend the youth club were there and they were also really positive about the club and encouraged them to come also. Please pray for these young people as they continue to seek and have questions.



Update Primary Schools

Last month, we received an email from a year 6 teacher at Town End Academy. She remembered us doing assemblies in the past and was keen for us to work with her class delivering a series of lessons on Christianity. She explained that some of her pupils were struggling with RE and didn't believe in God. We agreed to do 5 sessions exploring what God is like, who Jesus is and why he died, prayer, the Bible and church. Right from the beginning of the first session, the young people were really engaged and had so many questions. The session was so successful that I had an email from the head thanking us and wondering if we could deliver more lessons next year with other year groups as well. Please pray for us as we explore what this could look like next year. Pray also for the pupils we have been speaking to that God would touch their hearts.

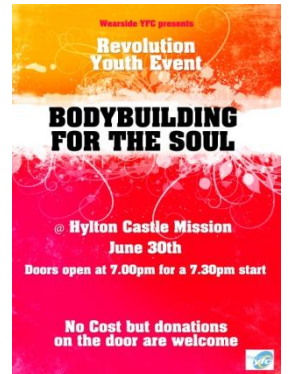
Update Events

Hylton Castle Mission

We had a great time at Hylton Castle Mission at their games night for youth leaders. We were able to share games we know and use with young people and learn new ones ranging from calm games to "tire out" games for energetic groups. It was good to be able to gather together and fellowship in this way and have an enjoyable night.

Revolution

Come join us at the next Revolution at Hylton Castle Mission on 30th June. We will be looking at "Bodybuilding for the Soul" for the final time, exploring how to keep going. Join us for a fun night full of games, music, and a message on the theme. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. We would love to see you there!!



Kairos

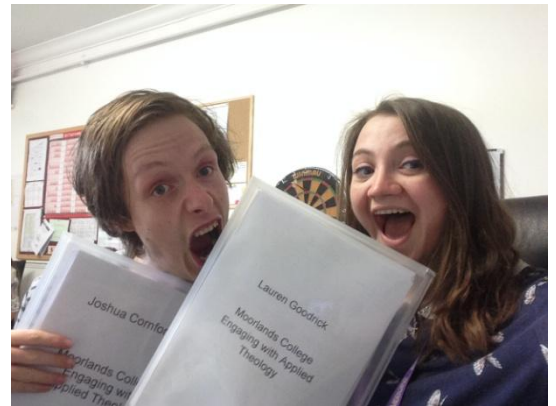


Kairos is a Christian youth camp happening in Thirsk every August bank holiday weekend, this year between Friday 25th to Monday 28th of August 2017. It is aimed at Christian Young people aged 11-18's to come as a youth group. For more information on this brilliant weekend away, please see <http://www.kairoscamp.org.uk>.

Update Gap Year

Josh

A highlight for me has been the consistent link with students of Thornhill school. Seeing them and building relationships over the year has been really nice. Recently we had the football cage at the school which brought students of all ages and backgrounds together. This was really encouraging to see.



Personally delivering sketches in lessons such as our gospel sketch is really great and I get a lot out of preparing and delivering the word of God to young people.

Lauren

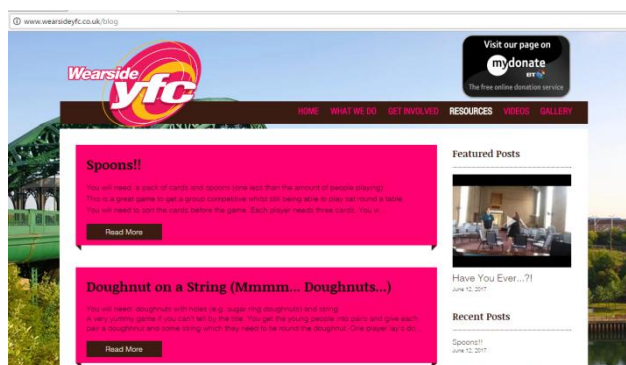
I have had an amazing year at Wearside Youth for Christ and I can't quite believe that my time here will be over soon. My favourite part of working at Wearside Youth for Christ is that I've been able to build relationships with some of the young people we see every week. For example, one of the girls from Thornhill who comes along to the lunch club on a Monday always comes over to us on a Tuesday when we're on the yard as School Friends to have a chat, even if she just complains about the weather for most of lunch. Also, one of the lads who comes to the Rock Solid club at my church (Elim Sunderland), will always say hi when he sees me and usually wants to have a conversation. His default conversation starter is to ask about Rock Solid and we usually talk a little about his rugby which he loves. These interactions don't seem like much on the surface, but regular and familiar faces young people trust appearing in their school, which can be a really tough place at times, can completely transform a young person's day or week. And through these

interactions we can show Jesus' love to them and be there when opportunities arise to tell them about how Jesus loves them.

I'd also like to quickly thank everyone who has been a part of my gap year and have made it such an amazing time (I hope you know who you are).

Resource Blog

We have now launched our new resource page! This is to resource youth leaders with games and activities for different types of groups. You will be able to find the rules and some demonstrations of the games. We plan to update this regularly with new games so keep checking at www.wearsideyfc.co.uk/blog. If you have any of your own game ideas that you would like us to share, please email us at wearsideyfc@gmail.com.



Update Prayer

Please remember to sign up to our "Pray for a School". For this, all we ask is you pray for one of the schools we work in and we will give you information about the school you have picked to help you pray more directly into the school's needs. You may want to pick the school local to you, your church, or where you may know some of the students e.g. through family. Sign up on the homepage at www.wearsideyfc.co.uk

Check out our new video about prayer within Wearside Youth for Christ at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSTBhFABaG4>.

Last Minute Update

As always, please encourage others to like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yfcwearside, check our website for updates, and subscribe to Update 8 and our "pray for a school" at www.wearsideyfc.co.uk. We have been told that people want to hear more from us which is one of the many reasons why we have started communicating more, but it's useless unless we have you helping us by telling people what we are doing.

We would love it if local church leaders would show our short promo video during a service so more people can hear about the work that we are doing at Wearside Youth for Christ. You can watch the video either on our website at www.wearsideyfc.co.uk/videos, or on YouTube at www.YouTube/92VRVxYhkdl. We have also shared it on Facebook so you can find the link there too.

Thank you for your continual support and prayer

God Bless,

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