



Welcome to the latest Youth Leaders' Newsletter. Another new term and new academic year is here already and with it there are many exciting developments for me to share with you. I hope you will feel as encouraged with the new resources as I do and can see their potential!!

Steve Bullock, Youth Officer

New Developments

Over the last few years we have undertaken audits and reviews, and we have assessed what resources might be needed to develop youth ministry in the Diocese. The result before the summer was the production of a new Youth Strategy, which was shared with Bishop's Council who agreed to fund the following developments.

A) The establishment of a youth Prayer Boiler Room (based in Gloucester)

Prayer is an essential part of Christian discipleship and, as a Diocese, we are supporting the development of a specific centre for youth prayer in Gloucester, which we hope will ultimately resource churches in the diocese.

B) A Youth Development Officer

This worker will seek to support the growth of youth disciples and young leaders using the many different opportunities that we have available to us as a diocese, including overseas links and pilgrimages. They will also seek to build on the work of the previous youth forum, thus continuing to develop participation of young people in decision making.

C) An Affiliated Schools Officer

The role of the Affiliated Schools Officer will involve, in the first instance, working with two affiliated church schools and their associated parishes/communities in order to increase youth participation and engagement within a Christian context (a similar project has been highly successful at Castle School, Thornbury). In the long-term, this post could be extended to our other three affiliated secondary schools (Balcarras, Thomas Keble and Sir William Romney's).

Further details for posts B & C can be found on the back page.

Please pray that the right candidates are appointed and that the Prayer Boiler Room develops well.

My Role

I will still be around, continuing in a part-time seconded capacity. My focus will be continuing to support all parish work, training and linkages with new policy developments which effect youth work, of which there are many at this current time!!

My secondment with the University of Gloucestershire is going well; we are due to start all 3 new youth work courses that I've been developing this September with a full cohort of students.

Please pray that I will be able to continue to balance the 2 roles successfully in a God pleasing way.

www.4-sight.info

Do keep an eye on the youth office web site as this is where all of the latest news and activities are posted.

Over the summer it has been fully updated and we will seek to keep it that way so do check it out!!

Go to www.4-sight.info

Autumn 09 Diocesan Youth Activities

I) IGNITE BIG DAY OUT September 26th

This year we are running an activity day in Gloucester, which will include:

- ◆ Laser Quest
- ◆ Food
- ◆ A huge crazy scavenger hunt/team activity around the centre of Gloucester
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ More Food



Cost: £15 (plus money for lunch)

We have approximately 40 spaces available. Please download flyers and further details by following this link:

www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=115

Please note leaders need to accompany young people.

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2) ICON TV

October 3rd, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

St Philips & St James, Larkhay Rd, Hucclecote GL3 3NS

Cost: Free

This is an interactive TV magazine event run by a national Youth for Christ mission team. It will encourage young people to question their values and look to Christ.

This is a free event, which will be very worthwhile for young people.

Please download flyers and further details by following this link:

www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=115



3) FLICKER

October 31st, 7-9.30pm

Gloucester Cathedral

This event will once again encourage young people to explore creative methods of prayer and will feature the Gloucester 24/7 prayer team who will provide details about the new Gloucester Prayer Boiler Room. Please bring a group!!



Girls' Brigade

The Girls' Brigade in Gloucester has recently secured funding, allowing them to run an exciting safety programme 'Worth the Risk' for girls aged 14 - 19 years.

This will cover topics such as:

- ◆ Staying safe at school
- ◆ Staying safe socially
- ◆ Staying safe in relationships
- ◆ Staying safe on the internet
- ◆ Staying safe in the community

The programme will be run once a month from September to March 2010 and are "Open Sessions" (i.e. participants will not be required to become brigade members).

The Girls' Brigade are eager to invite girls along to these sessions. For more information, contact Jane Hudson (the County Commissioner) via email: hudson3177@btinternet.com

Youth Leader Training

SLURP — youth leader network and training events

Do come along and enjoy the company of other youth leaders, share common issues and get some training too!!

This term we will be looking at why we work with young people, using lots of interactive tools.



Dates:

2nd November - Cheltenham Meeting

7.30 - 9.15pm

Venue: St Philips & St James Leckhampton church room, Grafton Rd, Cheltenham, GL50 2ER

4th November - Forest Meeting

7.30 - 9.15pm

Venue: Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

To download the poster go to:

<http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=113>

CPAS Growing Young Leaders Training

26th Sept

Growing Leaders is a CPAS resource, which aims to help your church find and develop leaders. Growing Leaders Youth Edition grew out of the original course and is a new resource which focuses specifically on the 14-18 age range. There is further information available on the CPAS Website - please click on the link below to find out details of a Young Leaders Training event:

http://www.cpas.org.uk/youth_and_childrens_leaders/content/yacl_855.php?e=1015

Gloucestershire County Council

Several times each year the County Council run their ABC courses which give youth leaders the opportunity to gain a basic qualification in youth work. These are very manageable for volunteers and, over the years, many church youth leaders have undertaken this qualification. The commitment is to attend one evening session in Gloucester every fortnight. For more information click on this link:

<http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=87>

Gloucestershire University Links

If you are free on a Thursday during the day, and want to sit in on a youth work session/module at the University, this is possible (for a minimal fee). To look at the subjects we will be covering click on this link:

<http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=90>

For more details and to book a place contact Steve Bullock on 01452 835553.

Future Events

Employed Diocesan Youth Workers Network Event

Date: 12th October

Time: 2pm

Venue: Bishop's House, Staverton

Hosted by Bishop John

An afternoon for all employed youth workers in the Diocese to meet, network and encourage each other.

Understanding the Context for youth ministry

Date: 18th November

Time: 11am - 4pm (10.30am for coffee)

Venue: Christ Church Hall, Malvern Rd, Cheltenham

Cost: £10 (includes lunch)

A day for those working with young people to explore the structural changes happening in children and youth services and how they effect the church. This day will also include training on how to undertake a CAF (a common assessment framework tool) which is now used to assess needs and access support for an individual.

To book, please download a booking form from this link: <http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=113>

Redcliffe College Training Days

3 big youth leader training events organised in conjunction with Redcliffe College on:

- ◆ Saturday 6th February
- ◆ Saturday 27th March
- ◆ Saturday 15th May

More information to follow.

Diocesan Youth Insurance

The Diocese administers an insurance scheme whereby churches can buy cover at a discount from Ecclesiastical, which gives more flexibility than their normal church insurance policy.

This is especially important if there is a risk that the PCC don't approve activities, or if there are last minute changes to plans which have not been approved. For more details about this scheme, please contact Steve.

Help Needed

Please contact the office if you are a Youth Leader who could help staff at any of the Diocesan Youth Activities this Autumn so that they run safely, as adult help is always required.

General Activities

Saturday 17th October

11.30am to 12.30pm – Central Gloucester

Christian Aid Countdown to Copenhagen – Climate Change March, Rally and Lobby of MP and MEP

For more details please click on this link to read the letter:

<http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=101>

Funding Opportunities

(In Gloucestershire)

The Youth Capital Fund

The Voluntary Sector Youth Capital Fund (VSYCF) is a one-off investment of £500k by Gloucestershire County Council to assist voluntary youth groups in carrying out capital projects to improve facilities for young people aged 13 – 19 years. In particular, this fund is available to help young people build, extend or repair buildings or purchase large items of equipment (such as a mobile youth centre) which are linked to the renovation of a building within the voluntary youth sector. Whilst the main focus of the programme is young people from 13 years, projects which will also benefit those under 13 year olds and the wider community will also be considered. For more details and application forms, please follow this link: <http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=82>

The Youth Opportunity Fund

The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is intended to give young people more choices about places to go and things to do, to support them in making decisions, and to give grants and lead projects.

The deadline for applications are:

30 September 2009

31 December 2009

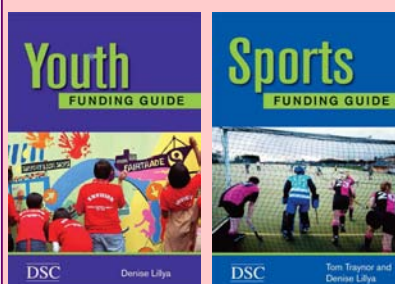
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District Council Youth Offer Money

Throughout the year each district council has money to spend to provide things to do and places to go for young people in their area. Please continue to visit the <http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=82> link to keep up to date with funding opportunities in your area.

More Funding Information

Notably there have been two very useful funding books released, and, if you are interested in getting funding for activities, they will be very useful to purchase.



More details can be found at: <http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=82>

QIYWI



QIYWI is a reflective quality assurance tool developed by the Diocese, Young Gloucestershire and the County Youth Service to help churches and other agencies reflect on their policies to ensure they are providing a safe environment for young people.

Pictured here is Chris Saunders being presented with the QIYWI award while he was still employed by this local Gloucester church.

Chris is now Fairford Deanery's new youth worker and is keen to explore how his experience of QIYWI from this local church can be applied to a wider setting.

For more details about QIYWI please follow this link <http://www.adults.4-sight.info/web/default.aspx?Page=72> and contact Steve for more details on 01452 835553.

Gogoglos is a County Council web site for young people which enables them to search for local youth activities. Please do send your details to the web editors and get your activities listed!!

For those who undertake and complete QIYWI you will receive a special ICON next to your youth listing, which means you will have a County Council recommendation for the work undertaken!!!



Job Opportunities within the Department

Affiliated Schools Officer (Initially fixed-term, full-time three year post)

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and inspiring youth worker to develop work with young people across the Diocese. This newly created post provides an exciting chance to work alongside affiliated church secondary schools and associated communities/parishes. This post offers a new opportunity for an appropriately qualified/experienced creative, self-starter to develop a youth work approach in a school context.

This post is offered on a fixed term basis due to their funding arrangements. It will provide the successful candidate with a diverse and rewarding role.

Salary: £24,481 - £29,230

For a copy of the application pack, please go to:
<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1094.zip>

Closing date for completed applications: **8th October 2009**

Interviews: **19th October 2009**

Youth Development Officer (Fixed term, full-time three year post)

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and inspiring youth worker to develop work with young people across the Diocese. This new post will provide young people with new opportunities for discipleship and participation across the diocese, by working specifically with them, and with church leaders and volunteers.

This post is offered on a fixed term basis due to funding arrangements. It will provide the successful candidate with a diverse and rewarding role.

Salary: £24,481 - £29,230

For a copy of the application pack, please go to:
<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1093.zip>

Closing date for completed applications: **8th October 2009**

Interview process to span 2 days: **22nd & 23rd October 2009**

For an informal discussion about these vacancies, or for further information, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Judith Knight, on 01452 410022 or email her at jknight@glosdioc.org.uk.

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