

Solway Network Youth Church

NEWSLETTER

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SNYC VISION

'We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done.'

Psalms 78v2

Network Youth Church is a new way of doing and being church with young people across Cumbria. We do this following the Cell, Congregation, and celebration model of church.

To support the growth of rounded Young People who accept themselves and one another for who they are, enjoy exploring faith and journeying together.

To achieve our vision Solway Network Youth Church:

- Builds on existing groups meeting around a Deanery (eg. Confirmation Groups, small youth groups, Christian school based clubs)
- Offer support and training to develop youth groups and grow local leadership.
- Encourages churches and Mission Communities to grow their work with young people.
- Provides a means of linking existing local groups of young people so they can come together to experience Christian worship and fellowship.
- Runs residentials and events for youth leaders and their youth groups to attend together.
- Provides new opportunities for young people with no current church connection to explore the Christian faith.
- Encourages Churches to support and pray for the young people in the deanery and the work of Solway NYC.

Welcome to our newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading what we have been up to over the past few months. Please do get in touch if you would like me to come and share more with your church or group. Thanks Yvette



ABLAZE

Over 70 young people joined us from groups across the deanery for a afternoon of games, worship and teaching in July.

The weather held off most of the day and it was great to see young people from across our groups coming together and bringing their friends.

We had a variety of activities for the young to get involved in from drumming, nerf wars, 100 ft inflatable assault course, Hungry hippos and crafts.

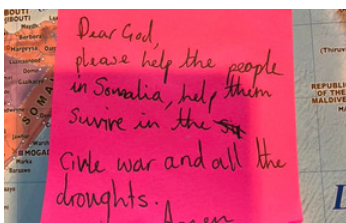
Thank You to all who made it happen.

"It's seriously fun with all the activities and the people you get to meet there"

SCHOOLS

We love working with our schools. This year we have delivered prayer spaces ,collective worships, wellbeing sessions and much more. We are looking forward to getting going again this September.

Prayer spaces are a particular joy but also a lot of work. It is amazing to see how the young people respond to such big questions with maturity and thought.



"I enjoy deeper because its more focused on Jesus and how to serve him"

Cells

Our Silloth cell group have had a fab term using the Arocha eco church material. Working our way through session including building, community, worship and personal responses. This involved pitching a tent in the church yard, little picking and thinking about what we are grateful for in our own lives.

The young people took part in a sponsored walk raising money to be able to twin a toilet, tap and buy eco toilet rolls for their base at Christ Church Silloth.

Well done everyone and thank you for all your support.



CAMP

Our residential program is going from strength to strength we now have an amazing team willing to give up their weekends twice a year to spend time with our young people putting on activities and sharing the gospel in a relevant way. It's always very tiring with little sleep but such a privilege to serve with this team.

We are looking forward to our next time away in October where our theme is around Jesus's miracles.

Please hold us in your prayers the weekend of the 13th- 15th October.

Confirmation

If you know a young person year 6 upwards who would like to think about getting confirmed in November please get in touch with me as soon as possible

Prayer requests

Please join us in Thanking God for

- New volunteers in to SNYC for their enthusiasm, their willingness and commitment to serving young people. Also for volunteers who this year have stepped out of clubs to serve God in other areas.
- For the schools we work with their staff and students as they head back in to a new academic year.

Please Join me in praying for

- All our young people and their families
- For all the clubs starting back up especially Maryport after school club after a long break.
- For the new clergy in the Deanery as they start their new roles



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