

Wd You ?



WORCESTER DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE UPDATE SPRING 2012



Hello! I'm Sarah Brush the Diocesan Youth Officer for Worcester Diocese and this is the spring edition of the Worcester Diocesan Youth Office Updates **Wd You ?** for 2012. This publication keeps you up to date with recent and forthcoming events in the diocese, training opportunities for youth leaders and useful information for working with young people. Please make sure you pass this to all those working with young people in the parish.

Rock the Cathedral ON TOUR *****CHANGE OF DATE!*****

As I told you last term, people from other **Gloucester** diocese loved our idea of Rock the Cathedral so much that they've decided to do one too. After a change of date (due to BBC filming) the event will now be on **FRIDAY 16th March**. Members of Worcester Candy Youth and Yong Adults councils will be helping out on the night. Some of our schools will be running coaches down to Gloucester and there'll be a pizza on sale at the cathedral as well as be bands, circus skills, an acoustic café, a gallery area of all kinds of activities, a homeless street display and much more! Watch out for fliers about:



Rock the Cathedral Gloucester on FRIDAY 16th March 2012.



Candy at Synod



The children, young people and young adults of Candy invite all those aged **Saturday 10th March** from **9.30am-3.30pm** at OldSwinford Hospital School DY8 1QX. The adult synod will be talking about Inclusion and the Anglican Methodist covenant. We at Candy will be doing that too but also having fun, games and crafts together with the Chair of the National Church of England Youth Council, Kat Witham. (More pictures of last year's great day inside—come and be part of it in 2012!)

Youthwork Summit

The Youthwork Summit is moving to a new annual slot in **MAY** for 2012 so look out for more publicity about that in our next mailing and on the blog at www.wdyou.blogspot.com. I've had the joy of being part of the summit both at Manchester this year and in London last year. I will be going again to **The Youthwork Summit 2012** in London on **SATURDAY 17th May**. It's an essential day for youth workers at every level from every part of the UK so I am happy to be able to offer **FIVE FREE TICKETS** to the first FIVE people getting in touch about this event (limit of one free ticket per parish/church). Find out more at their website: <http://www.youthworksummit.com/>



TRYANGLE AWARDS

WCVYS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WORCESTERSHIRE YOUTH SERVICE ARE LAUNCHING THE 2012 TRYANGLE AWARDS

You've got until Friday 17th February 2012 to send in your nominations for a Tryangle Award. There are eight award categories. To view the Tryangle Awards leaflet go to www.wcvys.co.uk/news Go to www.youthworcs.org.uk/Tryangles and make your nominations. The Awards Evening is being held at Worcester Warriors Rugby Club on Thursday 29th March 2012.

Just take a moment to look around you or pause for that moment's thought and identify that young person whose efforts, skills or perseverance merits that Award. Nominate now.

For further details contact Phil Street on 07540 031 953 or email phil@wcvys.co.uk.

News from the Pews

I thought it would be good to have some updates from some of the work in parishes around the diocese to give you ideas and encouragement. This term We've got news from Bromsgrove. Lis Beren from **Bromsgrove** tells us about how their youth group looked like it might fold and what they did in response:

"Following a meeting with the minister we took some time out to regroup and get more staff and we now have a team that is twelve strong. We have divided into teams for Creative and Media, Sport, Craft and Cookery nights and that seems to be working well although there is always a bit of crossover. Last summer the "chill-out" room had a complete makeover with input from members (your suggestion partly) and is now tastefully decorated with comfortable furniture, a carpet and a large flat-screen TV with x-box. This room is a useful multi-purpose room for other groups.

There was a lot of talk (and anxiety) about how to attract new members but I was confident that if we put on an attractive programme this would build organically. And build it did. We went from 5 to 20 in a short space of time. We currently have more girls than boys which is an easier dynamic in the group. We have kept going over the summer with regular Sunday games in the park which has been well attended by staff and members.

The training you gave us has been very helpful and I have seen leaders' confidence and competence grow steadily. The leader who heads up the team with me has been on maternity leave but now her son is 3 months old she is returning to youth group. We are delighted as she has been much missed. She has still been involved with the admin side all along.

Our two peer leaders will both be at University from October but will still join us in the holidays. We have two new 16 year olds who we hope will take on this role (one male one female) and a 20 year old female student who has already proved her worth during the summer holidays and who is joining the sports team. She is doing this as a placement as part of her college course in Access to Social Work."

Positive for Youth

The Government has just launched its Positive for Youth campaign. The national Church of England Youth Council will be bringing something out to link in with this soon.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeople/Positive%20for%20Youth/>

Training & Best Practice

A reminder about our course for those about to start, or new to, youth work or children's work in churches. Emma and I will be running **The Key** for 6 weeks on **Wednesday evenings** from **25th April - 30th May**, or alternatively on two full day **Saturdays 12th and 26th May**. The Key is an interactive learning experience full of games, quizzes, reflections, ideas, practical advice, helpful tips, and the hope is that **The Key** will act as a pathway to training and development. Find out more at www.thekeyresource.co.uk Please complete the booking form on our website if you want a space on this popular course.



TIME TO GET QUALIFIED?

From January 2012 WCVYS is offering a Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice. The qualification is part taught, but mainly work based. WCVYS seeks to recruit 24 participants who will have to produce a portfolio of evidence of their work in their clubs and organisations. The qualification is aimed at volunteers and paid staff working in the voluntary youth sector in Worcestershire. The qualification will cost £101 to anyone from a WCVYS member organisations. It will result in a Level 2 ABC Awarding Body qualification and the taught elements will be delivered at Droitwich Youth House. The qualification includes six units.

Child Protection Training Sessions 2012

Here are the dates and approximate locations of this year's child protection training events.

WORCESTER The Old Palace, Wednesday 15th February 10.30am - 12.30pm DAYTIME

STOURBRIDGE Lye & Stambermill, Christ Church hall, Monday 12th March 7.00 -9.00pm

EVESHAM Church House, Tuesday 1st May 7.00-9.00pm

REDDITCH St Peter's Church Centre, Ipsley, Tuesday 31st May 7.00-9.00pm

WORCESTER The Old Palace, Abbots Kitchen, Monday 4th October 7.00-9.00pm

STOURPORT St Michaels & All Angels, Tuesday 20th November 10.30am - 12.30pm DAYTIME

If you would like to book places please contact Judy Baker 01905 732811

jbaker@cofe-worcester.org.uk or go to

www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/work_of_the_diocese/child_protection.php

Resources

For groups in the Worcester area, you might consider asking Worcester Action for Youth to help you with a session. They can offer all kinds of experts in crafts, creative arts workshops and sports Check out their flier for this term which is enclosed To make a booking you can: Contact the office on 01905 350550 Tuesdays 10am – 2pm Thursdays 10am — 2pm Worcester Action for Youth, The Old Scout Hut, Medway Road, Worcester, WR5 1LN Email info@wayworcester.org or visit their Website **www.wayworcester.org**

some more pictures of Candy)

The National church is offering some really good resources at the moment, One of these is the **Going 4 Growth website** which is regularly updated with useful things and includes things linked into the Olympics if you want to do some forward planning.

<http://www.going4growth.org.uk/home> They recommend

Scripture Union's Decathlon which will be in our resources library soon. They have also launched another great new resource called

Worship Workshop is now online. See the flier for this fabulous new resource for helping groups of children young people and adults plan worship for schools and churches.



Chaplaincy

On Thursday 26th January chaplains from secondary schools, FE colleges and local universities will again be gathering together as a network for support and resources. Eighteen chaplains were able to attend the day in July and appreciated the chance to get new ideas and hear about the work of other chaplains. If you are a chaplain to young people in a school, college or elsewhere let me know and we can welcome you to the group.

Funding

SPIRITED FUND

In the Summer mailing I reminded you of our second round of the **SPIRITED** fund. The successful bidders for round two were. The **Outer Limits** group from Longdon who bid for £50 for Youth **Bible Study guides written by Chip and Helen Kendall** and the **Inspyre** group from St Peter's Ipsley who bid for £50 for a new resources **creative prayer space** for young people.

As usual other sources of funding can also be found on

<http://wdyou.blogspot.com/search/label/funding>

For Children's & Youth Leaders Market Place

Cost £5*

21st April 9.30-4.30pm

at St Peter's Baptist Church, Worcester

Featuring: a book stall, God Venture, Arise, Urban Saints and more.....

workshops

Including: Boys to men ♦ Dealing with bereavement Spirituality of generation Y ♦ Storytelling and many more....

Coffee Shop

*1st 2 tickets per parish 2 for the price of one!

Please bring your own lunch

Electronic wD You ?

Want to share what you've read here with others working with young people? Why not point people to the electronic version of **wD You ?** at <http://www.wdyou.blogspot.com/> for everything here as well as current news on funding, events and resources available to those working with young people in the diocese.

Or find it on facebook at www.facebook.com/worcesteryouth.

You can contact the Diocesan Youth Officer by post to The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester WR1 2JE on email via sbrush@cofe-worcester.org.uk or via telephone on 01905 732825.

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