



Nottingham Youth for Christ

Annual report

2010/2011

AGM to be held on Monday 21st November at
NYfC Office at Unity House, Lenton
7.00 –7.30pm prior to Trustees meeting.

Chair of Trustees Report 2011

The last year has been a time of considerable growth and development for Nottingham Youth for Christ, and it is a real privilege to be involved with an organisation that is making such a difference to young people in Nottingham and the surrounding area.



This year has seen its fair share of changes amongst the trustees. We have said goodbye to Chris Gilzeane and he goes with our gratitude for his work. We will also shortly be saying farewell and Thank You to David Reast, who for many years has supported the work of YfC in his role as Treasurer.

We now welcome three new trustees: Daniel Corcoran, Ed Sands and Gillian Benson. We are also in the process of appointing further trustees, which is so necessary given the growth that is taking place within Nottingham Youth for Christ.

The change within the body of Trustees was also reflected in the new members of staff that have been appointed. The formal appointment of an administrator is a step towards strengthening the structure of Nottingham Youth for Christ, and will enable its ministry to be taken to the next level.

Gill Linton-Smith will be doing much of the administration that previously fell to Richard Dawson.

In addition to a new administrator, the new team members for this year are:

Key worker in Bilborough: Mona Chee

Key worker in Radcliffe: Jo Dolby

Key worker in South Nottinghamshire: Rebecca Mockett

Our thanks go to all the team at YfC, whether new or established, for their hard work, and thanks also to Holy Trinity Lenton for the continued use of the premises and the support they give us in so many ways.

Lastly, and unashamedly I make a double appeal:

Firstly, the ministry of Nottingham YfC only exists through the financial generosity of its supporters. If we want this ministry to continue to grow, then we need people like you to commit to giving on a regular basis. Regardless of the amount you pledge, it always makes a difference. As one supermarket chain puts it: "Every little helps".

Secondly, Nottingham YfC is working in areas and with young people that are out of reach of many of our churches. As a result, we need you to support this cutting edge ministry in prayer. Without your prayerful generous support, the work of YfC simply would not exist.

Thank you to all of you.

Anthony Oakley

Director's Annual Report 2010 – 2011

The Team

At the start of the academic term in 2010 there was always going to be a change of dynamics when it came to the team. We were not sure what team we had up until the very last minute and for the first time in recent NYfC history there was a very strong part time feel. Having seen Emily go on maternity leave, Chantelle finish her CYM placement with us and our 3 full time year out volunteers move on, there were big changes. What this looked like were 2 Sessional workers in Sara Reynolds and Ceri Hendy, 2 CYM placements in Antony Stevens (2nd year) and Charli Wood (1st year) and one national year out volunteer in Becci Raine. Due to the amount of new team members we ran a weekend retreat to facilitate people getting to know each other. This gave us enough team, with the help of local volunteers, to cover all the sessions we wanted to run, but in terms of capacity, we were full. This meant that we had to prioritise what we were funded for and what we saw as important. What we started to do was be creative in how we worked across Nottingham in resourcing churches in mission, which led us to developing links with churches in Arnold. Emily Swinburne, since she came back from maternity leave has taken on a new role of church resource worker as well as her work around Inham Nook.

Publicity

Over the past year we have put together our annual report in a newsletter style and we have produced one other newsletter. There have been prayer letters every 3 months. We have also started doing monthly email updates to help people stay in touch with what is happening.

Our website continues to be used but we are aware there needs to be a bit more time spent on it in terms of updating items. Twitter and facebook continue to work in terms of people staying connected and communicating with us and our blog continues to get a good number of views each time we post. I have continued to be involved with the Radio Nottingham paper reviews on Sunday mornings and we were also asked if they could run a piece on young people doing social action in Bilborough and be involved in another discussion on over the counter paternity tests.

We were asked to be part of filming for songs of praise over the summer. We ran a social action project in Bilborough and they came over and filmed the young people and interviewed myself on how we engaged young people in their community.

Resourcing Churches

Our relationship with The Pearson Centre in Beeston has had another good 12 months. I was chaplain to the 17th Nottingham Boys Brigade and Becci helped out in the 30th Nottingham Girls Brigade. Highlights were the 'Question the chaplain over pizza' session and Camp at the end of the year.

I sit on the Cens (Christian Education in Nottingham Schools) board of trustees and the last few years has seen a real drop in the numbers at their different training events. This brought us to a point where we decided to have a strategy day to see whether a group like this was still relevant. There was a desire to see if there was still a role for the organisation to play across the county, so after looking at various options we decided to try some new things and we are seeing how the next year goes.

Work in Chilwell and Beeston

I have been a Chilwell School governor for nearly 4 years and once again this has gone well. We have been able to work alongside a number of departments, encouraging them and supporting them. As part of activity week in July we ran a roadshow looking at self worth and how they see themselves. This went down really well amongst staff and students.

We have continued running Rock Solid at lunch time with Becci and Kev Hill having up to 15 young people each week. Myself and Becci also ran something called Big Questions. This was to engage some of the young people that were becoming too old for Rock Solid but still wanted to be part of something. This worked in part but by the end of the year we had gone from a group of girls to a group of lads. Becci worked really well in Humanities as part of our support in the school and we were involved in helping run the ASDAN CoPE award for year 11's.

On a low point we had 2 young people commit suicide in February 2011 from the Chilwell and Beeston area. This was a hard time for anyone involved in young peoples work and schools in the area. In response to these 2 lives being lost we ran a prayer vigil from 9pm until the memorial service the next morning. This was open to anyone and I would like to thank Chilwell Road Methodist Church for the use of the building for this purpose.

Since being back in April from maternity leave, Emily has been working in Alderman White School supporting lessons. The Base has been really good this year with a core group of young people coming along. From that group about 6 have gone on to the Alpha course and it is hoped that a Girls group will follow on from this. Emily's highlight for the year was meeting a young person who came to a Rock Solid group 2 years ago. Emily said she had seen him grow from a quite person to someone with confidence whose faith had grown and was now stepping out for God.

New area Arnold

We started working in partnership with the local churches in Arnold and that produced funding for a worker for 10 hours a week. We increased Sara Reynolds hours to develop links with the Arnold Hill and Redhill schools in that area. We were also involved in a number of other initiatives like Arnold carnival, youth Alpha Holy Spirit evening and the noise project. The last weekend of the summer saw NYfC involved in a Social Action project and festival. This involved young people from a number of churches litter picking, gardening and car washing before an afternoon of activities including KMX karts, body zorbing and live music. Sara said that for her the most memorable moments had been the simple conversations in classrooms about spirituality, growing up and prayer. We have also just secured working in partnership with St. Mary's Radcliffe and the local churches surrounding Harry Carlton school for the next academic year.

Bilborough

Within school Charlotte and Ant have been an integral part of Year 7's development. The majority of this work has been done in lunch clubs and with Charlotte's lesson support. As part of the work in school, Ant and Charlotte have been running 'a place to be me' and 'a place to be me+'. We have been able to do lots of creative work including some self worth sessions using dance and a session using a climbing wall we hired from the council. Through these groups some amazing relationships have been built enabling them to share Jesus in relevant ways which have impacted on the young people they worked with. In the last term Ant started Café Faith at Harvey Hadden sports centre, the café has enabled space for young people to explore what Christianity is.

Missions

Our eq: 30hour missions have had their first full year out. We went to Bath in November 2010 and Warrington in March 2011. Numbers for the Bath one were low but we got a good number to the Warrington one. There seems to be some real momentum in these mission trips and youth leaders are starting to see them as a strategic part of their youth work calendar.

In Bath we worked with Bath YfC and a local Church in helping them connect with an estate next to the building as well as opening their new youth centre. We then helped lead the childrens and youth work in the church the following morning.

In Warrington we worked with the YfC centre there and a local church in doing some questionnaires around the streets and then running a family fun day with free BBQ. We then led the whole service on the Sunday morning for the adult congregation. This has started to become a huge success in terms of resourcing churches and engaging young people in mission.

In August 2011 we ran our third mission trip to India. We took our largest group to date (12) and we worked, once again, in partnership with Sudheer Kumar and

Reap ministries. We were able to raise enough money to build 6 borewells run 6 outreach meetings, enable 5 medical camps and a number of feeding railways and street children projects. Once again it was an amazing time and all the young people got so much out of it and have been inspired to make a difference back home.

Other news

We have started developing a new layer to our mission work with nurture groups. The first 2 have been called Café Faith and have looked at getting young people to know more about the Christian faith. These happened in Café Nero in Beeston and Harvey Hadden stadium in Bilborough.

My speaking engagements have included: Foxhill Evangelical Church, Chilwell Rd Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Lenton, Beeston Baptist Church, Christ Church Chilwell, St. Mary's Arnold and Kings Church Arnold.

We have run a number of youth weekends away for churches over the past 12 months. They have included: St. Lukes (Gamston), St. Nic's (City Centre) and Knowle parish youth weekend away.

We would like to say a huge thank you to a number of people who have stepped down from their positions over the past year. All these people made a huge contribution to the work of NYfC. Stepping down over the past 12 months have been: Kev Hill (Rock Solid Chilwell), Steve Dalley (The Base and Youth Alpha), Becci Raine (National eta volunteer based in Chilwell), Ceri Hendy (Place to be me and A place to be me +), Ray Krzeminski (website), Lydia Krzeminski (Place to be me +) and Teresa Hopkins (Administrator). Thank you each one of you for all you have helped NYfC achieve in their work amongst young people.

Richard Dawson

Director Nottingham Youth for Christ

Treasurers Report

The past year has been one of considerable change within YFC and this is reflected in the financial situation.

Thanks to the generosity of the Nottingham Sunday School development fund in making a generous donation of £ 12, 500, and the payment in advance from “A Place To Be Me” charity for the funding of our work in Bilborough up to next Easter, we have been able to considerably restore our financial reserves, to give us the working capital we need. We thus have a cash reserve of £ 26,282-95 at the year end. We also have about £6, 500 of gift aid tax to reclaim.

This reserve has enabled us to employ a part-time administrator from September 2011.

We have also entered into partnership with two groups of churches in Arnold and Radcliffe-on-Trent, enabling us to employ two more part-time youth workers. This is reflected in increased income from churches and standing orders, but the full impact of this will not be seen in our accounts until next year.

Changes in society at large has meant we have not been able to rely on CYM students and YFC year out students to deliver much of our youth work in Bilborough, and so we have paid two part-time staff to deliver this work for us. So our pay bill would have been considerably higher this year had it not been for Emily taking maternity leave. We are delighted to have her working for us again in Beeston and Chilwell on a part-time basis.

Once again Richard led a team of young people to India to work with Harvest India in some of their mission and development work. This has become a regular biennial event and after expenses some £ 7,500 was taken to sink bore wells in rural villages.

This will be my last annual report as I am stepping down as treasurer at this AGM. May I express my appreciation for all of the very dedicated and sacrificial supporters of YFC. Without you, this work would not be possible.

I can only express my gratitude to God for the privilege of working with YFC for the last 6 years. It is amazing how the work has changed and developed, and how our financial needs have been met in very varied and unexpected ways. Yet the heart of YFC is in its supporters as well as its staff and trustees, so once again, thank-you and I wish my successor blessing in this exciting and challenging role.

God bless

David Reast

Treasurer

Nottingham Youth for Christ Accounts.

Year Ended 31st August, 2011

Expenditure:-

Staff Costs	Salaries and N.I.	31,230-39	
	CYM Fees	2,429-93	
	YFC Year out fees	700-00	
	Travel	2,368-82	
	CRB Checks	72-00	
	Team Support/Expenses	471-12	
	Training / Staff Conference	<u>2,432-58</u>	
	Total Staff Costs		39,704-84
Admin Costs	Telephone and Internet Costs	1,270-79	
	Printing	1,511-92	
	Insurance	373-30	
	Office Supplies	293-16	
	Equipment and software	20-00	
	Subscriptions	<u>65-00</u>	
	Total Admin		3,534-17
Other	Clubs, trips and events	1,476-25	
	Church Resources	327-15	
	India Trip	15,244-20	
	Hoodies	177-75	
	Miscellaneous	<u>612-40</u>	
	Total Other		17,837-75
Donations to Wider Mission work			
	YFC National	240	<u>240-00</u>
			240-00
Grand Total Expenditure			<u>61,316-76</u>

Income:-

Payment for projects:-

Place to be me	22,866-00
Pearson Centre	2,910-00

Donations	Local Churches	9,720-13
	Canaan Trust	1,716-00
	Standing Orders	12,080-00
	Other Donations	4,974-06
	Gift Aid Tax Refund	-

Gift	Sunday School Development Fund	12,492-73
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Total Gifts and Grants **66,758-92**

Other Income

India Trip	16,028-08
ECell/EQ trips and camps	739-00
Church Resources	700-00
Miscellaneous Other	<u>408-00</u>

Total other income **17,875-08**

Grand Total Income **84,634-00**

Surplus of income over expenditure: 23,317-24

Cash Balance as at 1st September, 2010 2,965-71

Closing Cash Balance as at 31st August, 2011 £ 26,282

There are no restricted funds, However we have been paid in advance by "A Place to be Me" for the delivery of schools work in Bilborough up to Easter 2012.

There is one outstanding liability of £ 1,151-24 owing to the Inland Revenue.

Total assets consist of cash balances plus office furniture, computer and electronic equipment worth under £ 3,000-00. Further gift aid tax refunds of around £ 6,500 are still to be claimed

Notes

Here's how you can support NYfC financially

Why not sponsor –

An Assembly for £25

A Lunch Club for £50

An Evening session of Youth work £75

A day in School £100

Or to make a regular donation please complete the form below

Nottingham YFC Standing Order Form

I would like to give financially to Nottingham YFC. Please make the following monthly payments until further notice to the credit of Nottingham Youth For Christ at the bank named below on the * day of each month commencing* to help with administration please could you make this date between the 5th and the 25th of the month.

Your Name:

Name of your bank:

Your bank address:

Your bank account number:

Amount:

Your Address:

SIGNED **DATE**

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