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## 6000 Young people have heard the Gospel!

Having just become a father for the second time I have realised how much Amy has grown. Seeing the way she works through things and grows up so quickly is very exciting but also scary, (in fact at 2 years and 6 months she can do a jigsaw faster than her Grandad).

The same goes for Nottingham YfC. It is now 5 years old and through that time it has been really exciting, as well as quite scary, as we try things out and occasionally make mistakes. One thing I do know though is that in that time

**we have come into contact with over 6,000 young people and seen hundreds make a positive response to the Gospel message.**

I hope you are as excited as I am and If you feel that you would like to be part of this amazing time either practically, prayerfully or financially, then please either fill in the form on the back or contact us through the website or at the office. It would be great to have you on board

Read on for the sort of things you can be part of:-

## PURE:Café

PURE:café is a new ministry in Beeston between NYfC and local Churches. Each week 40 or more Young People attend including some who have come in from the street. The 2 fold objective is for it to be a bridge between young people and the Church, and also to be a place for Christian young people to bring their mates to. There are live DJ's, visuals, muffins and small groups that all help in connecting young people with God. It all happens @ Beeston Baptist Church on Wednesday nights Why not drop in and see what's happening?



## Stories from D2

D2 are the creative arts team who have been in Nottingham for 6 months helping to lead assemblies and missions and taking part in RE lessons. The girls have now moved on but here are some of the things that happened in Nottingham and the work God has done through their ministry.

**Emily** says: We were leading Drama and RE lessons. One day we were doing some work with the learning support unit in the school. One of the young people noticed I was wearing a WWJD (What would Jesus do?) bracelet. This started so many topics of conversation including 'sex before marriage' and 'forgiveness'.

**Becca** says: In an RE lesson I was telling the story of how my sister had a hole in the heart, and how I believed God had healed her. When we had finished a girl put her hand up and said the exact same thing had happened to her cousin and that she had prayed for him. During that morning about eight other young people told us that they had family members with similar problems and some of them decided they were going to pray for them.

While we were waiting in the dinner queue at one school we got chatting to three girls. One of them asked me when and why I became a Christian. After I told them my story we went and sat with them while we ate lunch. Over the week we got to know them really well and at the end of the week they came to our gig. After Emily had finished the talk they all decided they wanted to become Christians. They have now completed a Youth Alpha course and have all grown deeper with God.

**Penny** says: At the end of a mission week in school we do an evening gig where we perform songs and tell the stories of what God has done in our lives. At the end of one gig I was able to pray for six girls who all became Christians. I then continued to get to know them on a Youth Alpha course that we ran. They are not only sticking up for their faith within their families but they also started bringing their friends along to the Alpha course. Now their friends have become Christians too. As we were teaching an RE lesson I got into a conversation with a lad who told us he didn't believe in God as he believed in science. After we had chatted for about fifteen minutes he started to realise that maybe there was a God. I passed him at the end of the day and he told me that after asking a few more questions and doing a little research he now believed that there was a God.

**Emily** says: I help lead a Youth Alpha group on Wednesday nights and I have a really good relationship with three of the girls in particular. One of the evenings we ran the 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?' session. At the end of the evening, these three girls all asked if they could be prayed for. After we spent a bit of time in prayer, each one of them said that they had a good feeling, a tingling or just a sense that God was there, with them. They were able to connect with God in such a good way, and God was able to connect with them.

**Emily built up really good relationships with the young people she worked with in Nottingham and believes God is calling her to work here. This can only happen if sufficient income can be found.**

**Any ideas or promptings?**



Two Youth Alpha courses have been running in Beeston and one is now running in RE lessons at Hadden Park School in Bilborough.

There is a guy who I have known for the last 3 years, he is always up for a lot of things we have done - clubs, trips etc. but that is where it has stopped. There has never been any interest in anything God centred, just having a laugh.

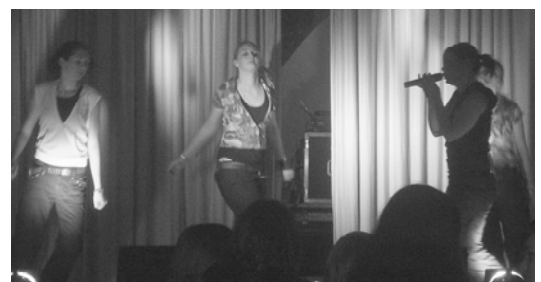
That was until recently when I persuaded him to come on a Youth Alpha course that we were running. Since we started that he has been there every week and really eager to take part, even bringing his cousin.

While we were running one of the evenings, the question was asked where we thought we were in our faith in Jesus. His response was really interesting. He said he felt as though he was looking at others and seeing what they had because of their faith but felt he wasn't good enough to have the same relationship with God.

We are still working through this with him and we hope to show him that it is not about being good enough but it is about knowing someone who loves us however bad we are.

Youth Alpha has been a great way to bridge the gap between our missions and the local Churches. With a good number from the courses now attending Churches. Nottingham YfC are now a Youth Alpha resource centre who can help with training and resources. As well as Youth Alpha we also want to resource the local Church with other resources. For more information please contact Richard at the Nottingham YfC office or check out our website

[www.nottinghamyfc.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamyfc.co.uk)



The D2 girls @ Wollaton Rd. Methodist Church

# Bilborough Happenings



A few months ago I was able to book a 5-a-side football pitch at the Harvey Hadden Sports Complex. The first few weeks were very challenging as no young people I had spoken to about it in William Sharp School turned up.

After a few weeks of me turning up with out any of the young people I came close to throwing it in and trying something new. Then one night on "detached" we met up with some young people in and around the sports complex and something popped into my head (must have been God) "why not invite these young people into the pitch."

We got the go ahead and since then we have be able to use the footie pitch as a place to take young people we meet in the street.

I've been buzzing off this as I can see that God is working in what we do out there and it's just a case of staying faithful and letting the Big Man take control.

Another great thing that has started in The Christian Family Centre on Strelley Road is a monthly Disco for the young people in the surrounding community. I've been able to get involved with this and the regular youth stuff on the Friday nights. I was able to bring along some young people from the class I work with in Hadden Park. They seemed to have a good night and then came along to the church service on the Sunday when Shaun Murphy visited. It's been great to have these events in the area and have the churches in the area wanting to see young people come along to church in some way and being reached with the gospel. Since the first disco we have had 3 lads coming along to the Friday night stuff and Easter holiday youth days.

In March I was able to put on a week long mission in Hadden Park School with D2 and Nomad (a YFC sports team). The whole week was a great success and full of lots of blessings. The week contained RE lessons, PE lessons, dance and drama lessons, lunch and break time activities and after school clubs.

On the Wednesday after school Nomad and I set up the football cage at Harvey Hadden sports centre. We had over 40 young people around the cage wanting to play in the tournament. While the games were going on we were all able to have some cracking chats with the young people about why we do what we do and how God loves all of us.

At the end of the week we had around 30 young people come to an event agent which D2 performed and I spoke. 30 young people heard the gospel and 3 girls from the school gave their lives to the Lord! **What a result!**

The few weeks after the mission have been fantastic in Hadden Park. Before the holidays I was able to take two Easter lessons which lead to 4 lads coming along to a local church disco then a church service and then begging me to let them know what the church is putting on at other times. I'm totally buzzing off this as I really feel God blessing me and the relationships that I have been able to build over the last 6 months.

## Legacy...(part 1)

One of the things that really excites us here at Nottingham YfC is our e-cell program. Training young people to impact their peers and putting evangelism into their lives as an integral part of their faith, is something that we believe will truly build their faith. Here is what some of this years students have said about the course :

“the course has shown me lots of creative ways that I have been able to use in reaching my friends”

“I love hearing the cool things God is using other people for “

“I have come to realise there is nothing more worthwhile in life than to lead others to Christ”

“Just being round others who are so passionate about God has inspired me so much”

“Through e-cell I have learnt different ways to invite my friends to our Church and into a relationship with God”

If you are in school years 10-13 and want to be part of e-cell next year then please contact us at the details below, we would really like you to be part of changing this city for God.



e-cell team this year >>>>>

## Legacy...(part 2)

The picture you've all been waiting for.....

### Joel Elijah Dawson

born April 10<sup>th</sup>  
and weighing in at 8lb 7oz



Nottingham YfC continues to run with a monthly deficit.  
If God has prompted you to be involved financially please don't delay - do it today.

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