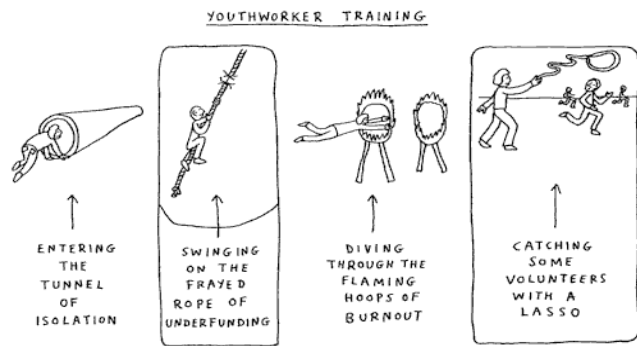


Training

Church Colleges Certificate in Christian Youth Work

This year long course is an opportunity for those involved in youth work either voluntarily or part-time/full-time to deepen their understanding and practice. Starting in the autumn, the course is run in partnership with the University of Chester. It is delivered over three weekends spread through the year with one or two evenings in addition. Dates for 2010/11 are: 15-17 October 2010, 25-27 March 2011, and 24-26 June 2011. The cost is £250.00 and further details can be obtained from Craig Abbott.



Children & Youth Leaders Retreat Day

Saturday 4th December 2010, 10:00am-2:00pm

University of Cumbria Chapel, Lancaster

Craig Abbott and Susan Witts, together with CPAS, are planning a retreat day for children's and youth leaders. Whether you are employed or voluntary, this will be an opportunity to take time out from your children's and young people's groups to refresh yourself spiritually alongside others who are doing a similar ministry. Complete the enclosed booking form to guarantee your place. Cost £10.00 including lunch.



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CONNECT

The youth work mailing for the Diocese of Blackburn



'It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up' Ephesians 4:11-12

We are always telling our young people that the church is primarily about the people and the community of faith rather than the building—so much so that it is all too easy to forget what that actually means and it is good

from time to time to be reminded of this truth. I was reminded of it recently when I went on holiday with my family for what I thought was a week. Unfortunately, due to the ash cloud from Iceland, we were stranded for an extra week. Disastrously, this happened to coincide with the 'Y Church' Confirmation weekend at Whitehough. Having invested some time with the team organising this event, the real prospect of not being able to get back to the UK for it was really disappointing. However, the rest of the team did an amazing job in running the whole weekend and the sixty young people who attended had a fantastic weekend of activities including canoeing, a ropes course and mountain biking; teaching on the theme of 'Church' and worship led by young people and a Eucharist lead by Bishop Geoff. I was reminded through this experience that, firstly, none of us are indispensable and secondly, and probably most importantly, as Christians we are members of the body of Christ and can rely on our brothers and sisters in Christ to help, assist, pray for and support us. I am not for a minute suggesting that we should all abdicate responsibility for everything and let other people do everything (like I had to!) but reminding us that we are all members of the body of Christ and God has gifted each one of us differently and we use those gifts in His service so that the body of Christ may be built up and the church strengthened. In this mailing you will see that we are running a second Whitehough weekend because the April one was over subscribed. The maximum number of young people we can take on this weekend (1-3 Oct) is 40 and we will offer places to those who missed out on the April weekend first. If you want your young people to come along, book early! We are also gearing up for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference at Myerscough College in September. We would love to see young people from your parish involved and there are further details attached with this mailing or you can contact me or Jill at Church House.

Craig

Youth Work Resources

Schoolswork.co.uk Playing Cards

52 questions
4 themes
1 pack of cards.



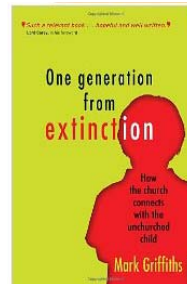
The cards are designed for use with 11–19 year olds with a different discussion starter on each face, getting loads of conversations going with your young people. There's 4 different categories of questions: **DIAMOND**: A question about you
SPADE: A question about others
HEART: A question about the world
CLUB: A question about beliefs.

Available from <http://www.schoolswork.co.uk/>. Cost £5.00 including p&p

One Generation from Extinction

Despite a shocking title and a depressing projection, Mark Griffiths sets out the challenge to the church and the mission context we now face in England as well as setting out some useful and practical suggestions as to how we might meet this unique context. A must for youth workers and church leaders.

Buy for £14.99 from Simply Resources. www.bdeducation.org.uk/ and click on Shop Online



Substance Volume 6: Reality Check

The latest volume of this excellent series is now available. 10 Bible based sessions for use with 14–18's. *Authentic Jesus* is a 7 part module revealing the truth about Jesus. *Bittersweet Life*—a 3 part module based on Ecclesiastes.

Buy for £9.99 (www.bdeducation.org.uk/ and click on Shop Online) or borrow from Simply Resources



Testament Trumps

Top Trumps from the Old Testament. Facts about the characters and a memory verse on each card. Find out more from www.testamenttrumps.com Buy for only £3.99 from Simply Resources. www.bdeducation.org.uk/ and click on Shop Online



RE-SOURCE

Diocesan Youth Conference

3rd—5th September 2010

Check In , Check Out, Check Up

Re-source 2010 will provide young people with the tools they need to do a spiritual health check on themselves and their churches and encourage them to return to their churches, schools, colleges and work better equipped to serve God and others. Re-source works well for those who come on their own as well as young people coming in a small group from their church. It gives them an opportunity to widen their Christian



experience, and take time out at the beginning of a new academic year to focus on their relationship with God. This is a diocesan event that is exclusively for young people. Young people are involved in planning and leading the weekend. Please promote Re-source 2010 among the young people aged 16—24 you are in contact with and encourage them to book. Booking forms available at www.bdeducation.ork.uk/youth or contact Craig Abbott or Jill Ivison for more information 01254 503070 ext 221/223.



Y Church @ Whitehough Confirmation Camp.

Almost 60 young people came together in April for a diocesan Confirmation Camp and had a great time enjoying outdoor activities and learning more about the church and their part in it.

The camp was so popular that we are running another one for those unable to get a place in April. For young people in school year 6—9, getting ready for confirmation or recently confirmed. **Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd October 2010.** Cost £80.00 At Whitehough Outdoor Education Centre. Contact Craig Abbott or Jill Ivison for more details. youth@blackburn.anglican.org

