



What's On

Saturday 24th July-Monday 2nd August:	Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé
Friday 3rd-Sunday 5th September:	Re-source Diocesan Youth Conference
Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd October:	Y Church @ Whitehough Confirmation Camp

Gap Year Opportunities



It's still not too late to fix up a placement in a Christian organisation for the coming year. Many organisations offer local opportunities for young people including Oasis, Pais Project. and Careforce. Oasis offer placements with local churches doing a variety of ministries with the potential for some overseas experience. PAIS offer a gap year placement with a church with an emphasis on schools work. Careforce offer church or project based placements. If you are considering ministry of some kind in the future or you want to do something valuable with your gap year or you just don't know what you want to do, an opportunity of this sort might be just what you are being called to. Full details available on their websites:



www.careforce.co.uk

www.oasisuk.org/threesixty

www.paisproject.co.uk

Take a stand for justice by joining **Outcry**, Christian Solidarity Worldwide's youth and student programme—a passionate movement of young people who speak up for those who are persecuted for their faith, making a difference through prayer and by campaigning for religious liberty and human rights. Visit www.outcry-uk.org today to get involved.



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'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

You have probably heard it said so many times that the church is about the people and not the building—so much so that it's 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 spent ages with the team organising this event, the thought of not being able to get back to the UK for it was gutting. 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 lead by young people and a Eucharist lead by Bishop Geoff. It was good to be reminded through this that, firstly, none of us are indispensable and secondly, and probably most importantly, as Christians we are ALL 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 part of the body of Christ and God has gifted each one of us differently, regardless of our age, 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. We are also gearing up for the Youth Conference at Myerscough College in September. We would love to see you there

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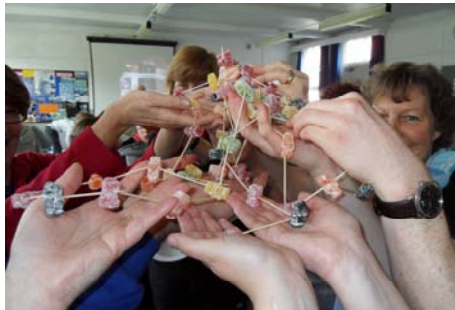


Y Church @ Whitehough Confirmation Camp.

23rd—25th April 2010



Nearly 60 young people came to the first ever Diocesan Confirmation Camp and had a great time canoeing, mountain biking, climbing high ropes and learning more about what it means to be part of the church. There were games, a camp fire, and crazy activities including making a human sculpture of the Old Testament temple, creating jelly baby sculptures to represent the way we are connected to each other and much more. Brilliant weather and fantastic food made the weekend an unforgettable experience.



The camp was so popular that we are running another one for those unable to get a place in April. If you are school year 6—9, getting ready for confirmation or recently confirmed, talk to your church leader about coming along: 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



Diocesan Youth Conference 3rd—5th September 2010

RE-SOURCE

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Come and explore your relationship with God and be energised for Christian witness and service with like minded young people. Teaching, worship, prayer, sport, art, entertainment. For young people aged 16-24.



Check up with God. If you've never been to a diocesan youth conference before now is the time to act. Check out with your church leaders about paying for you to come. All vicars, church wardens and PCC secretaries have been told about Re-source 2010. It's your event. Check in. Find a friend or two to come along with, or come by yourself.



At Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, Preston. Age 16-24. Cost £85.00. Booking forms and more information available at www.bdeducation.org.uk/youth.html or tel 01254 503070 ext 221/223

