

Bristol District Children, Young People, Young Adults Portfolio

News Update June 2008

You have been included in this mailing because of your interest in working with or assisting the younger element of the church, please forward the message to any of your colleagues who might find the content useful.

Please let me know if you wish your name to be added or removed from this mailing.

This is our general mailing list; we have two others one for Childrens' work and the other aimed more at Youth work.

Breakout 2008

Please contact Debbie Rainey if you are going to Breakout, have opted for operation friendship and require transport, there are a few seats left at present.



District Youth Council News:

Youth Synod

On Saturday 13th September, 10am - 4pm there's a new annual gathering of young people which will be held this time in the Upper Thames Circuit (venue TBC). This will run alongside the main Synod so young people should be able to get lifts with ministers or lay people that attend the Synod!

Youth Synod will be a chance for young people 11-25 to have a say about matters that concern them in the Methodist Church, make new friends, try some new workshops and activities & have fun together!

For more information see <http://bristoldyc.piczo.com> or email deb_rainey@hotmail.com

District Weekend

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October 17-19th in Chippenham this year's District Youth Weekend will provide chance for young people across the District to join together in fun and merriment. For just £18 each young people and youth workers can spend a weekend in Chippenham with lots of food, workshops, activities and accommodation (bring a sleeping bag and we'll provide some church floor space!)

The infamous Ska band 'Sounds of Salvation' will be doing the Saturday night gig and possibly staying to help with Sunday morning worship! (Tickets just for the gig available @ £3 each)

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A short Legal bit

Criminal Record Bureau checks on charity trustees

Charities that work with children or vulnerable adults must now provide the Charity Commission with a signed declaration that they have carried out Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks on **prospective trustees**. It is also against the law for anyone to act as a trustee of a children's charity as defined in the Protection of Children Act 1999 unless a CRB check has been carried out. Trustees who fail to carry out such checks on new trustees or staff could themselves be in breach of their duty of care to the charity. For more information visit the [Charity Commission website](#).

(Management Committee or Church Council members)

Are you looking for funding?

Funding information database

Charities Information Bureau South and West provides information, advice and support concerning charitable funding and charity law to help community groups, organisations and individuals in the south-west of England.

Its funding information databases are accessible through its [website](#) via a simple registration system. Its new website (due to go live soon) has been revamped with funding help from Sport England. It will have a free facility for individual project searches and ready to go packs for particular themes, such as sport, health and social welfare. There is also a link to a bi-monthly regional bulletin with information on new grants, selected ongoing grants and local funding information. The new website will be at: www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk


myplace funding for youth facilities

The Big Lottery will be distributing £190 million over two years on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to fund projects that will deliver world class youth facilities. It opened for applications on 6 May. For more information visit the [Big Lottery Fund website](#).



MethodistChildren is part of the Connexional Team of the [Methodist Church](#) in Britain. We aim to be a beacon of innovation and good practice in children's ministry, working with children's workers to encourage and inspire children of all ages; enabling the voice of children to be heard.

If you would like to receive our free monthly e-news, containing news of training, resources, events and competitions, then send your e-mail address to us at children@methodistchurch.org.uk (e-news is worth the time taken to take a look)

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Bible Based Activities

LightLive - new from SU www.lightlive.org

10,000 free online activities – with 650 more added every 3 months

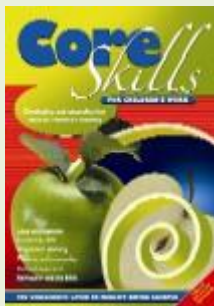
LightLive is a new website which puts a multitude of Bible-based activities and ideas at your fingertips – and it's free of charge!

Designed by Scripture Union to help you tailor material to the specific needs of your group(s) or congregation, LightLive brings a new dimension to your children's, youth and all-age ministry. You can:

- * Access the bank of activities and ideas
- * Enrich your programme with multimedia resources
- * Search, save and print – all from one website
- * Plan and manage your group programme like never before

Training

For information on CORE: Visit www.coreskillsforchurches.com



If you have Children's workers who have not completed their training and want to participate in Core training please contact Maggie Curtis, District Youth Adviser maggiecurtis_pow@hotmail.com


Stem the Tide



A new free online resource will be launched in late May 2008, produced by MethodistChildren and MAYC through JMA and World Action for the whole Church to engage with the issue of Climate Change

Methodist young people have challenged every Methodist church to take the issue of Climate Change seriously. Stem The Tide will resource and help each church to get involved in taking a Month of Action on Climate Change The resource has been shaped by the responses of a survey sent out to children and young people in the Methodist Church. This resource will enable all ages in every church to engage in a really effective month of action, in turn kick starting a longer term change.

The resource is flexible and churches can choose when they want to take their Month of Action. There is plenty of material to use with children's groups, youth groups; all age worship, Bible study, sermons and more. There will be plenty of facts, ideas, activities and evaluation tools that will help both study and action - both as individuals and as a group. There will also be a focus on the impact of climate change on the Pacific Islands, and those who live there.

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The web address will be www.stemthetide.org.uk A poster will be sent to each church, with room for you to fill in which month your church has chosen for its month of action, along with postcards and information pocket cards to raise awareness.

Changing Actions free texting service offers a weekly text full of tips, encouragement and information on Climate Change. Txt Climate Change to 07786205203

Your news

If you are holding an event or youth worship and don't mind a few more turning up let us know, our mailing list is at long last coming together and we should soon reach every corner of the District.

Let others know what you are doing, share good news

If you are based in North Somerset, and want your event posted to the Clear as mud community site please send me details.



Are ewe* staying safe?

Would your Safeguarding/Child Protection procedures satisfy a court?

How long do you keep your trip records and associated risk assessments?

*Sorry District Weekend fever has struck again!

Revd Dr Susan Graham has been asked to prepare a report on safeguarding and her last message to me was:

I've asked people to answer questions regarding the programme in their churches and circuits, but I haven't had responses from about 2/3 of those who are responsible for being link people. Even people I know and have met in safeguarding meetings, who promised!

So I had hoped to find out more through your audit. Oh well...

Please make sure your church's response has been sent to her