



East Norfolk  
**YOUTH  
FOR CHRIST**

SUMMER 2019

# NEWS AND UPDATES



# HELLO FROM ENYFC



Welcome to our Summer 2019 newsletter, which we have written specifically as an introduction to the work of East Norfolk Youth for Christ. For our existing supporters, it also serves as a reminder of what we are up to.

ENYFC started life in 2007, when we had a borough-wide focus. Now we concentrate mainly on the original “town” area of Yarmouth. This approach is enabling us to achieve significant impact in an area where the gospel is often “new news” as well as “good news”, and where there is a hunger for the love, care and relationship building which are lived out in the gospel message.

As you read our news you will gain a flavour of what life is all about in ENYFC. What you may not realise, however, is that we are a part of British Youth for Christ, which was founded over seventy years ago and has sixty plus centres around the UK. The YFC family stretches even further, into over one hundred countries worldwide.

**"WE'RE ABOUT SEEING YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES  
CHANGED BY JESUS"**

the strapline on BYFC's website, neatly explains the mission of all YFC Centres, including, of course, us here in Great Yarmouth.

**ALI ROBERTS | CENTRE MANAGER**

## WE'VE BEEN ON THE MOVE

Last April, we were delighted to move to a new office which we believe has been tailor-made for us. No 4, Row 75, is located in one of the historic “Rows” in Great Yarmouth, with a welcoming and quirky atmosphere. We have settled quickly into our new split-level space, where young people can meet to socialise whilst still leaving room for us to do our admin. Already we've hosted mums, toddlers and other family members, giving us the potential to extend our relationships into the wider families of our young people. We are very excited about how our premises will be used in the coming months and years.



# STORIES OF IMPACT

## STORIES OF HOW ENYFC HAS IMPACTED YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY

Martin, a Year 10 pupil with special needs, is very shy, struggles socially and has no friends; but he comes to the Youth Café we run every Wednesday after school as he feels safe there and trusts the volunteers to keep him safe. He said “I always look forward to the Youth Café - it’s the only thing I do out of school.”

Twice over the last year the safeguarding officer at the school asked us to invite two pupils to the Youth Café. One had a difficult home life and needed some safe contact with young people in a social environment outside of school, whilst the other was mixing with older youths outside of school and was in danger of being exploited by them, so needed to develop friendships with “safer” young people.

A boy from a local church attended the Summer Camp, “Newday,” with us, bringing a friend. The friend became a Christian at Newday and when he went home his mother saw such a change in him she started coming to church. Her life was turned upside down! She too became a Christian and she is now employed as the administrator of that church.

## GREAT YARMOUTH

Great Yarmouth, which is on the Norfolk coast, has a population of 98,700 and is one of the UK’s most popular holiday destinations. It is also the UK’s leading location for offshore energy. Like many coastal towns, Yarmouth has economic and social challenges. It is recognised as one of the most deprived districts in England, with residents earning below the national and regional averages, and more than a quarter of children (26%) living in low income families.



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# OUR CORNERSTONE ACTIVITIES

**PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES THAT WE RUN REGULARLY AS PART OF OUR MISSION AND OUTREACH**

## THEOS

Theos is a Bible study for those who have made a Christian commitment, and want to learn more. We help the young people to establish their identity in Christ and understand the difference this makes to everyday life. We adapt our discussions to answer all types of questions. We meet weekly during term time, with seven people attending on average.

## YOUTH CAFE

The value we place on our young people is reinforced at our Youth Café when 25 -30 gather each Thursday after school during term time. We provide pool, table tennis, air hockey, Wii, card games, board games, arts and craft, toast, hot chocolate and milkshakes. Also, there is ample opportunity to just chat. To the young people (and their parents) this is a “safe place” to relax with their friends between school and home.



## GREAT YARMOUTH CHARTER ACADEMY

In 2017, Great Yarmouth High School was taken over by The Inspiration Trust and became Great Yarmouth Charter Academy. It serves children mainly from the town of Yarmouth, rather than the wider borough, and is committed to equipping pupils for later life by enabling them to leave with a set of good exam grades as well a strong sense of self-belief.

The school is enriched by the variety of ethnic backgrounds represented amongst its pupils, whose families between them speak sixteen languages. We are privileged to have been present in the school for the last six years, and over this time have built relationships with the staff and leadership team, as well as with the pupils themselves.

# ANNUAL EVENTS



## SPRING WEEKEND

Every May Bank Holiday weekend we take a group of young people from the Youth Cafe to the local scout activity centre near Norwich. We spend more time exploring the gospel, with The Sense and Stance leading the programme of Bible teaching and prayer, and are also able to use the excellent facilities at the centre. We started by taking seven young people in 2015 and grew to 15 in 2019.

## IN SCHOOLS

At lunchtimes, we visit the Great Yarmouth Charter Academy where we sit with various groups of pupils in all years, just chatting with them, giving them the opportunity to talk about what they have achieved or dealt with during their day - either positive or negative. We see approximately 700 pupils per academic year.

Every year since 2009, the National YFC touring teams have visited the school. The Sense (band) and Stance (dance troupe) deliver lessons, assemblies and activities, bringing the Christian message to pupils in a contemporary and meaningful way. An evening "gig" at the end provides an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. Nomad, a team of amateur footballers, use workshops and assemblies to reach young people by focusing on self-worth, team work,



forgiveness, self-control and commitment. These weeks are extremely appreciated by the school staff as they adhere to the curriculum, whilst being a fun and innovative.

# ANNUAL EVENTS

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Since 2007 we have marked Christmas with a quality event to which young people are encouraged to invite their non-Christian friends. This has ranged from a dinner dance with a three-course meal, to a disco with a Christian DJ. Last year we held a Christmas concert with YFC Band, The Sense, to further build the relationships between the band members and the young people.

## SUMMER CAMPS

For the last nine years we have taken a group of young people to Newday Summer Camp in Norwich, where many experienced life-changing encounters with Jesus. Spending a week under canvas as part of a wider group of around 7,000 is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the depth of the Christian community. This year we decided on a variation by attending the WEC camp near Cromer.



# TRUSTEES

The team at ENYFC has a heart for the town, and loves working amongst its young people. We encourage Yarmouth's "next generation" to think in positive terms about the future, by sharing with them our sense of hope and optimism, in a belief that by living out the Gospel message among its young people we can play a part in lifting the spirits of an area in which we are all proud to live and work.

## ALISON ROBERTS

When attending the launch of ENYFC in 2007, Ali had had a strong sense that she wanted to support this new youth work. Over the years, Ali has fulfilled many different roles, including being our Centre Director and has a passion for building relationships with young people.

## NIGEL PARROTT

Nigel's sweet shop is in the heart of the community, and he literally "sees the world going by". Nigel, joined our board of trustees four years ago after realising youth in the town have no idea of who Jesus really is. After almost 20 years' experience in youth work, he wanted to play a part in changing that.

## RICHARD CHILD

Having valued Youth for Christ's input into his own children's spiritual development Richard has been committed to the organisation for nearly thirty years. He has been a trustee since the East Norfolk Centre was launched in 2007 and has also served as a member of the National Board of Youth For Christ.

## MATT WOOLLARD-KINGSTON

Matt, who wears many hats - at home, at Kingsgate Church and at work - is the classic example of "if you want something doing ask someone who's busy"! For ENYFC, where he has been a trustee for four years, Matt is the go-to person whenever we have a technical or logistical challenge..

## STUART HANKS

Stuart lives in Gorleston and met wife Julie through Christian youth activities in his teens at Oriel Grammar School and Gorleston Baptist Church in the 70s. He was involved with Identity Youth Project as a trustee for a number of years. A 'Jack of few trades' and master of not a lot Stuart is grateful to be invited to help ENYFC introduce Jesus to young people who do not know Him yet and sees ENYFC as the town's biggest opportunity for this to be achieved outside of a church environment.

# INTRODUCING...

## AMILCAR | YOUTH EVANGELIST



Amilcar was born in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa, but a family move brought him to Great Yarmouth over ten years ago, and he now calls Yarmouth “home”. As he started to get to know the Churches in our area, however, he began to ask the question: “Where are the young people?”

In 2013 Amilcar went to Bible School, but because of his heart for the town, always expected that he would return to Yarmouth. Having come into contact with East Norfolk Youth for Christ during its early days, he was encouraged by our vision for serving the young people of Yarmouth. He has been supportive of our work ever since and always welcomes opportunities to share his faith. A couple of challenging mission trips to East Asia have given Amilcar an insight into the wider world, but we are delighted to say that he has wanted to keep returning “home!”

We see in Amilcar someone with a passion for our town, a commitment to young people and a desire to build relationships, which enable him to share what makes him tick. We sense that this “wider world experience” has helped equip Amilcar well to serve Youth for Christ and we look forward to seeing the fruits of his ministry in the coming months and years.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Our core costs for 2019 we project to be approximately £27,000.

The income we anticipate this year from individual supporters, churches and HMRC is approximately £13,500. We are therefore looking to increase our regular giving over time so that it covers our expenditure, by:

- Growing the number of individuals who support us with monthly donations
- Obtaining assistance from grant making trusts

Thanks to those of you who have supported us over the years since our Centre was launched. Your generosity has enabled us to establish the work of Youth for Christ in Great Yarmouth, and also means that we have a savings cushion to help us meet our costs whilst our income is building.

Visit <https://enyfc.co.uk/> to find out more, including how to support us financially.