



Project gets a New Name!

With Grateful Thanks...

After a few months of discussion and hard work, the inter-church Reference Group, which is made up of representatives from the different churches that support the Churches Youth Work Project, has decided (with the blessing of the Elders of the United Reformed Church in Brixham), to register the project as a charity. Once registered, the Churches Youth Work Project will become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The young people who make up the Youth Committee have decided to call the project '**Youth Genesis**'. The committee, which is made up of young people who don't go to church, decided on the name after considering the Christian ethos, values and purpose of the project. The committee discussed new life, new beginnings and new projects. After flicking through the Bible, the young people thought that Genesis would make a great name! So 'Youth Genesis' is a project all about new young people, new life and new beginnings – this, of course, has all come from a group of young people who have NEVER had contact with the church before. The Reference Group are currently in the process of finalising the registration – once this is done, we can use the new name!

The Girls Group are in the process of putting the finishing touches to their Domestic Violence Support leaflet. The girls have been working with Youth Support Workers, Saidie and Donna, since September last year. Great relationships have been formed – the girls are looking at raising money next for their project. They have ideas for a Coffee Morning at the Christian Community Centre in Fore St, watch this space...



Members of The Girls Group



Holly facilitates the group

Great youth work happens when young people make the decisions, take the lead and plan sessions. Young people have started planning sessions and organising activities at The Place

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on Monday and Friday evenings. Ben, Holly, Holly (just to be confusing!) and Connie have been organising quizzes for other young people. They research the questions, plan the timing and ensure that the sessions are inclusive. The young people also take turns in leading the quiz sessions – all the Youth Workers have to do is sit back and relax... Well, almost!



Holly, Connie, Holly and Ben lead the Quiz Night

Holly, Holly and Connie have also started running dance workshop sessions on Friday nights which have been a real success!

Working with Brixham College, the Churches Youth Work Project will be delivering weekly inclusion sessions with a group of year 8 young people. The purpose of the sessions will be to work with the young people to develop the skills that will integrate them back into mainstream education. This will be a pilot and will run at the United Reformed Church until the end of the Summer Term.

Please pray for...

- **Last month, we requested prayer** for two 15 year old girls who have been excluded from Brixham College. The girls were coming to “The Zone” and “The Place”, were being disruptive and abusive. On Monday evening (23rd April) both girls came into the session and worked with Saidie – they chatted about some issues going on in their lives and some of the things that they are unhappy about. Saidie is really keen to continue working with them and feels a breakthrough is happening. Please continue to pray for them.

- **The inclusion work with the group of year 8 students** from Brixham College. This is a new and exciting piece of work and will hopefully lead to stronger connections with the school.

Some Diary Events

2nd May pm	Jonathan is meeting with Matt Turner from LiNX.
9th May am	Jonathan is meeting with Claire Farley, the new Project Manager for LiNX Christian Youth Trust.
17th May pm	Inclusion session with Brixham College students begin.
20th May	Jonathan is speaking at Furrough Cross URC, Babbacombe, Torquay.
22nd May pm	Youth Work Reference Group meeting.
27th May	Jonathan is speaking at Teignmouth URC.

Thank you for your prayers

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