

A wealth of events, resources and programmes

We've put together a selection of events, ideas, programmes and other resources which might be useful. This list will grow and grow, and as new things come along we'll put them out on our Facebook and Twitter feeds as well as on the Flame Resources site. So keep checking back.

If you have any resources or events which you would like us to promote through the 'Fan the Flame' project, please E-mail: jackregan@catholicyouthwork.com

Okay, strap in...

Invocation

Invocation 2012 is a national discernment festival for young adults. The festival will take place in the grounds of St. Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from Friday 6th - Sunday 8th July 2012.

This weekend event is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's will for their lives.

www.invocation.org.uk.

YCW / Impact

The Young Christian Workers is one of the oldest Catholic Youth organisations in the UK. They work through local groups to form young people as leaders through the 'See, Judge, Act' philosophy. YCW/Impact groups are popular in the UK. There are many local groups, and the national network is also very strong. They also provide comprehensive resources to member groups which makes it far easier to plan activities and come up with ideas. If you are interested in finding out how to start an Impact group (for younger teens) or a YCW group (for older young people) then get in touch with them. Details on their website

www.ycwimpact.com.

The 8th International YCW Congress will also be held in the UK this August:

"This year the YCW International Congress will be held in Alton, Staffordshire in August 2012, the same month of the Olympic games. As athletes gather from around the world the YCW will gather young people from more than 50 countries to live out the Olympic values of friendship, respect and excellence, and grow together in solidarity, understanding and a commitment to change their world.

With young people attending from countries such as Palestine and China, can you imagine the possibilities that this experience could have for the lives of so many other young people?

We will be helping young leaders to influence their world, to represent young people and to build societies where young people contribute, enjoy life and live with dignity and worth. Following the Congress these young leaders will be enriched with new ideas and methods, ready to recommit to the objectives of YCW and transform the world. As Stephane from France underlined from his experience in the last Congress: 'whether we are young people from Benin, France or Korea, we have a common aspiration: to be involved and to act to take the world in our hands. We do not want society to forget us.'

YCW have also created some specific post-Flame resources of their own which are included in this pack.

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Three One

Three One is a complete youth group syllabus from CatholicYouthWork.com. It is 168 pages long, covering 40-sessions and comprises a very robust presentation of the faith with is packaged in an engaging way. The website also offers supporting materials and YouTube videos for each session.

www.catholicyouthwork.com/threeone

Revealed

Revealed made a real splash when it was launched in the UK a few years back. Written by a number of highly experienced youth ministers, it is a complete guide to setting up and running a youth group.

www.revealed.co.uk

Youth SVP

SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) is also one of the oldest Catholic organisations working with young people in the UK. Here is what they say about their Youth initiatives:

“SVP Youth Development: two excellent programmes enabling young people to live out the Gospel message to show love and care for people in need - Youth SVP is for young people under 18 in schools and parishes, and SVP 1833 is for young adults up to mid-30s. Groups meet as friends to pray and reflect and to turn concern into action by volunteering in the local community in a wide range of activities – help for the homeless, refugees and asylum-seekers, support for children and people with disability. We are preparing events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of our founder who started the St Vincent de Paul Society with a group of friends in Paris in 1833 on his 20th birthday. He remains an inspiration to our young people today to offer their talents, enthusiasm and generosity to reach out to the most disadvantaged in our society with a helping hand and a listening ear.”

www.svp.org.uk

50 Days of Freedom

“50 DAYS OF FREEDOM, which has been co-produced by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Bible Society, has been written three people with a lot of youth experience - Matt van Duyvenbode, who did the research about young Catholics a couple of years ago, Anna Cowell from the Leeds diocese, and Jenny Baker, who co-ordinates Release a leadership programme for young people associated with the Celebrate conference. In blue and grey with striking graphics, inside and out, the prayer guide has a contemporary, cutting edge look to it.

The aim behind it is to encourage people to take more seriously the Easter-tide period so they are more expectant and receptive to the graces of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The daily meditations culminate with a Pentecost novena to pray for Church Renewal, Christian Unity and the Renewal of Society.

Each day has three sections - WORD (a passage from Scripture & reflection) - WORSHIP (a prayer) - WITNESS (a suggested action)”

Contact the GOOD NEWS office for more information (0207-352 5298; email: ccruk@onetel.com).

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Transform: A Resource for Parishes

This resource from the Archdiocese of Westminster has been recommended to us as something that might be especially useful:

Transform highlights the call to on-going conversion. As Blessed John Henry Newman reminds us, 'to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often'. Having received the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, our hope is that Transform will help foster a greater openness to the Spirit's work in young people's lives, encouraging them to use the gift received as they explore the call to Christian discipleship and the challenges they face in life.

"Transform focuses on six themes: Peer Pressure, Identity, Morality, Relationships and love, Redemption and Social Justice. It has been structured in such way as to give new youth leaders the confidence to run it. It is our hope that Transform is used widely, wisely and prayerfully by our parishes. Why not give it a go!"

www.rcdow.org.uk/youth/resources

World Youth Day Memories

This is a resource which might help your young people to plan ahead to future World Youth Day events, or to think about the universal Church:

We are working on a World Youth Day book which will be released in June. The main part of the book will be 24 testimonies from various pilgrims including paschal Ushe, Cheri Anderson from Oberfuse and others. We have a foreword by Archbishop Nichols and lots of sections in between including the history of World Youth Day, advice for young Catholics of how to live out their faith in the UK, a directory of useful websites and much more.

The book will be published by St. Paul's Press in June.

CAFOD: Pass it On

"At the early Olympic Games athletes travelled safely during 100 days' truce. Make a film, add a message. Pass it on to people who won't be in peace at 2012."

<http://passiton.cafod.org.uk>

Other CAFOD Initiatives

CAFOD have a number of activities around the Olympics this year. Go to their site and search for 'Olympic activities and 'A sporting chance' for starters...

www.cafod.org.uk

New Augustinian Lay Community

There will be an Augustinian Lay Community as well as an Augustinian Centre established soon in London. A flyer detailing both is included in this pack.

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GENFEST 2012 - Focolare Youth Festival

Focolare youth have got a major international festival this summer in Budapest. A flyer is included in this pack.

Opportunities to volunteer overseas with Progressio ICS

"As part of the International Citizen Service, Progressio ICS enables young people, aged 18-25, interested in faith and international development, from all over the UK, to volunteer in a developing country for 10 weeks and to use this experience to inspire social action on global issues here in the UK.

For 10 weeks, you could be doing anything from running HIV and AIDs awareness raising workshops, to supporting women's livelihood initiatives, to promoting sustainable farming approaches. You could find yourself in Central America or Africa, making a real contribution to development alongside local people and grassroots organisations. On your return you will use your new skills and experiences to plan and deliver your own social action project here in the UK."

www.progressio.org.uk/empower

Joshua Camp, Sion Community

"The Joshua Camp is a place from which a Catholic getting involved in ministering at the 2012 Games can work from, while being spiritually and practically fed."

www.sioncommunity.org.uk/thejoshuacamp

Resources from Roots

"We have a set of material based on the Olympic theme of Hospitality. This offers prayers and ideas to incorporate into Sunday celebrations as well as ideas for parish events and activities which might be organised during the Olympic season. We also have people lined up to do last minute up to date responses to the event to help clergy tie it in to their sermon preparation. This is all freely available material on our website."

www.rootsontheweb.com

Catholic 2012 / More Than Gold

Catholic 2012 have been very involved in Flame Congress and are doing a great deal to help the Church to engage with the Olympic Games. More Than Gold are a wider Christian outreach seeking to bring Christian values to this Summer's Olympics.

www.facebook.com/Catholic2012 | <http://www.morethangold.org.uk>

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The Bishops Conference of England & Wales on the Web

The central website of the Church in England & Wales is a great place to stay in touch with news and resources, as well as a good place to find information.

www.catholicchurch.org.uk

YouCat

YouCat is short for 'Youth Catechism.' Published in 2011, this book is the young people's version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which was published back in 1992. It is a very accessible book which is proving very popular among young Catholics, and indeed among older Catholics too. In fact, it was recently revealed to be the best selling Catholic book worldwide!

YouCat is published in the UK & Ireland by CTS www.cts-online.org.uk

Lourdes

Pilgrimages to Lourdes are very popular in the UK, especially among young people. Many dioceses have an established Lourdes pilgrimage, and there are also organisations like HCPT running regular trips.

Google Lourdes for your diocese, or visit www.hcpt.org.uk

A load of Websites:

The **CYMFed site** contains information about the work of CYMFed as well as information about your local member. www.cymfed.org

The Salesians do a lot of work with young people in the UK, and have various sites describing the work they are doing, including www.savioinformation.com, www.don-bosco-publications.co.uk, www.salesians.org.uk, www.boscovolunteeraction.co.uk, www.salesianyouthministry.org.uk

CatholicYouthWork.com is the largest website in the world for Catholic Youth Ministers. It has discussion boards, job listings, events, articles, a huge bank of resources and ideas, and more. www.catholicyouthwork.com

The **Vocationcast** has some great resources around the theme of vocations.

www.vocationcast.org

Busted Halo is an American website run by the Pauline fathers. It is aimed at young adults but is suitable for teenagers as well. It has a lot of very user-friendly information and articles.

www.bustedhalo.com

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Torch is an online preaching resource from the English province of the Dominicans. It's not specifically youth-related, but it can be a great place to get ideas. It also has a liturgical index, which gives you all of the readings for each Sunday and major feast in RSV translation. <http://torch.op.org>

The Catholic Youth Ministry Blog is run by a Diocesan Youth Director in the US. It offers resources, insights, reflections and comments interesting to youth ministers.

LifeTeen is a very popular US programme for young people. They have a few websites. Their main site www.lifeteen.com is aimed at young people, with lots of different reflections and resources. They also have a site for youth ministers, with some brilliant articles and ideas www.catholicyouthministry.com

National Youth Sunday may be a one-off event, but the resources which are prepared for it can be adapted for use throughout the year. www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk

The Liturgy Office site isn't really aimed at young people, but it's a great place to find answers to any liturgical questions which come up. www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

Lourdes has a website specifically for those planning pilgrimages www.lourdes-france.org

Taize also has a website, which includes a lot of practical (some, vital) information for those planning trips as well as news about the work of the Taize community in the world. <http://www.taize.fr/en>

Youthwork Magazine isn't a specifically Catholic publication, but it is Christian and it has a great deal of useful and interesting content every month. Their website has a lot of free content including podcasts.

www.youthwork-magazine.co.uk