

YouthInc

Connecting young people with a Christian youth worker
via their local church

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New Catalyst worker lands

Hi everyone! My name's Felicity, I am the new YouthInc Catalyst worker and I'm really excited to be here! I arrived right at the end of August and so far have had three youth group sessions (funfun), including starting a new youth group in Sawston (yay!) and caught Covid (booo). My heart is for every person to know how loved and valued they are as a unique and individual child of God, and I try to enable this by creating safe spaces where people can come and be themselves, and possibly find out who that is. I love craft activities, so almost every session with me will involve making something! Apart from that my big passion is boats, so when I'm not cycling between churches I will be at the river rowing or coxing or coaching from the bank.

Mental health youth first aid course

YouthInc is organising a two-day mental health youth first aid course with Ely Diocese. This will be held in Whittlesford on November 16th & 23rd and is for anyone who is keen to spot the signs and symptoms of mental illness and provide help on a first aid basis. Find out more from youthincambs@gmail.com or <https://elydatabase.org/events/view?course=3418>

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Over 100 attend Philippa Hanna concert in Duxford

It was so encouraging to see groups of young people, parents, youth workers and clergy come together to bond, chat and listen to uplifting songs as well as Philippa's stories of the impact God has had on her life. She emphasised that believing in God didn't mean that she didn't have any problems but that she could deal with what life threw at her in a different way: this year that included losing a dearly loved mother-in-law and a stressful house move.

A parent said, "Thanks so much for organising the concert my daughter not only enjoyed it but came home full of positive messages about valuing yourself for who you are. That's so great in this day and age."

Hinkledux links up with Four Church Benefice

Hinkledux YouthInc and the Four Church Benefice Energise groups are joining up over parish and deanery boundaries to meet together, and have been looking at the theme of change using YFC resources with the 9+ group.

Felicity's arrival has meant that they can do something they have been planing for some time- a group for those 12 and over. They have embarked on the Youth Alpha course to explore deep questions of life and faith.

After-school drop-in café launches in Whittlesford

A new initiative is coming to Whittlesford! Beginning on 7th November, the United Reformed Church will be open every Monday from 3:30pm until 5pm for children and young people to drop in, have a drink and a snack, play games, do crafts and chat. This is a joint venture between the URC and Whittlesford Parish Church.

Planting new seeds in Sawston

Building on the work that vicar Rev Kathryn began before the summer, a new church youth group has started meeting in Sawston. The sessions, appropriate for ages 9-13, will be fortnightly on Sunday evenings and involve games, social time, snacks, chat and craft.