

Youth Report

Unlimited 11-15s Overview

In the last year the Unlimited team have made considerable changes to the youth group. We have particularly focused on how we can improve our teaching material and try to make it as interactive as possible for our youth. This has become extremely challenging in recent years as culture changes.

Last year we particularly made it our goal to build up closer relationships with the young people and I believe we are starting to see a break through. We took some of the youth to Infuse last summer where God was really impacting their lives, but it was also a great opportunity to spend more quality time with the young people over the course of the week.

This year has been a challenge for us as we have attracted a small group of people that have come from quite rough backgrounds. Previously we have always attracted teens from solid backgrounds and have a yearning to experience God, however now we are having to adapt to accommodate some of these young people. Whilst this has its challenges it is a great opportunity for us to adapt and be more welcoming to others.

We will be moving into the Oakenshaw Community Centre which will bring about challenges but also opportunities to grow and develop more. This is an exciting time for us all.

Unlimited 11-15 Successes

As a team we decided to not just focus on growth but on the individuals that we already have in the group. As a result we have kept most of our current youth and even attracted a few more. We have started to see more young people really come into their own and start to develop their identity and character.

As a team we are now making it a priority to pray regularly for the young people and each week we are in contact as a team to put together a pray list and talk about Gods answers to prayer. We are starting to see God move through our actions

Unlimited 11-15 Aims

Within the current year we are hoping to boost membership, disciple young people, introduce more youth into church, and integrate them into young leaders.

We will attempt to do this by:

- Finding more resources, conferences, training events for our youth workers.
- Bring a stronger teaching of the word of God and the application of it into everyday life activities.
- Integrate young people into church.
- Helping the youth find a suitable identity and ministry in church.

Young Leaders Overview

This year has been the biggest year of change for the Young Leaders. We have stepped back from youth services to socialise more. Anna Pearson has also come on board to help lead the

young people. We will be moving the Young Leaders to Andrew and Rachael Pearson's house for the duration of the building project as we are hoping that this will be a more warming house group.

At Young Leaders we are hoping to create a healthy environment for our young people to come together, build closer friendships, and to deepen their faith in Christ Jesus. In true Young Leaders style we are hoping to also encourage the young people to use their giftings to get involved in church activities.

This year it is our focus to work on relationship building, hoping to create a stronger bond amongst the group and get the young people involved more in church.

Young Leaders Successes

This year we have seen the integration of more teens from Unlimited. Some of the young people are starting to deepen their faith and raise more questions than before. It is a critical time for the young people in their growth with God and we are hoping that God is now a bigger focus of their attention.

Young Leaders Aims

As a team we have the following goals for this year:

- To encourage the youth to take more of a role in leadership opportunities.
- To build on the successes of Young Leaders and to share with other youth in the town.
- To help young people transition into Oasis Christian Centre and find their identity within the church.
- To create a better environment for accountability, discipleship and mentoring.