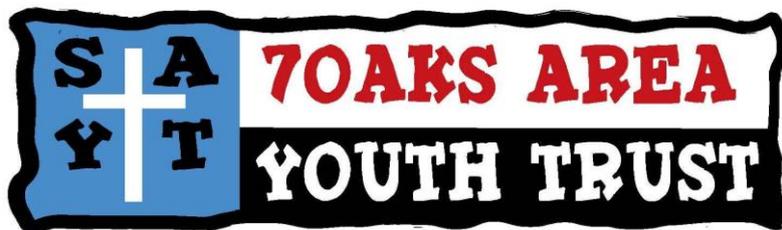


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Spring Newsletter 2015

Thanks for reading our latest newsletter! I know we've not technically reached Spring yet but we're so close I can touch it! The longer days and (hopefully) warmer weather will be much appreciated on our Thursday night detached work over the coming months.

We're in the middle of quite a busy term at the minute, and there's a lot going on that we'd love you to know about. Your thoughts and prayers are so valued and appreciated at this busy time of year. Thanks again for taking an interest in our work, and I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been up to and our plans for the future.

Youth Worker's Prayer Breakfast

One of our regular ministries at SAYT is organising a monthly prayer breakfast for people in our area who work with young people, whether they're paid youth workers or volunteers at local youth clubs/church groups.

At the moment the breakfast is without a home, so if you'd like to play host to a merry group of youth workers some Saturday morning it would be very much appreciated! We don't need a massive feed (just a bacon sandwich or a bowl of cereal is fine), we always make a contribution towards costs (usually about £2 each) and there's no obligation to continue hosting us if you'd rather just do it once. Contact James (james@sayt.org.uk) if you think you'd like to support us in this way, or if you'd like to attend! The next breakfast is on Saturday 28th March, 8:30am, venue to be confirmed!



House in the Basement

SAYT are proud to continue to support our community's Youth Café, the House in the Basement. Every Wednesday evening our Youth Workers spend the evening with the young people who attend, chatting about all things school, friends and home, playing pool and FIFA, and generally being a Christian presence for questions and encouragement. We greatly value this part of our work and the opportunities it opens up relationally for us as a charity.

Youth Alpha

This term we've decided the time is right for SAYT to host a Youth Alpha Course. For those of you who don't know, Alpha is a discussion based course aimed at people who have serious questions about God and the meaning of life. The Youth Alpha course is the same thing but with resources tailor-made to engage with young people of secondary school age.

So far we've had three young people come along and they seem to have really enjoyed it. Please pray for them as they embark on this journey, and pray that God would prompt others to come along too.

We're running the course on Thursdays after school (4:30-6pm) at Vine Evangelical Church. Please feel free to invite any young people you know, there's no cost or booking required. Send us an email (info@sayt.org.uk) if you'd like more information.

SAYT Website

James has spent some time over the past month making some updates to our website, but we've recently had a young person come forward to offer to make us a new one from scratch! Zach, 15, goes to Bennett Memorial and is volunteering with us for an hour a week as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. You can check out our current website at www.sayt.org.uk but keep an eye out for when our new one goes live in (hopefully!) a few months time.



Woolly Hat Day!

Holly organised an evening of fun and games, titled "Woolly Hat Day" on Friday 30th January, in order to raise money for St Mungo's Broadway, a charity that seeks to help homeless people get back on their feet.

Our good relationship with House in the Basement meant we were able to host the event there, and we had a fun evening of hat related games and activities, including a hat quiz, hat designing and a "how many Wotsits can you stick to a hat using shaving cream" competition (see the photo to the left)!

We managed to raise a total of £27.17 thanks to the generosity of the young people who attended. Special thanks go to House in the Basement for letting us use the premises (sorry for the mess!).

Greatness Park Detached

Our detached work down at Greatness Park on a Thursday evening continues to provide a consistent point of contact for young people.

We recently had the opportunity to take a small group to a London theatre to watch "Out of the Cage", a production about the munition women during WWI, which highlighted their struggles such as fighting for "equal pay for equal work". It was a great evening! Some of the young people who attended are interested in performing a Murder Mystery production for us. Watch this space... or contact us if you could help make this happen!

A big thank you to our regular volunteers on Thursdays, but we could really use a few more! Please get in touch if you could help!

Schools Work

Our Lunch Club at Knole Academy continues to grow, with more and more Year 7 pupils coming along each week. This is a real blessing, although it does make managing the group a little more difficult! Please thank God for the new relationships we're making and pray that we'd be able to provide fun and purposeful sessions. Please pray as well for our Lunch Club at Trinity School, where we continue to regularly see a small and enthusiastic group of pupils. Also, last month we held two assemblies, one at Combe Bank and one at Trinity, and we have another coming up soon at Combe Bank.

Get Involved!

There are many ways you can help us out or get involved in our work, and we'd like to emphasise a couple of particular needs that have already been mentioned, just email us at info@sayt.org.uk to find out more:

- We'd love some more volunteers for our Thursday night outreach at Greatness Park! We need at least 3 workers each week in order to take the bus out, so we always need volunteers if any of James, Julie or Holly are ill or on leave. You don't need any qualifications, just a good sense of humour!
- Please get in touch if you think you could host our youth worker's prayer breakfast! No long term commitment is assumed or necessary (contact James via james@sayt.org.uk).

The support we receive through your prayers are also sincerely appreciated, thank you! Please continue to pray that God would guide and protect us in all we do. If you'd like to support us in any other way (financially, becoming a trustee, making cakes for our Thursday night work) then please do get in touch!