

United Kingdom Young Adults Working

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As **Community of Christ in the British Isles**, we have lately struggled to minister effectively with our young adults, ages 18-35. The church body has missed out on the rich ministry this group can offer, and young adults themselves have missed out on the ministry of people of all ages. We and the world church are currently looking for creative ways to connect with young adults to provide for and receive their ministry. Here is some of what we do...

In autumn of 2005 a group of young adults began a series of nine study weekends exploring the gospel. Sub-



YA staffers at camp

jects included scripture, theology, church history, faith, and spirituality. This was a very exciting programme! When we finished the series in spring of this year we expressed thanks to Mission Center President Kees Compier (the course organiser and a course tutor), to the other tutors involved, and to the **British Isles Mission Centre** for their support. These courses have been held in places around the world.

Most exciting project to date:

Landscaping and building a new campfire site during our British

Isles Reunion at Dunfield House this August. We will provide a level-access campfire area for people with less mobility.



We finally got the fire going!

In the British Isles we have young adults offering to be directors and staff members at camps, taking leadership in congregations, priesthood responsibilities, and training opportunities. Check us out on **Facebook**.

The UK YA Equation:

Young Adults
+ Spiritual Experience
+ Work
+ Reunion
= **Becoming Community**

Some fun new ventures for young adults are work weekends at **Dunfield House**,

the United Kingdom church campground.

Young adults stay free and spend the weekend working, sharing, and worshipping together. Some projects we have completed:

preparing for a new conservatory; planting a new garden; clearing



Band members at a huge youth rally

scrub land and streams; erecting a life size cross at the campfire site; painting bedrooms and bathrooms.

We hold worship on Saturday evenings and we are encouraged to bring friends to Dunfield for a non-threatening introduction to Christ.



Friends together at a YA Work Weekend

Get Active. Upcoming Events:



New Hymnal Project

- A new hymn book comes out in 2013!
- Give your 2 cents:
What songs should we keep?
Which fit the CofChrist message?
- Let's hear the YA voice! **Take the survey!**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WORKSHOP 2008

- Classes
- Small Groups
- World Café
- Worship

The place to be for fun workshops & ministry ideas!

July 27 - Aug. 1
Graceland University
Lamoni, IA



October 3-5
Community of Christ HQ

- Student Rates
- Join CofChrist's stand for Peace
- Weekend of intl. speakers and workshops

2008 Intl. Peace Award Winner
• *Koinonia* - A signal community of peace
• Ceremony: October 3 · 7:30 p.m. Free!

At the Website

CofChrist.org/emergence

NEW! Take the YA LEADERSHIP SURVEY - What do you want from CofChrist?

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MORE Upcoming Events for Young Adults

Special YA Interview: Meet Sarah from *Koinonia*, CofChrist Peace Award Winner