

Fife Cluster Youth Fellowship

This popular YF brings together young people from churches all over West Fife, meeting weekly in term times. One of the leaders, Andrew Wedge, sums up some highlights:

- We took one of only 5 slots at the Diocesan Gathering to talk about not only the importance of youth work but the simplicity. We received loads of positive feedback and really hope we made a difference to people's interpretation. We produced a top 10 guide on what our young people want our elders to know (*see p8*)
- The YF wrote and led the Area Council service on behalf of Holy Trinity for members across the Diocese.
- Our brothers and sisters in Kirkcaldy hosted the Provincial Sleepover for almost 40 delegates.
- We also visited Rosyth for a wonderful night heading around the world in 60 minutes with nibbles!
- The summer was spent at Glenalmond with almost all of our leaders involved and our YF. It was a fantastic experience once again, truly showing that by living together, supporting each other in love, we can experience God's love between us all.
- We have had fiery BBQs at the beach, mini golf tournaments, visited Heart & Soul in Edinburgh again.
- We were invited to visit our brothers and sisters in Arbroath. This is a church that has always had youth until recently and were losing faith they could ever support youth work again. However, the welcome we received and their willingness to open their worship to us has not only inspired them but shown our youth that across the country we have a family we are part of.
- For next year we are looking at the possibility of extending the Youth Fellowship offer, with an additional time slot based on the popular format of house groups at Glenalmond. We hope to develop this early in the new year.



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THINGS YOUNG PEOPLE WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE

- We like pizza - any food will do!
- We like to be involved in choices - ask our opinion because we will soon tell you.
- We are not the snowflake generation - we are not fragile or addicted to social media
- We're intelligent
- We are not all the same
- Climate justice is so important to us - we want churches to reduce, reuse, recycle... why not consider screens or downloading the pew sheet over printing so many sheets every week?
- All churches should have WiFi - how can we tell people we are at church if we can't access them?
- Don't just ask us about exams, school or future careers, as sometimes we haven't figured it out yet and sometimes church is our place to escape and pray about our worries
- Ask us about the stuff you ask each other: the weather, sport, news, (dare we say) politics...
- We want to be learning in churches, not simply told what to think.

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