

## Development Team for Children and Young People

### *In retrospect:*

- **Development Team** - Competing commitments of team members has meant it has been difficult to get folks together. With a new person joining the team, we hope to meet and review the work of the team after the summer.
- **Provincial involvement** - The new Provincial Networks were explained at General Synod. It was great to have children and young people on the agenda and develop links with others in our own diocese.

### *For the future:*

- **Development Team** - Simon Lidwell has been gathering information about work with young people in the Galloway area. We will be reviewing this in coming months to identify needs and help formulate plans for the future with regards to supporting work.
- **Provincial involvement** - We will be working with diocesan advisers/links across the province to begin looking at Child Friendly Church in August as the first task of the Provincial Network. The preparations for Glenalmond continue for weeks 27th July-2nd Aug and 3rd-9th Aug on the theme 'Life Story...'. This weekend is for those aged 12-17 years and costs £225 (£100 contribution from vestries for each young person). Several folk from our diocese are volunteer leaders on the camps. We hope to have some great stories from the camps to share!
- **Training and Development** - MORE Core Skills is being offered for the first time in the Autumn and will be available to our ecumenical partners. We are offering four sessions covering the Advocating for Children, Pastoral care in Transitions, Developing Young Leaders, and Managing Difficult Behaviour. These will be on Thursday evenings and the venue will either be Hamilton or Rutherglen.
- **Regions** - We have asked the South region to consider how the team can help them in their work and are waiting on some feedback. We hope to offer an event for children and young people involved with those churches and provide some training in Godly Play.
- **Network events** - a gathering is planned for September, to be advertised later in July, and we hope this will help gain some interest in MORE Core Skills and to ascertain other needs of those working with children and young people.

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