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CF Youth and Children NEWSLETTER

"Perfect for everyone"

JASMINE TANSUR IS THE NEW CHAIR OF **CF-XTRA'S** CORE TEAM, SO WE ASKED HER WHY SHE STEPPED UP.

I am a leader at Market Harborough Congregational Church and I enjoy it loads: spending time with the children and helping to expand their faith. It's amazing! It was election time and I thought to myself, "I could be a part of the Core Team. I've got to do this!"

My best friend Becca was also applying so I knew if I needed anyone she was gonna be there with me. We both got elected and all of a sudden it became really exciting and nervous at the same time because we as a team were in charge of organising some awesome events.



I wasn't a Christian when I was little and I found my faith through CF Youth, the former youth camps. So this is why I wanted to take on the position of the Chair Person because I guess I wanted to make sure it was perfect for every young person that attended just like it was when I was younger.

I currently take on a lot of leadership in my job at Sainsbury's and I feel I've gained a lot more **skills about organisation** as well. This is good because we need one of us to be a bit organised after all we are still teenagers!

What I'm looking forward to is this year's Summer Camp because we as a Core Team have done so much more by ourselves this year. I think it will really show what we can do as a group. I'm looking forward to there being new people on the Core Team and for it to grow bigger and stronger and for us to start running some awesome regional events because I think that is our **next step** to make happen.



The Hungarians are coming

A group of 6 young people and two leaders from the New Reformed Church at Veszprém in western Hungary will be with us for two weeks this summer. As well as joining Summer Camp they will be in the South East 25th to 27th July and the North West 1st to 3rd August.

If your church would like to meet them, please contact Stephen.

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Community House

Opens



The new paint has dried, floors and windows are gleaming clean and the kettle is on. The Youth Community House at Heaton Park in Manchester open. House Leader Kathryn will soon be joined by new participant Sapphira and Intern Abigail as the first community members.

Applications for a place at the House are always welcome. Foday Kamara – Convener of the Youth and Children’s Group – heads up the House Management team. ‘This is a fantastic project’, he says, ‘and we are all excited about providing a place that young people can grow together in Christian discipleship.’

Foday and Kathryn are putting together a ‘wish list’ of items still required for the House and hope to engage churches in the North West Area in finding those elusive table lamps, garden chairs, etc.

Child Friendly Coaching

ANY CHURCH MEMBER can help make their fellowship a great place for children to belong. This Autumn we are holding another four regional Child Friendly Coaching Days. These are for anyone and everyone, not just leaders and not just churches on the Award Scheme. So far this year 86 people from 29 churches have taken part in this programme. Each day is from **10.00 am to 4.00pm** and - if booked in advance - places are £10 including a meal, refreshments and a pack of resources. More details are on the Federation website, where you can also book and pay online.

REGION	DATE	VENUE
England Midland	Saturday 13th September	Oakham Cong Church, Oakham, LE15 6AJ
England East	Saturday 4th October	Quiet Waters Retreat House, Bungay, NR35 4YB
England South West	Saturday 8th November	Stapleton Rd Cong Church, Bristol, BS5 0QZ
Wales	Saturday 15th November	Hebron Hall Christian Centre, Dinas Powys, CF64

REMINDER: CF-XTRA SUMMER CAMP is at the Frontier Rock UK Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH, from 28th July to 1st August. A very few spaces are still available.

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