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MAYC New things happening

New developments with communication at MAYC!

Council for Methodist Youth Work commissioned a working group to look at the communication across MAYC. The group have worked hard, consulted young people and youth workers, and have developed a new strategy for communication.

We have agreed that MAYC will now be known as "MAYC – Supporting Youth Work in the Methodist Church". As MAYC has grown and changed over the years, the work has become much more than an association of youth clubs. This new name highlights the wider role and work of MAYC.

New Look – New Logo!

The new logo represents a cross and a plus sign showing the positive effects of being a part of MAYC whilst highlighting the central focus of Christ in our work and ministry. We have chosen the colour red to indicate that we belong to the whole Methodist Church. If you are producing MAYC info, we want you to use our new logo. Contact Rachel Appleyard for the logo and guidelines for use.



Interactive and resourceful on the web!

On Sunday 21 November MAYC will launch its new website – www.mayc.info This is going to be an exciting, action-packed, informative website to keep you up to date within all that's going on with MAYC.

Get in touch with us at MAYC to receive our monthly e-newsletter. This new addition to our communication allows us to keep you informed of latest news, new events and much more. Simply e-mail MAYC with your e-mail address and start receiving these monthly messages.

Tell everyone about it!

In the New Year we will be launching a DVD to promote the work of MAYC – watch out for it at Synod and get a copy for your church!

What do you think?

We want to know what you think about our new communication and hope you'll get in touch with other good ideas for us to try out.



World Action - Ballot on the Beach at Brighton

Six thousand Trade Justice campaigners converged on Brighton on the opening day of the Labour Party conference to demand the UK Government ends global poverty and protects our planet.

"Welcome to Ballot on the Beach" declared trade campaigner Pushpanath Krishnamurthy over the loud speakers on the seafront. "You are part of a global movement. Ten million Latin Americans have voted for Trade Justice, one million Ethiopians and one million Zambians."

It was in solidarity with those campaigners, and the millions of lives wrecked by unjust trade rules, that the 6,000-crowd then stood in silence for two minutes. The silence was deafening.

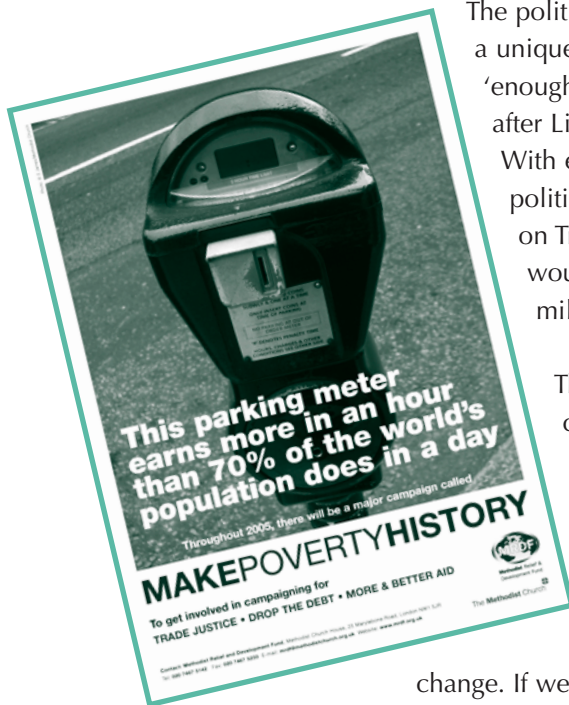
It was broken by an ear-shattering outburst of noise as campaigners banged pots, pans, colanders, spoons and drums. They blew whistles, honked horns, clapped and shouted. All the while the suited Labour Party delegates looked on from the balcony of the conference centre.

And then giant ballot boxes were unveiled on the seafront and bundles of cards were handed through the crowd to be cast in a massive vote for Trade Justice. The 1,500 votes from Breakout were delivered.



MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY in 2005

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY is a massive, concerted effort to end world poverty in a year when extraordinary and radical progress is finally possible.



The political events of 2005 present a unique opportunity for us to say 'enough is enough'. Twenty years after Live Aid, the time has come. With enough public pressure - politicians could change policies on Trade, Debt and Aid, which would change the lives of 800 million people. It IS possible.

The MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY coalition is over 50 charities, campaigns, trade unions, faith groups and celebrities, all united by a common belief that 2005 offers an unprecedented opportunity for global

change. If we are to have any hope of eradicating poverty, there must be political action on trade justice, dropping the debt, and more and better aid. MAYC World Action's activity in 2005 will be part of this.

What's so special about 2005?

The G8 summit: In July 2005 the UK will be hosting the G8 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland. Poverty will be a main topic for discussion and we plan to ensure your voice is heard there - a major demonstration is planned for July 2 2005 in Edinburgh. As hosts of the G8, the UK has the opportunity to ensure that Trade Justice is on the agenda.

The EU Presidency: In the second half of next year the UK will be holding the chair of the European Union.

20th Anniversary of Live Aid: This takes place on 13 July and will draw the public's attention back to issues of poverty in Africa and encourage western governments to take urgent action.

The Commission for Africa: This will be launched by PM Tony Blair on 26 February 2004 to help generate action for a strong and prosperous Africa. Its report will form the key focal point of the British Chairmanship of the G8 next year. It is due to be released in April 2005.

UN General Assembly Special Summit on the Millennium Development Goals: This takes place 1-5 September 2005 to review the progress since the 2000 Millennium Declaration to halve the proportion of people living in poverty by 2015.

Global Week of Action for Trade Justice: This will be from 10-16 April 2005, when all movements and campaigns active on international trade take action within their own areas to produce a global impact. The week will begin on Sunday 10 April, when churches are encouraged to follow the international Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance service, so worshippers are following the same liturgy in solidarity for Trade Justice.

Links:

www.tjm.org.uk

www.makepovertyhistory.org

www.april2005.org - Global Week of Action website

www.e-alliance.ch/gwa.jsp - Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance



ALL 4 JESUS, ALL 4 YOUNG PEOPLE... ALL 4 PIZZAS IN LEEDS

You may have tried reading tea leaves, but have you ever tried reading pizzas? No? Well, maybe we can change your mind! Pizzas have their own language. The toppings you like on your pizza say something about who you are. Some people like to go for hot and spicy pepperoni, whilst others go for the healthy option of tuna. What toppings would you choose for your ideal pizza?

4YP – the group supporting youth work in the Leeds District – is using pizza language as a means of engaging young people and finding out their views. We identified nine toppings: sports, social action, worship, spiritual development, support groups, networking, IT/electronic communication, quizzes and social events. The toppings are represented by

different coloured stickers. Young people were invited to create their own pizza using a paper plate and their chosen toppings. The creation of these unique pizzas was backed up by the free supply of real pizzas!

The young people enjoyed this exercise, which allowed them to be creative in their design, as well as share their thoughts and ideas. Since the pizza-making is non-verbal, it is an inclusive method of consultation.

4YP is happy to share this idea as a method for consulting young people at the local church, circuit or district level. If you would like any further information, please contact Rev. Stephen Day on 0113 271 6818 or Revstephenday@aol.com

THE *FUTURE* OF MAYC SPORTING ACTIVITIES

MAYC has created an opportunity for young people to develop a strategy for a new era of sporting activities for young people. We want to create a vast new range of activities and to make MAYC sports available and accessible to young people of all ages and abilities. But we can only do this with your help.

We need to consult as widely as possible and plan a national consultation to establish how we move forward, taking into account current sporting trends and

young people's skills, abilities and ambitions. This may involve many more sporting activities than have taken place up to now and may prove to be an exciting challenge.

A questionnaire is available on the MAYC website and by post. Please send your thoughts, ideas and offers of help and support to: MAYC Sports, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR, or e-mail: wilkinsonm@methodistchurch.org.uk



The ALL-NEW MAYC CHALLENGE

R U up 4 it ?

In 2004/5 there's no need for Districts to compile over 100 questions or find extra tables and chairs. *The quiz is no more...* But there's something new! A more diverse, more exciting, more challenging, more inclusive multi-faceted event. It's about having fun, teamwork, and no more numb-bums!

We have a Scalxtric race track challenge, dance moves competition, giant games, fun team games with things like balloons, discs, Scrabble, balls, sign language, obstacle course, marbles, paper, sticky tape, string, fabric, wood, table games and puzzles, word games and much more. If you have an idea for an activity or game that you would like, then please get in touch with us.

Districts and even groups can enter more than one team of four young people with one reserve/substitute per team. Full rules are available on request, on www.mayc.info (or attached/below). If you think you have a team or more than one team, please let us know **NOW** so that we can make sure we can accommodate you.

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MAYC Induction Day

20 January 2005
Methodist Church House,
London

If you have recently been employed as a youth worker, or if you are involved in working with young people in any way, you are invited to MAYC's annual Induction Day.

This day will provide you with the opportunity to hear about the work of MAYC and what support we can offer you. It's also a great chance for MAYC and others to hear about your work, and will provide you with the space to develop contacts and network.

For further information contact:
Liz Sturgess, Youth Development Officer,
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Methodist Youth Workers Conference

21-23 February 2005
Herbert Gray Conference Centre,
Rugby

The theme of 2005 Youth Workers Conference is "Roles, Responsibilities and Dilemmas"

Keynote speakers will be Maxine Green former C of E Youth Officer and Steve Harrison a freelance consultant/trainer.

There will be many workshops to choose from that will explore issues such as spirituality, boxing, crime, sexual health, accountability, managing volunteers and management committees.

For further information and a booking form contact Liz Sturgess, Youth Development Officer. Tel: 020 7467 5207 or e-mail: sturgesse@methodistchurch.org.uk

Check out the MAYC website for conference updates.

DIARY

2004

19-21 November
Methodist Youth Conference,
Basingstoke
WWW.MYC2004.org.uk

21 November
Launch of new MAYC website

21 November
National Youth Sunday

2005

20 January
Youth Workers Induction Day, MCH

11-13 February
MAYC Challenge, St Christopher's
School, Accrington

12 March
O&S Concert, Liverpool

10-16 April
Global Week of Action for Trade
Justice

14 May
6:T Invest - a garden party @ Guy
Chester Centre, London

2 July
Make Poverty History G8
demonstration, Edinburgh

15-17 July
6:T Intense - A national weekend
when MAYC take over Cliff College

16-18 September
6:T Inspire - A national weekend,
Truro

www.mayc.info

New Global Issues Magazine written and sold by young people

BULB will address issues from Trade Justice, human rights, HIV/AIDS and the environment, to conflict, culture, spirituality and sexuality. It will be written and illustrated by teenagers from the UK and around the world, and sold by young people in the UK.

The aim of BULB is to create a platform on which a more empowered, confident and informed British youth, feels more able and willing to reach out to their global peers in solidarity, enabling them to discuss ways to

build a fairer and more united future.

BULB is a co-operative enterprise and all profits made will be channelled into achieving the social objectives of the magazine, through providing workshops for our network of young vendors and contributors, in such subjects as global issues, journalism, campaigning, and running a co-operative enterprise.

For more info on how to get involved, or where to buy a copy, see www.bulbmag.com



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Junior Church leader
Circuit Youth & Community Secretary

Please write their names and get them to tick the box when they have received or seen a copy.