



EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE INFLUENTIAL FOR GOD



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It is a privilege to be a Scripture Union Local Mission Partner. We would like to thank them for this partnership and for all their continued support and the help that they give us.



5 YEAR REFLECTION FROM THE CEO

When we started the charity, God taught me some foundational truths around the character of Nehemiah – what he stood for, how he gathered, how he equipped and how he resourced to enable the city gates and the walls to be rebuilt. Very early on I felt God say to me that we can't personally do everything and be everywhere but we can equip and resource many. This became the driving force for our intention to practice and encourage unity across churches and cities. We want to thank God for all the relationships that have been established and have grown over this first 5 years.

We create resources that are built on three foundational truths that are central to how we cheer young people on. These are that we are formed by God, accepted by Jesus and appointed by the Holy Spirit to become influential for God in all arenas of life. I have personally been reminded of this truth throughout the past 5 years. This truth has enabled us to better resource young people and to release them in confidence with them knowing "whose they are" and "who they are in Christ".

We have always sought to observe trends and changes in how young people engage in faith and to be a charity that evolves and adapts to engage effectively with current youth culture. This has led us to recognise that digital innovation is a current means to articulate and open up experiential learning around faith, mission and evangelism. The young people and youth leaders we visit and listen to shape how the charity develops.

The past five years have been amazing and I have been so blessed by the way God has worked through Missional Generation. It has been an incredible learning curve as well as a faith-building time that has deepened my awareness of my relationship with Jesus. I want to thank all those who have supported me and Missional generation by journeying with us over the last five years. You are all hugely appreciated and valued.

I want to give special thanks to my family – to my wife Hannah and to my children Chris and Lizzie.

Ben Jones.



HOW WE EQUIP

We have a desire to equip all those supporting young people in Christian roles to make an impact. We equip in many ways one of which is our Live and Share programme (8 weeks of missional, discipleship youth sessions). Live and Share has recently been redeveloped so that it continues to be a fresh, interactive and engaging resource. It helps train and equip Christian young people to become more aware of their own context and local needs, which leads them to be more relevant in mission and evangelism as they develop creative ways to help people.

Missional Generation also provides coaching, session delivery, training and mentoring. This is delivered in a range of settings including at weekly school groups and evening youth groups, residentials, one to one mentoring, youth leader retreats and events.

LEADERS' REFLECTIONS

"I have grown in different areas such as leadership skills, self esteem, confidence in using my creativity, and the time Ben spends with me has been vital in this development"

Andy Pocock, The Bridge Project

"The theme for the week was absolutely superb and enabled the young people (and leaders) to take large steps forward in their faith, particularly in sharing their faith with others".

Ade Perham, Leader youth week's residential

"Missional Generation helped the young people see Jesus as one who rescues individuals and also as the one who ultimately rescues all. Space was given for the Holy Spirit to minister to the young people"

Lawrence Basham, All Saints Parish Church

"Missional Generation speaks very well to our teenagers and tackles subjects linked to the Church community in a thought provoking and relevant way. They take a different approach and the teenagers listen attentively"

Mel Lancaster, Bridge Community Church

YOUNG PEOPLES' REFLECTIONS

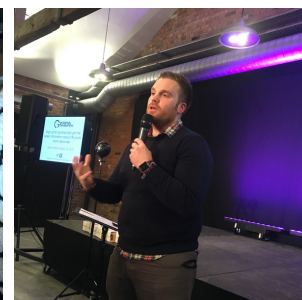
"I suddenly realised that God believes in me. I need to grab the opportunity"

"I feel excited to have the opportunity to help and better support my Church"

"God believed in me. He is using my heart to see peoples' needs"

"I am so inspired to help get God's word out in to the world"

"God has faith in us. We are never done. God has plans for me"



We have seen over 4500 young people take part in sessions run at
Page 3 Churches and Charities across Leeds and Bradford.

HOW WE GATHER - UNITED CITY MISSIONS

Three times a year we gather young people to give them opportunities to see the impact their Christian faith can have on their local communities. A team of youth leaders from across Leeds and Bradford run Mission United Faith in Life. We have seen young people proactively share the good news of Jesus in local communities by engaging in social action, working with the elderly, befriending people in need and working alongside a variety of churches that we partner with to meet their local mission objectives.

We equip all who attend to share Jesus in their everyday lives. Here are some reflections from those who have taken part since 2013:

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR RESIDENTIAL GATHERINGS

"God told me to accept that the desires of my heart are from Him and hold them up to Him at all times instead of ignoring them or trying to fulfil them myself, and to not act out of fear of his promises not coming true"

Young person

"It is great to see young people excited about their faith and their future as they grow in confidence to engage with God and their community."

Youth Leader

"The weekend gives young people and leaders alike the chance to put their faith in to action. It is great to see people make new friendships and connecting with others from across the two cities."

Youth Leader

"The Mission United Faith In Life residential gave me space to experience and recognise the Holy Spirit."

Young person

"It was wonderful to hear how young people moved from being uncertain about what they were doing to allowing God to lead them and then creating some amazing stories and impacting the local community. Priceless!"

Youth Leader

"A place where many young people step out in faith and grow in confidence."

Youth Leader

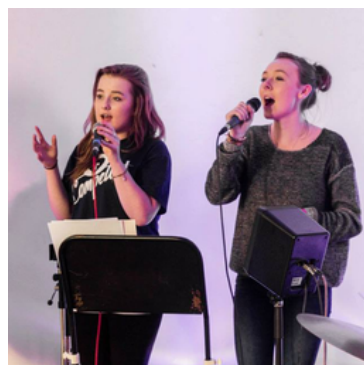


"Right from the start of my involvement with Mission United Faith In Life, I have seen God move in and through the lives of countless young people, and their leaders, from across Leeds and Bradford. Seeing young people getting together to seek after God's missional heart for areas in both cities is an incredible blessing to see. To know that everyone that is involved in Mission United Faith In Life encounters the heart of God and to see his will collectively being done by so many is why I am involved. It has been a joy and a pleasure serving on the Mission United Faith In Life Central Team, seeing God move across Leeds and Bradford and sharing in the collective vision in all that God has planned for our young people across both cities". - Chris Torrance Youth & Children's Worker, Pudsey Parish Church

We are very blessed to have a central team of youth workers who, over the past 5 years, have worked together with Missional Generation to organise residential missions for young people from across Bradford and Leeds. These residential missions have played a key part in many young peoples' faith journeys and have given them the chance to step out in faith and see God at work in local communities. It has been amazing to see the impact of a unified approach to missional youth residential in Leeds and Bradford.

We would like to give thanks to Joey Williams, Richard Bradley, Ben Cordy, Ben Lawrence, Emily Bosworth, Sharon DeVilliers, Gavin Humphreys, Will Martel, Chris Torrance, Kenny MacKay, Jen Middleton, Susan Rhodes, Dan Wood, Lottie Jones, Andy Pocock, Nathan Shipley and Matty Hawthorne.

Without the support and investment of youth leaders from across Leeds and Bradford we would not have seen the amazing impact and faith building opportunities as we have. Unity is so important to us.



OUR RESOURCES

Over the past five years, we have partnered with a number of different people to create a range of resources designed to equip young people to live influential lives for God and to positively impact the faith of many. Here are a selection of the resources that have been produced and used with youth groups both locally and further afield:



INVISIBLE LIVES:

Invisible Lives helps young people learn about the injustice taking place in the world. It contains stories from real people's lives as well as teaching from scripture about what we can do to make a difference in the world.

THE KING IS COMING:

This devotional Bible study is designed to help you access scripture every day in the lead-up to Christmas. It touches on themes about Christmas, the person of Jesus and the greatest gift we have received.



JOHN - THE ONE JESUS LOVED DEARLY:

John had a personal relationship with Jesus; he knew who Jesus was because he spent time with Him. This devotion helps reconnect a generation with the understanding of who they are through Christ Jesus.

JOURNEY WITH GOD:

This booklet contains 10 short devotional guides to encourage you on your journey, strengthen your relationship with Father God and steer you away from the traps that the enemy has set.

In addition to our weekly regular visiting school groups and evening youth groups, we have been asked to speak across 52 additional locations.

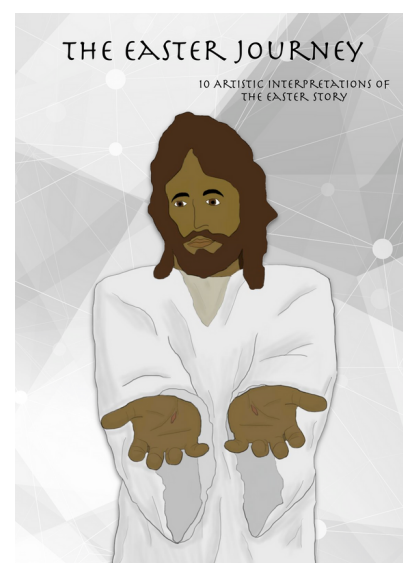


TIME TRAVEL:

With the Time Travel Devotions we wanted to encourage young people to develop ways to live intentionally, missional lives by hearing from people that are following Jesus. As young people read this set of 9 devotions and watch the videos that go along with them, we hope that they will look to God for understanding as they grow in their relationship with Him..

THE EASTER JOURNEY

Last year Isaac Bentley, a young person from Leeds, worked with us to create 10 digital artistic interpretations of the Easter story. Alongside these amazing, artistic impressions of the last days of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection; we put together 10 devotions to help people of all ages spend time reflecting on Easter, looking at the Bible and considering Jesus' sacrifice afresh. These resources have been used in schools as part of their collective worship, in youth groups and also as a personal devotion tool.



OUR WRITERS

We are very thankful to the team of writers who have partnered with us to create a range of resources and devotions over the past 5 years. Thanks to Susan Rhodes, Emma Wilkinson, Mark Roques, Richard Powney, David Skivington, Lucy Olofinjana, Joanne Meehan, Mike Humphries and Arabella Emms.



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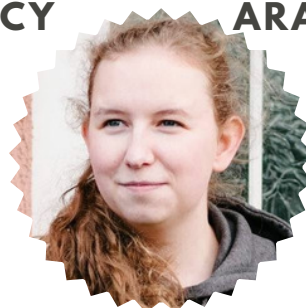
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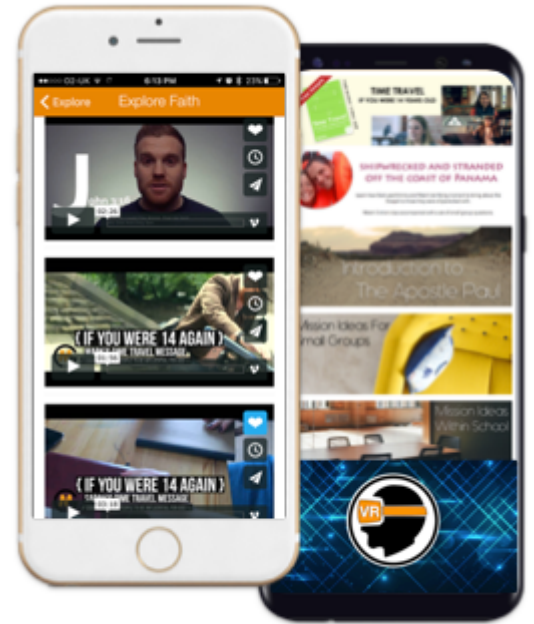
OUR DIGITAL RESOURCES

We are keen to provide churches, charities and young people with high-quality resources that inspire them to grow as disciples of Jesus and to be equipped to share their faith in all arenas of life.

We have chosen to place all of the paper devotions we have created over the last 5 years into our smartphone app which has been created to help young people explore faith, evangelism and missional living.

We are passionate about digital innovation and have led the Christian youth-work sector in creating groundbreaking Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality resources that help young people to share the Christian faith, understand more about how it can impact our actions and make a positive difference to the world around us in culturally relevant ways. This work has gained significant interest from other Christian organisations and media and has recently been featured in Premier Youth Work magazine.

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HE IS RISEN – TEENAGER VR APP



This app is a young person-friendly, virtual reality, immersed experience looking at a gospel account of Jesus Christ being raised from the dead. Suitable for anyone over the age of 11.

Search for MG VR

HE IS RISEN – KIDS VR APP



This app is a child friendly immersed experience looking at a gospel account of Jesus Christ created in Minecraft Style graphics being raised from the dead. Suitable for children age 5+.

Search for He Is Risen

DAVID VS GOLIATH AR APP

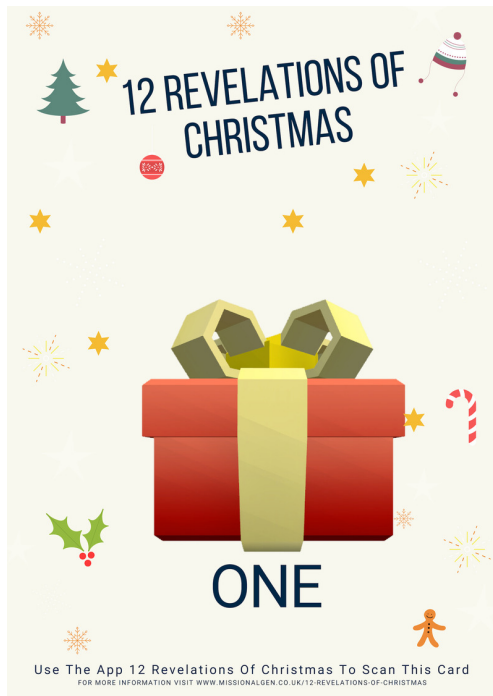


This Augmented Reality game allows you to become David as you enter through a portal directly into the battle Israel was facing with the Philistines. You get to walk around and see if you can defeat Goliath.

Search for David VS Goliath AR

We have had over 2000 downloads from across all of our apps. Each app been used in local youth group sessions as well as overseas and as far as New Zealand.

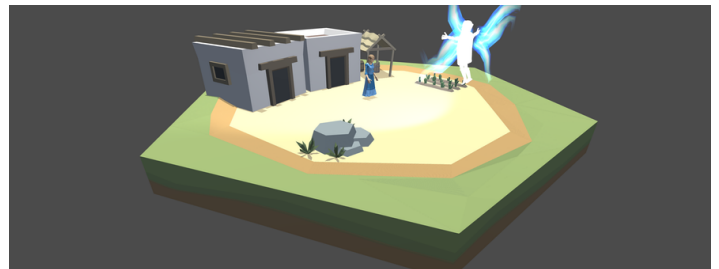
12 REVELATIONS OF CHRISTMAS



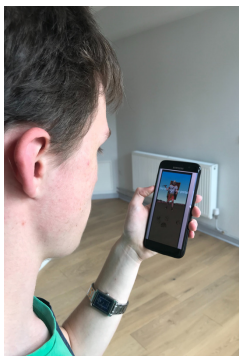
We have created an exciting new Augmented Reality, digital Christmas resource. This resource has been designed to be used with children and young people in a range of settings including churches, schools, in detached work and as a personal devotion in the run up to Christmas.

It is called the 12 Revelations of Christmas. Each revelation has an Augmented Reality experience showing a key part of the Christmas story. We have then created a devotion and reflection to use alongside it which encourages young people to look at how they can proactively put the revelation in to action in their daily life.

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DIGI-INNOVATORS



A key way in which we develop resources is by proactively encouraging the skills of the young people we work with. For example, we recently mentored a young person called Vlad who, from his own enthusiasm and talent, worked with us to create an Augmented Reality David and Goliath game that has been used in many youth groups across Leeds and Bradford. The game has helped young people explore how they too can put their trust in God to defeat the Goliaths in their life and in the world around them. This resource was nominated for a national award at the Premier Christian Digital Awards in November. Meanwhile, we have seen Vlad grow in confidence and in the realisation that God can use his digital innovation skills to help bring transformation in the lives of other young people.

We believe there is so much more we can do with a digital generation and will do all we can to support young people like Vlad across the churches we support.

DOWNLOAD OUR APP CALLED -
12 REVELATION OF CHRISTMAS AR TO SEE THE
FIRST REVELATION COME ALIVE ON THIS PAGE



HOW WE PRAY

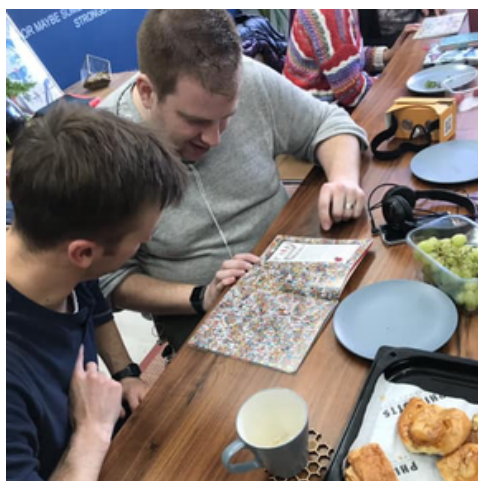
Prayer is at the centre of all we do. We see the change that prayer brings to young people, youth leaders, churches, the cities we work in, communities and to the work of Missional Generation. It is a vital underpinning of all our work as we seek God day-to-day for the work of the Charity.

We gather Christian youth practitioners to pray and we promote unity in youth ministry across church denominations, charities and locations. This includes, (but is not limited to), coordinating regular prayer breakfasts that are led by youth leaders, youth leader retreats and other training and information gatherings.

LEADERS' REFLECTION

"The youth leader prayer breakfasts help deepen my faith as I pray for other youth leaders and youth in a safe environment. I come away from the breakfasts enthusiastic for what God can do in the young people in growing their faith" - Alexis Moore, Volunteer Youth Deacon at Lister Hill Baptist Church

"The prayer breakfasts really help me to keep connected with what God is doing amongst young people around the city. It is a great chance to fellowship, tell and hear stories, pray and study together. The breakfasts are always a lovely boost to my faith!" - Derek Jones, Curate in Little Horton, Bradford



THE FOUNTAIN

The work of Missional Generation would not have been possible without people who cheered, prayed and financially walked with Ben. This source of life and strength helped shape Ben into who he is today. We have that same passion to cheer on, pray for and financially assist young people to live out the callings God has placed on their lives and this is the heart behind the vision of The Fountain.



The idea of "The Fountain" is to help fuel, support and facilitate young peoples' ideas and, in doing so, enable them to step out in faith and grow in their calling alongside people who will encourage and guide them. We know that God has given vision and ideas to young people that will see an awakening of the Kingdom of God develop within all arenas of life. Our vision is to help young people become influential for God and we want to invest in young peoples' ideas so that they might be catalysts in the Kingdom advancing.

The Fountain is a source where ideas grow and take shape. It is a space we are creating for God to use a generation to influence communities and to see the Kingdom of God advance with Jesus shared confidently and creatively with the world.

The Fountain is made up of a panel of Christians from a variety of fields and is a one-stop place for young people to explore an initiative to advance the Kingdom of God. The panel seeks to enable local young people to grow in confidence and awareness of their own calling and gifting. The Fountain panel mentor, listen, equip, support and offer a small amount of funding to resource ideas and to help young people live out their calling and be influential for Jesus.

We will call upon our network of relationships to give young people the opportunity to step out in faith with a God-given idea allowing them to be proactive in their faith in innovative ways. Our prayer is that The Fountain will free them from limitations of resources and give them a safe place to activate their ideas.

How to get connected into the fountain:

Church leaders, youth leaders, mentors and parents can contact Missional Generation for an initial conversation and we will then prayerfully consider whether The Fountain can benefit the young person. After the initial conversation the young person will be asked to complete a short application and this will then be taken to the panel for discussion before inviting the young person to discuss their idea or dream further.

For more information about how The Fountain can help young people or to discuss anything further please contact Ben Jones.

PARTNER WITH US

We place a high value on partnerships. Relationships and continuity are key in helping us see a depth of unity and in transformation developing within young peoples' lives. Over the last five years churches and Christian charities have connected with us in the following ways:

- Being on the Central Team for Mission United Faith In Life
- Bringing young people to the Mission United Faith In Life gatherings
- Purchasing and using our paper resources & digital innovation resources
- Connecting with city wide unified prayer and worship gatherings
- Inviting us to regularly visit
- Helping us to share about what we do on social media

CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR WORK?

We would like to invite you to support the work of Missional Generation by setting up a one off or regular donation via stewardship.

We have been so blessed by the support of those that have journeyed with us over the last 5 years. Each time someone sows into what we do it helps us connect with more young people, churches and youth leaders. It also helps us see the message of faith, mission and evangelism come alive across the M62 corridor. If you feel able to and would like to become part of the Missional Generation Support Team then please look to fill in the giving form that is included within this book and post it back to Stewardship and they will help administrate your support.

Your support will make a huge difference to the scope of the work we do in equipping young people to be influential for God in all arenas of life.

Thank you for taking the time to read some of the work Missional Generation has done over the past 5 years. We hope it has given you a good flavour of the resources and the impact on young peoples' lives and faith. We always enjoy meeting up for coffee with people and would love to do that if you have questions or ideas. Our website and Twitter information is below. All that is left to say is a very big

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you*

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