



Catalyst News – July 2019

There's lots to celebrate! All clubs, events and support groups continue to be well attended. In addition to our usual groups, youth club and Free Tea Friday at Tavistock College, Thirsty Thursday at Mount Kelly and after-school Impact at Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC), we are running transition lunchtime clubs at Horrabridge and Whitchurch Primaries.

Christian Union: Approximately 12 young people attend weekly; most are non-Christians with a desire to find out more about Christianity.

Monday Night groups: We run two groups with help from Sarah Biggs of TMC. Sarah will be standing down in September and we need an additional leader/helper. St Andrew's Whitchurch has offered the use of their cottage for both groups. We have one for year 7s to 9s and one for years 10 to 13, with 17 young people. Once a term we have taken some of them to an evening service at St Matthias and we are also taking some young people to Solarflare beach party in July.

Mentoring: In Tavistock College there are 16 trained Catalyst mentors working with 24 mentees and 5 students awaiting mentors. Trudi runs a sixth form pastoral drop-in once a week. We also have one mentor in St Peter's Primary, 5 in Whitchurch Primary, 2 in Gulworthy/Lamerton Primaries and one at Bere Alston Primary. Tavistock County Primary would like to have mentors in September 2019. A training and prayer meeting for mentors was held in April and mental health awareness training is booked for 17th July.

Church Presentations: During this school year the team has visited TMC, Redeemer Church, St Eustachius, King's and St Andrew's Whitchurch. All visits help to raise awareness of our work and we have trained 10 mentors this year, most of whom were inspired by the presentations.

Multi-Agency Support Services at Tavistock College: Trudi has attended the two meetings this term which have been very useful for making contact with other agencies. Catalyst have also become a part of the College's Triage Group helping with any urgent support for students. Tavistock College will support Trudi on a two-day Mental Health First Aid for Youth course.

Holiday Club: will be at Tavistock Methodist Church Upper Hall from Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th July.

Soul Survivor: 17th– 22nd August in Peterborough. We're taking a total of 36 including leaders and are sharing a coach with Mutley Baptist Church.

Fundraising Catalyst supporters will remember the leaflet we sent out in April this year setting out the need for extra funds to maintain the team size for 2019/20 and for the work to continue to grow. We've had a great response with a number of successful events and some significant donations meaning we can fund a full team of Trudi plus 3 SWYM trainees for September. Special thanks to Sam and Tamzin at Blow & Glow for the family disco for which they got local businesses to rally round and give their services for free (Blue Skies catering, Red & Black Club, Dartprint, Kaleidoscope, Palmer's butchers) and which raised £2000. Cream Tea at TMC, Palmer's Plant Sale, donations from Bere Alston Pantomime Group and from Hope Cottage have all helped towards a total to date in excess of £6000. Huge thanks to all.

Please pray for these activities, all the young people we reach, the team of Trudi, Laura, Jack, Matt and for Matt's replacement to join the team in September.

Give thanks for what has been achieved and for the funds to continue and to grow the work.