

Expansion of Current Youthwork in Secondary Schools

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take a moment to share with you some exciting openings for Youthwork in Secondary schools in the Furness area. We have recently had the opportunity to start a lunchtime club in Millom school, which has been well attended since starting in January and we have had many fruitful discussions. We have also been able to support students at John Ruskin School in Coniston through one to one mentoring as well as regular assemblies and lunch clubs. At Ulverston Victoria High School we have continued developing the two existing lunch clubs and have had further opportunities for assemblies. Over the past few months, I have identified a need for more support in our secondary schools' work as there are so many open doors and further opportunities that could be taken to serve the schools.

In December, David Grime and Nick Klein from the schools' work charity NISCU (see www.niscu.org.uk) came to talk to a small group of youth workers in the area to ask if there was anything that they could do to support us in our work. It was apparent that primary schools work is well catered for, but we shared our desire with them to see more work done in our Secondary schools.

Since then, we have met to discuss this opportunity further. In my last support group meeting, we invited Nick Klein to share ways of us working with the South Lakes Area Team for NISCU and we said we would be interested in setting up a mutually beneficial partnership between the two. In brief, we felt that supporting Charlie Day, the Children's and Youth worker in Coniston, with further hours would be an effective and efficient way of furthering our work. Charlie has had previous experience as a secondary schools worker for a Christian schools work charity in the South of England.

Nick Klein shared his vision with a few NISCU supporters about the need in the Furness area, and he was surprised that a supporter from outside the Furness area has pledged to give £5,000 to help start the work, and an additional £2,500 in the second year. However, there were a couple of conditions with this donation. Firstly, that we felt that God was leading us to work together with NISCU, and secondly that the giving was matched by supporters in the Furness area.

The reason I am writing to you is that we have two questions that we would like to ask you, our prayer supporters. 'Is it right for us to pursue this opportunity with NISCU?' and the second, 'Can we raise the £5,000 to match the support from outside of the Furness area?' We felt that it is was appropriate to consider a pledging form to ascertain how much financial support there would be for this venture. The pledges would be managed through the NISCU charity, so as to keep the schools work separate to other youth work done by The Journey (Furness Network Youth).

If you could fill out the pledging form below and return it to Ruth Robinson at NISCU by 30th June I would greatly appreciate it. We will update you with developments on the pledge campaign in the future and hope you will join us in praying this through. We thank you again for your continued support, prayers and look forward to your response. If you have any further questions, then please feel free to contact me.

God bless
Vic Sekasi

Please return this form to Ruth Robinson, NISCU, 57, Lancaster Road, Carnforth, LA5 9LE. Or email admin@niscu.org.uk, using the subject line "Furness pledge".

Name: _____ Contact details: _____

Should we pursue this opportunity with NISCU? YES/NO : ANY REFLECTION

Should the partnership of schools work with NISCU in the Furness area go ahead, I would pledge to give £____ per month from September 2017, or a single amount of £_____ in August 2017.