

[FUSE FEST]

Dear parent/guardian & young person

This year we are launching a brand new [FUSE] Youth initiative called "[FUSE FEST]" 😊
[FUSE FEST] is 2 days and 2 nights of social action Christian mission in our local communities, involving several local churches and you guys and gals from FUSE [X] and [+].
[FUSE FEST] was born out of a vision given to us in the summer of young people working alongside the wider church to love their local communities through projects, events and activities to show people the love of Jesus through words and actions. The church has a responsibility to help those in need, to love and support others, and to help everyone see that God is for us not against us.
And so the first ever [FUSE FEST] is being planned for this Easter time!



What are the details you need to know?

- **Dates** – Thursday evening 9th to Saturday Evening 11th April 2020
- **Where** – Across Hoylake and West Kirby for projects and church services & activities
 - West Kirby URC – “champing” (church camping) base where [FUSE] Youth will stay overnight on Thursday 9th & Friday 10th April, and have breakfast etc.
 - Hope Church, Hoylake – where we'll all gather together, with everyone else of all ages involved in [FUSE FEST], on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th April mornings, for times of worship, teaching and prayer before heading out to our project sites in teams.
 - St Luke's Methodists, Hoylake – where we'll start and end [FUSE FEST], with a “last supper” meal evening service (with lamb!) on Thursday 9th April to kick off [FUSE FEST] as we remember what Jesus has done for us; and then ending [FUSE FEST] with a family BBQ outreach event in the evening on Saturday 11th April.
- **Cost** – [FUSE FEST] will be entirely funded by the local churches, and so there will be NO cost for anyone getting involved. (Although, any donations people wish to make are gratefully received)
- **Why** – As said above, [FUSE FEST] is all about showing our local communities the real love of Jesus through words and actions. But we've also chosen to do it on the run up to Easter day on purpose in order to ultimately point people towards what Jesus has done for us all, and to encourage/invite people to attend a local church on Easter Sunday! 😊

More details can be found in the advertising graphics for [FUSE FEST], and we will do all we can to keep everyone informed of what's planned.

But what we're asking for from you wonderful young people from FUSE [X] and [+], is to talk to your parents/guardians about committing to become involved in [FUSE FEST] and then booking in if you're free and able to come!

(if you can't commit to the whole festival, but can do part of it then please do chat with Dan/Sam about it)

- [FUSE FEST] is open to all to become involved, but part of the vision for it was that [FUSE] Youth would be the driving force behind it, showing the local communities that young people are great and love where they live.
- So we're asking you to “book” in like any other event you would go to, and FUSE leaders will be responsible for you during [FUSE FEST] so that your parents/guardians are free to become involved as and when they can, if possible.
- FUSE Leaders will make sure you are safe, fed and cared for during [FUSE FEST]
(see the “Day plans for FUSE Youth” for more info on what you would be doing when!)

Right, that is it! Thank you for reading through all the info. The booking form is attached to this letter. We hope you can join us for this first ever [FUSE FEST] this year!

Thank you all,

The [FUSE FEST] Leadership Team.

Details of young person

Full name:

Address:

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Gender: Date of birth:

Current medical conditions (including asthma, allergies, migraine, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.):

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Any medication currently being taken:

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Any additional needs (e.g. special dietary requirements, allergies, disability, etc.):

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Contact details of parent/guardian

Name:

Address:

Home phone: Mobile phone:

Email address:

Relationship to the young person named above:

Details of alternative emergency contact

Name(s):

Home phone: Mobile phone:

Event details

Name of group (or event): **[FUSE FEST]**

Daytime Venue: **Hope Church, Hoylake; project sites in West Kirby & Hoylake; St Luke's Methodists, Hoylake**

Evening/Overnight Venue: **West Kirby United Reformed Church**

Days of event: **Thursday 9th – Saturday 11th April 2020**

Do you allow the participant to make their own way home when we end at 8pm on Saturday 11th April? **YES / NO**

If **NO**, who has your permission to collect them?

General consent

Please note that these declarations must be signed by the parent/carer of the participant named on this form or by a person with parental responsibility for the participant.

I give consent for to attend and participate in the normal activities of the named group/event. I acknowledge the need for them to behave responsibly and take note of any safety instructions.

I understand that while involved they will be under the care and supervision of approved adult workers appointed by the church, but during periods of free time close supervision may not always be possible. While these workers will take all reasonable care of the participants, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered during, or as a result of, the activities.

In the event of illness or accident requiring emergency treatment, I give consent for them to receive emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment as considered necessary by the medical professionals present. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me first.

Signed: **Dated:**

Photography and video:

From time to time, we may take photographs or videos of the participants to provide a reminder of the event for those involved and to use on church displays, posters and flyers, church website, and occasionally in the local press. Photos or videos used publicly will focus on activities and groups rather than individuals; participants will not be linked with any personal details, except for their first name.

Photos or videos will not be taken if the participant is themselves unwilling.

Are you happy for photos / videos to be taken of the participant named on this form? **Yes / No**

Please circle Yes or No to make clear in which ways you are willing for them to be used:

<i>Displays</i>	Yes	No
<i>Publicity (e.g. posters/flyers)</i>	Yes	No
<i>Church Website & Social Media</i>	Yes	No
<i>Press</i>	Yes	No

I give consent for photos/videos of the participant named on this form to be used, as above.

Signed: **Dated:**

Electronic communication:

It can sometimes be helpful for workers to communicate directly with young people via mobile phone, email and social networking websites. For example, to share information about an event, to find out who is planning to attend, to seek feedback, or to offer encouragement. Communication would be kept within reasonable hours, would be appropriate to the working relationship, a record would be kept, and the worker will be accountable to church staff.

Please circle Yes or No to make clear in which ways workers may contact this participant:

<i>Text messages</i>	Yes	No	<i>(Mobile Number:.....)</i>
<i>Email</i>	Yes	No	<i>(Email address:.....)</i>
<i>Social networking websites</i>	Yes	No	<i>(Social network(s) name:.....)</i>

I give consent for workers to contact the participant named on this form, as shown above.

Signed: **Dated:**

I agree that the above information is complete and correct at the time this form has been filled in.

SIGNED..... (Parent/Guardian) **Date**

[FUSE FEST] Daytime plan for [FUSE] Youth

- **Thursday 9th April**

- Arrive at St Luke's Methodist Church, Hoylake at 6:30pm
 - Bring all gear needed for the 2 days (*see kit list*)
- 7pm to 8:30pm – "Passover/Last Supper Meal" service to launch [FUSE FEST]
 - Altogether with others from local churches
 - Includes some food, worship, prayer and a short word
- 8:30pm – head to our "champing" (church-camping) base at West Kirby URC
 - You'll be transported there by the FUSE FEST team.
 - Set up your sleeping area (girls and boys will be in separate areas) in the main church, and enjoy chill out time together before bed

- **Friday 10th April**

- 9am – wake up, wash and breakfast
 - Showers are available at West Kirby Concourse - a 5 minute walk away. But otherwise there are sinks available at the church
 - During breakfast everyone will fill out a "lunch order" so that a packed lunch can be made for you to take on project with you later
- 10am – head to Hope Church, Hoylake for morning service
- 10:30am – Morning service at Hope Church, Hoylake
 - Includes time of worship, prayers and a word from our guest speaker – Abi Alsop, from "Just Love Manchester", former member of WKGS PULSE, and part of St Luke's Methodists church family.
- 12pm – Get together with your project team and head off to your project site in either Hoylake or West Kirby (*more info on projects coming soon*)
- 4pm – finish at project site & pack away before heading back to the "champ-site"
- 5pm – arrive back at champ-site (at URC) and time to wash, chill out etc
- 6pm – evening meal for young people and leaders at the champ-site
 - Food will be discussed nearer the time, but we will endeavour to cater to the different needs of the young people
- 6:45pm – set up URC for a Good Friday Service
- 7:30pm – Good Friday evening service at West Kirby URC
 - There will be opportunities for young people to be involved in the service
 - The service is open to all who wish to attend
- 9pm – pack down service and re-set up sleeping areas; time to chill before bed

- **Saturday 11th April**

- Same as Friday from 9am to 4pm, and then...
- 4:30pm – arrive at St Luke's Methodist Church, for some rest and a little food
- 5pm – Family BBQ event at St Luke's
 - Inflatables, games, music, BBQ food etc for all the family.
- 8pm – event ends and you go home.
 - We will make sure all your stuff from the champ-site is brought up to St Luke's so you can get picked up from there.

- **Sunday 12th April**

- Easter Sunday! Go to your family church in the morning to celebrate Jesus is risen!! 😊
- All welcome to a [FUSE FEST] celebration evening service at West Kirby URC at 6:15pm



[FUSE FEST] Youth Champing Kit List

- 1) Water Bottle – so you can stay hydrated throughout the festival
- 2) Sleeping Bag- Make sure it's nice and warm!
- 3) Roll Mat/Camping Bed/Small Air Mattress- Don't forget the pump to blow it up!
- 4) Pillow(s)
- 5) Towel
- 6) Wash bag- toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel/ soap etc.
- 7) Clothes- for 2 days. Remember it might be very hot OR cold and wet! This is England!
REMEMBER - you may well get mucky on your projects, so bring a few changes of clothes with you
YOU WILL BE GIVEN A [FUSE FEST] T-SHIRT TO WEAR DURING THE PROJECTS
- 8) Pyjamas - not too revealing please, and warm enough for the large church space
- 9) Waterproofs – because it might rain!
- 10) Sun cream and hat – because it might be hot!
- 11) Clean shoes/slippers for wearing inside the champ-site
- 12) Shoes you can wear outside and can get mucky- e.g. old trainers, boots
- 13) Note pad, pen and Bible (if you want)
- 14) Any medication you need to take- INFORM A FUSE LEADER OF ANY MEDICATION YOU TAKE.

Optional extras if you want them...

- Mobile Phone/Tablet and Charger
- Spending money- if you wanted to get snacks from Aldi etc in the evenings
- Playing cards/games/Music Player etc that can be used inside the church space safely

PLEASE NOTE: ALL personal items AND money will be your responsibility, so please only bring what you're happy to look after/spend.

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