



*switch the light on*

**IF YOU COULD TELL A  
TEENAGER ONE THING,**  
what on earth would it be?

What one thing would you want them to hear about themselves, this world or God?

I THINK FOR ME IT WOULD BE ABOUT POTENTIAL. That God sees in them not just who they are today, but what they were made to be. What **He** made them to be. What, with His grace, they can become. Back in the days of David, Saul saw a shepherd, but God saw a king. What would you have seen?

It's a challenge to see young people differently, through the eyes of the Father.

In every teenager in this town, from the best behaved to the worst, from the highest achieving to the most struggling, there is the potential to be someone extraordinary. To discover who God made them to be and, perhaps, to change the world in the process.

That's what motivates us as a team at LCET. To be a part of how that potential is unlocked in a teenager's life. It's an extraordinary privilege, a hair-raising adventure and a profound challenge. But if we don't, who else will tell them **'They Might Be Giants'**.



**LCET'S ANNUAL SERVICE 2010**

Join us for a fantastic evening celebrating the church's work with young people through LCET. A vibrant mix of worship, stories and inspiration, with international speaker, author and founder of Oasis Trust, Steve Chalke MBE

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH 7PM  
STOPSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*they might be giants?*



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**selfharm**  
.co.uk

**selfharm.co.uk is a national project that's grown out of the work of the therapeutic team at LCET...**

The summer term has been a whirlwind of activity, not least our project to make a series of short films about young people and self harm.

The project, funded with a grant from Mediabox, has exceeded our expectations and we are now just a few short weeks away from 4 stunning films that aim to communicate some of the reasons why young people harm... and some of the dangers. The whole project, from the first ideas through to filming and production, has been by young people themselves: a group of thirty

teenagers who've dreamt up the concepts, written the scripts and produced the final films. It's an incredible achievement!

With the main website launching this Autumn, we'll also be premiering the film and making them available from November... it's exciting to see such an important project finally taking shape. We've also been busy running training events on self harm both within Luton Borough Council and at Ashcroft High School. Other bookings are coming in fast and the feedback is excellent, demonstrating again the importance of equipping teachers with the skills needed to support their students. We're responding to this with some big plans to take selfharm.co.uk on the road in 2011... so watch this space! 📍 Rachel Welch, Project Director

 **schoolswork.co.uk**

📍 **SCHOOLSWORK.CO.UK HOSTS PARLIAMENT EVENT...**

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Over 50 organisations gathered at the House of Commons in June to discuss 'The future of Christian schools work in education.' All of the organisations involved in the half-day 'symposium' – co-hosted by Schoolswork.co.uk and Chapel St (a change and regeneration agency) – had an interest or involvement in ministry to schools, either as youth or schools workers, organisational chiefs or academics. The agenda for the meeting was to hear from the new Government on opportunities for the church to get more involved in helping local schools. It was a significant morning spent together, and we look forward to seeing how this conversation develops and is followed up later on in the year.

Schoolswork.co.uk is also involved in developing national qualifications for Christians visiting schools and a new course is being planned for September 2011. It will mean church workers can approach schools with a qualification that shows they are properly trained and equipped to take lessons, assemblies and other activities.

Meanwhile, we've also produced a special edition of Youthwork magazine devoted entirely to working in schools, have a conference planned for September and a brand new website. It's been busy...there is far more going on than I can fit here in this space! Thanks for your support, this is an exciting time. 📍 Amy Stock, Project Director



# FROM YOUNG PERSON



# TO YOUNG LEADER

I first came into contact with LCET when my school recommended I try out an LCET Self Worth Group. I thought it would be good to go along and I found it quite helpful. The group was led by Joe Sellers who encouraged me to get involved with Monday night's Basement Café, where I could meet with other young people. We spent time chilling out, chatting and talking about how life was and then would talk about some God stuff. I really liked the environment and it was a place where I could be myself.

I was in Year 8 when I went on my first LCET residential, with the therapeutic team, and I loved it!! We spent time looking at the issue of Self Worth. The talks were really helpful and fun and the team had really imaginative ways of getting their point across.

For a couple of years I couldn't go on summer camp, as it clashed with my family holidays, but I went on every weekend residential – they were so much fun and very inspiring.

My first summer camp was in 2008 and I was so pleased to be able to go. It was like a huge residential trip: with more people, more fun and more time to really get to know each other over

the week. There were lots of random fun activities, like water fights and wide games and chances to think about the deep stuff in life too.

I want to be a young leader this year, to give LCET back some of what they've given me. I'm giving back my time for camp, which is something they need. And, as a Christian, I also want to pass on the stuff that LCET have taught me about God to the next generation of young people at camp, exploring God and answering some of the questions young people may be asking. I also bring energy, enthusiasm and randomness to the team as a young leader.

During the time I have been coming to LCET, especially working as a young leader, my self-confidence has grown, and it's good to know that I've been a part of making a difference in the lives of other young people with LCET!



**LCET's summer camp runs from 10th to 14th of August at Alton Castle. Nearly 70 young people from schools in Luton will be joining the team for what promises to be the biggest and best camp ever! Check out the website for pictures and news.**



# The Bible in 45 Minutes

It's 8.45am on a Thursday morning close to the end of the summer term and Director of the LCET Chaplaincy Team, Jane Malcolm, is standing in front of 240 teenagers in a Luton school, along with special guests The Lacey Theatre Company. The lights dim and the performance begins...

The play they're about to watch, 'The Story So Far' tells the story of the Bible with energy, enthusiasm, passion and a sense of humour, all in 45 minutes! The Lacey Theatre Company travel all over the world performing, but this week they're in Luton, working with us at LCET in local schools. It's the culmination of a year of assemblies, RE lessons and activities helping students explore the Christian faith.

The young people are incredibly quiet, listening intently, captivated by a story that takes them from the Garden of Eden to Jesus and finishes by asking them 'What's your part in the story?' Over the week the team have seen over 1,000 Year 9 students across four schools, giving them the chance not only to hear the main performance, but also to take part in workshops exploring the problem of suffering and what it means to have faith. By the end of the session, the verdict from a group of Year 9s is in: "It's been brilliant!"

The Chaplaincy Team aims to break down some of the stereotypes and assumptions young people may have about faith, and communicate the heart of what it means to be a Christian, whether it's through special events like this or assemblies and RE lessons. Over 8,000 young people hear them every year in a Luton school. "It's an incredible privilege", says Jane, "We have the chance to get young people thinking about faith in dynamic and creative ways. Most will never step inside a church, so this is a great way to explain Christianity."

**'Great day, really made me think about what I believe'**

Year 9, Barnfield South Academy

**'It was really fun!'**

Year 9, Icknield



**Jane Malcolm**  
Director of the  
Chaplaincy Team