## CHURCH AT THE HOUSE HOUS

An invitation for YOU and churches across the UK to be part of an annual rhythm of mission, engaging with your local neighbourhoods and regional communities.

Let's see what God may do as we work together over the next 5 years!

Never has a year- 2014- offered UK churches so many ways to engage with their community. This year these organisations are hosting and providing training days across the country to make churches ready for action. It will be a day of equipping your church to be at the heart of its community.





## STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES TO BE AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY IN 2014



#### THE BIG WEEKENDER

Local Youth Groups are pioneering mission across the UK and initiating social action in their communities. Over 2,000 church youth groups across the country are signed up to serve and bless local communities. More information can be found at **www.hopetogether.org.uk**. Then find "HOPE revolution".

#### STREET PARTIES/BIG LUNCH

Hosting a Street Party outside your Church or having people from local churches running a "Big Lunch" in their own street is an incredibly effective way to build bridges with neighbours. All the information you need is at **www.thebiglunch.com**.

#### "OPEN CROWD" COMMUNITY FESTIVALS & MESSY CHURCH

These free family-friendly fun days create a welcoming experience and a taste of God's Kingdom. During the Olympics in 2012, over 600,000 people came to Community Festivals. Festivals in 2014 may be around the World Cup, Commonwealth Games or just to celebrate the summer. See **www.opencrowdfestivals.org**.

Messy Church is about being a Christ-centred church for all ages, with creativity, hospitality and celebration. Why not run a Messy Church in the same park you held your Festival and reach families who don't already belong to another form of church? See **www.messychurch.org.uk**.

#### **WORLD WAR I CENTENARY COMMEMORATION**

2014 will mark 100 years since the start of WWI. Local communities will want to mark this significant moment in our history. What can churches in your area do to pay tribute to this event? A range of ideas and resources are available to help Churches in your-community to be at the centre of the commemoration. **See www.hopetogether.co.uk**.



## A DAY TO EQUIP YOUR CHURCH TO BE AT THE HEART OF ITS COMMUNITY

Across the nation training days will be offered on various missional strategies. Open Crowd Festival and Messy Church training will run as full day sessions, while electives in other areas of community mission will be offered in hour-long sessions throughout the day.

#### RUNNING A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - FULL DAY

How to get the basics right from practical issues through to budgeting

How to fine tune your festival to the needs of your own community

Gain skills in balloon modelling, face painting, clowning and centre games

Identify ways to keep your community engaged beyond the festival

#### Led by Marty Woods

-European Director of Fusion Youth & Community Marty has trained churchesaround the world to run Open Crowd Festivals at events like the Olympic Games, FIFA World Cup and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



### STARTING A MESSY CHURCH FROM SCRATCH-FULL DAY

How to use Messy Church to reach families who don't already belong to another form of church

How to use creativity, hospitality and celebration to make families welcome and keep them engaged

How to identify the best resources: new ways to recruit and train a team

How to integrate your Messy Church with a Community Festival

Led by **Lucy Moore** (and others) Working for Bible Reading Fellowship as Messy Church team leader, Lucy is responsible for developing Messy Church nationally and internationally.



#### **ELECTIVES**

## **HOSTING A BIG LUNCH/STREET PARTY** Led by Jenny Woods (Fusion YAC) Learn how to organise everything from invitations to food, taking part in the neighbourhood action and tapping into the weekend of 31 May to 1 June 2014.

#### **CREATING KINGDOM CELLS** Led by Claire Bankole (Fusion YAC)

Learn how cells can help bring lasting change, release others into life-long mission and discipleship and become a force of God's love with a small group.

#### MAKING THE MOST OF THE BIG WEEKENDER

Led by Phil Timson/others (HOPE REVOLUTION)

Learn how to inspire young people to show Jesus' love through their actions, how to identify the social action most appriopriate to your situation.

## **COMMEMORATING WWI CENTENARY** Led by Roy Crowne/others (HOPE) Learn of country-wide events where churches can engage, how to use this to talk naturally about sacrifice, hope, and community and learn how to be part of Carols by Candlelight to commemorate the peace on Christmas

**HELPING PEOPLE MEET JESUS** Led by **Andy Frost/others (Share Jesus Int'I)** Learn how to use creative approaches to share Jesus and help people make faith commitments within community engagement.

#### **HOSTING A PENTECOST FESTIVAL PARTY**

Led by Andy Frost/others (Share Jesus Int'l)

Learn 10 top tips on recapturing hearts for Pentecost, ready use options to celebrate in your community and how to make your local event part of a national initiative.

#### **PRAYING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY**

Led by Rebecah Brettle/others (Neighbourhood Prayer)

Discover simple ways to pray and care for your street, how to move from praying to sharing your faith and how to be involved in weekly prayer across the nation.

#### WHEN, WHERE & HOW MUCH?

**The Wirral** (Lunch included) £19 Saturday 2 February, 10:30am to 4pm Wirral Christian Centre Church Birkenhead, CH41 2UE

**Dorset** (packed lunch) **FREE EVENT**Saturday 15 February, 10:30am to 4pm
St Nicolas Church
Corfe Mullen, BH21 3LE

North West London (Lunch included) £15 Saturday 1 March, 10:30am to 4pm St Michael's Church Stonebridge, NW10 8LB

**Letchworth** (half day) **FREE EVENT** Saturday 8 March, 9:30am to 1pm St George's Church Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1BY

**Central London** (Lunch included) **£15** Saturday 15 March, 10:30am to 4pm URC City Temple Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2DE

**Wiltshire** (half day) **FREE EVENT**Saturday 22 March, 9:30am to 1pm
Amesbury Baptist Church
Amesbury, SP4 7SN

**South East London** (Lunch included) **£15** Saturday 29 March, 10:30am to 4pm New Life Centre Croydon, CR0 1XP

Register online at **eventbrite.co.uk**Search for "Heart of Community"
and select your venue.

JANUARY	ONGOING NEIGHBOURHOOD PRAYER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/
FEBRUARY MARCH	TRAINING DAYS  The Wirral 8/2 NW London 1/3 Central London 15/3  Dorset 15/2 Letchworth 8/3 Salisbury 22/3  SE London 29/3
EASTER	OPPORTUNITIES  Passion Plays Holiday Clubs Give-away Easter Eggs Spring Clean & Hot Cross Buns
MAY	HOPE Revolution THE BIG WEEKENDER 3/5 - 5/5 young people together taking social initiative
LATE SPRING	BIG LUNCH / STREET PARTIES  Build bridges with people in your street or with people who live near your church.
PENTECOST	OPPORTUNITIES 31/5 - 8/6 Plan an outreach event over the week leading up to Pentecost and the Pentecost weekend.
SUMMER	FREE "OPEN CROWD" COMMUNITY FESTIVALS  Run a family-friendly fun day with a Saturday afternoon in a local park.  Sunday morning MESSY CHURCH in the park with Sunday lunch provided by churches and Sunday afternoon second Festival.  Football World Cup 12/6 - 13/7 Commonwealth Games 23/7- 3/8
4 WEEKS ON	ONGOING ACTIVITIES (Seek to run at least 2)  Monthly run Messy Church Youth Cafes Kids Club Young Parents Group Holiday Programme Sports Outreach
8 WEEKS ON	CONSOLIDATION  Alpha/Christianity Explored Courses  Ensure ongoing events are taking place in your community.
AUG 4TH TO DECEMBER	WORLD WAR I CENTENARY COMMEMORATION  Mayoral Breakfasts  Remembrance Dinners  November 9th, 11th Services
AUTUMN	HARVEST FESTIVALS & SUPPERS Invite all those who you've blessed through your Food Bank to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
OCTOBER	COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITY  Hold a range of events throughout the month to help people  make the first steps of faith.
CHRISTMAS	WWI inspired Carols by Candlelight at football stadiums & sports grounds  Give away mince pies  Carols on your street



## 2014 RHYTHM OF MISSION ACROSS THEUK

# CHOOSE 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHURCHES