

Give thanks for...

- The amazing Allnacriche youth weekend and for God's presence with us in a very real way
- Our Christian young people and the witness for God in their lives
- The technology that has enabled us to continue to meet with the high school students
- The committed team of people that manage and oversee the work of COOL
- All the financial support for COOL, even in these difficult times
- All the volunteers who serve God with COOL

Please pray for...

- All our school leavers in their decisions for the future, especially in these difficult times
- Guidance and a vision for the future work of COOL in a post-lockdown world
- Young people who experienced God speaking to them at our youth weekend
- The Stewart family as they continue to grieve
- P7 pupils transitioning up to high school
- Pupils who feel isolated and vulnerable due to the coronavirus stipulations
- Pupils who are struggling in their Christian faith
- A move of God's Holy Spirit to sweep through our schools and nation



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COOL would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who give financially to our work, and especially now in these times where we know that people are finding it difficult financially. Remember there are two simple ways to support us without giving anything!



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What is going on?

In a time when the whole world has so many questions, and so few answers, **it is amazing to be able to have someone to trust that knows all the answers.** Before the lockdown began, we had been reminding ourselves of a verse in our church, and I believe it was so we could hold on to the truths of it during this period of history.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

We can try and make sense of what is going on; trying to rationalise things by our own understanding. However, quite often it does not give us the answers we are looking for and sometimes, there are no answers to the questions we ask. **How wonderful to be able to put our trust in the One who knows all things, to relieve us of the need to understand and have all the answers.**

We can rest in God’s presence, knowing that He has it all in His hands. This reminded me of the childrens song “He’s got the whole world, in His hands”, and how true it is.



Do we trust Him?

Spring Term to Lockdown Life!

Each year many supporters join together for a service of celebration, thanking God for the work of COOL and His favour on it. This year was another wonderful evening with the Director of National Ministries for SU Scotland, Dave Rickards, reminding us from Psalm 40 of how we can celebrate because of what God does for us. It was great to have our young people involved in the leading of the music and reporting on their highlights of COOL work. Thank you to the supporters who could come but we are so thankful to God for all of you who serve and give to support the work of COOL.

The beginning of the term started like any other; primary school visits for assemblies, high school visits for assemblies and clubs, and Friday night youth bible study, being some of the regulars. A particular highlight this term was working with the four senior prefects in Plockton High School to put together a fantastic New Year assembly. **Their input meant it was incredibly relevant and applicable to the pupils, and they did a great job of helping to deliver the talk**



too. We were thinking about how what we say or do will impact the world around us and someone else’s life, and what Jesus taught us to do through His model of always showing people that they are loved.

We were looking forward to leading the S1-3 Easter assembly in the high school, being involved in the YPI interviews for S3’s, and the various primary school assemblies when everything changed! **On 16th March, the schools shut their doors to all visitors, and the work of COOL changed dramatically overnight.** Unfortunately, the contact with primary school children has been almost entirely lost but we have been able to continue to encourage the high school young people through their online classroom and online meetings. The usual Friday night bible study has also continued to run online. The rest of the time has been extremely valuable for catching up on various IT projects, research and reading.



Alltnacriche Youth Weekend

We took the decision to hold our annual Alltnacriche Youth Weekend earlier this year due to another youth event which we had hoped to go to at the end of March. However, there was more to it than we knew and if we had not changed the date, we would not have got away at all. **God knew what lay ahead and I believe He wanted us to get away so that He could meet with our young people before the lockdown would set in, and that He did.**

Even before we left, we saw God answering prayers for young people we wanted to see come to the weekend. We saw answers in terms of transport, which was a real struggle this year, and we saw answers in how God was working in the lives of our young people. **We are so thankful to God for all that He did for us, and in us, over the weekend.**

For the activities this year the young people enjoyed the climbing wall and trying their hand at wood carving, with a few people carving a little more than the wood! There is a dedicated team of leaders who make the weekend possible and so we want to say a huge thank you to each of them, and particularly to our past pupils and young leaders.



Photos by Joanna Shillaker

The weather obliged and snowed right on cue for the third year in a row! Drew Kuzma, our speaker, spoke from the heart, in a really raw and heartfelt way - and honest - which I know spoke to almost everyone, so it was pretty intimate in that way. It was nice just for all the youth, no matter what age, to be together!

Emily Brown, S5

Social Media

Following the request of many of the young people, and spurred on by the lockdown regulations, COOL are excited to announce we have launched our Instagram page that will give regular encouragements, bible verses, updates, and more. If you are an Instagram user, it would be great if you could follow us @cool_scotland

