



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

In November, we reached nearly 1000 young people throughout Anti-Bullying Week. Our Latchford worker Kim shares more...



Kim Wellens **Latchford**

"We knew that we wanted to be really intentional this year when it came to anti-bullying week. When working in high schools and particularly doing mentoring, we see so many people who are affected by bullying and have really significantly hurtful things said to them on a regular basis.

I have literally lost count of the number of young people I've spoken to who have received messages on social media from others telling them to "kill themselves".

It simply shouldn't be this way. We believe that every single young person in our schools were created for good - to build each other up and not tear each other down. We don't believe any young person actively wants to destroy others with their words, and yet we reach this point where young people across the country are even taking their own lives due to bullying.

This is why we wanted to reach many young people with our sessions on the power of your words. Based on Proverbs 18:21, we shared that "the power of life and death is in the tongue" and "the way you speak can bring life or destroy it".

Steve revealed to young people the most powerful and potentially destructive weapon in the world (hence the very dramatic protective gear!) which was, of course, a (fake) human tongue. Rachel got young people discussing and sharing what words they can remember being called, and how negative words can be "sticky". We also had a guest with us, John Williams, who shared about disability awareness and some of the bullying he experienced when he was in school. Finally I shared about the impact of words and the love of God - what He says about us compared to what others might say. Every young person was given a card to take home full of affirmations of who God says we are.

It was significant to hear from the young people about their thoughts and experiences, and we pray that this session has had an impact on the lives both of those who have bullied others, and those who have been bullied before."



PRAYER POINTS

1. Please pray for the many young people who took part in the power of words sessions. Pray that the victims of bullies would be supported and encouraged, and those who bully others would be challenged in grace and supported to grow in love and kindness.
2. Please pray for the Christmas mission throughout December, "God with us".
3. Pray also for the recruitment of a Penketh/Sankey youth worker - that God would call someone to this area to minister to young people in these schools and communities.

WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM?

Warrington Youth for Christ are searching for a Schools/Youth Work Evangelist for the Penketh/Great Sankey area of Warrington.

Salary: £21,255 per year
Hours: 37.5 hours per week
Closing Date: 31st Dec 2022

Contact Steve Murphy (Director)
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So many of the things we celebrate at Christmas are **temporary**.

But what if there were an **eternal gift?**

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This Christmas, we'll be reaching young people across Warrington with sessions about the meaning of Christmas - the incredible, eternal gift of God with us. We as youth workers, along with the young leaders on our Academy, will be involved in delivering sessions and assemblies in youth clubs and schools throughout December - playing funny games, sharing the meaning of Christmas, and giving young people the opportunity to respond to the wonderful invitation of God - the eternal gift of a relationship with Jesus. Chat to your local Youth for Christ worker for more information.

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