



# Summer 07

*Newsletter for Youth Workers in Rochester Diocese*

## Young people in Rochester help 'Stop the Traffik'

Rochester Cathedral once again opened its doors to over 250 young people as Angelspace 2 came to town on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Using the 'Stop the Traffik' campaign as a theme, music and drama were just a couple of ways their eyes were opened to the problem of Human Trafficking across the world.

Equipped with price tags and glow sticks, the event for young people aged 11 to 18 from all over the Diocese began with a short act of worship providing a chance to think about the issue of Human Trafficking. A variety of activities were then open for them to explore from building a clay village to fair-trade chocolate tasting. Music from a live blues band and a cafe provided a chilled background. The evening ended with a chance for all to respond to what they had heard and witnessed.

Event Organiser and Diocesan Youth Officer, Phil Greig said of the evening "It was evident that the young people engaged with the issue of slavery thanks to an amazing team who worked so creatively in helping people reflect and respond to the issue."

People trafficking is one of the world's fastest growing illegal industries. It is happening right here, right now, on our doorstep and it is devastating the lives of millions of men, women and children each year. AngelSpace was one of hundreds of events and talks organised around the world during 2007 which aim to

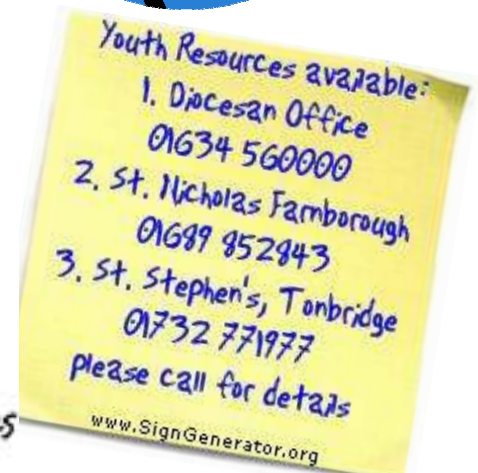
raise awareness and understanding of this worldwide problem.

Following the event, Rev. Ronni Lamont from St John's Bexley commented, "This event was wonderful because it brought young people from the four corners of the Diocese showing them that they are not alone on their journey of faith, that there are Christians who are of the same age. It was a privilege to be a part of Angelspace and I am looking forward to the next one."

Looking ahead to the autumn, Phil says, "We are very much looking forward to developing **Angelspace for September 30<sup>th</sup> where we will be launching Hope08.**"



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## YOUNG LEADERS NEEDED!

We are piloting a new course written by KEYCOG for young people who are volunteer youth & children's leaders in churches.

This is our *Building Foundations* course for Young People. We are looking to pilot on a weekend away at St. Bartz in Sussex on 9th, 10th and 11th November 2007. Please get in touch if this interests you!

Cost of the weekend will be £35 per person.

Building Foundations: ***The Next Generation leading the church!***

### Employing a Youth or Children's Worker

Two training days for parishes/benefices

November 1st: **Employing a Worker.** The benefits and responsibilities of employing, employment issues, supervision etc. With time for those attending to share together and raise questions

January 22nd: **Managing a Worker Effectively.** The line manager's role, goal setting, reviewing progress, team working, avoiding burn out etc.

**Cost:** £20 per day to include lunch

**Venue:** Rochester Diocesan Office

**Time:** 10am to 3.30pm

The training days will be run in partnership with **AMAZE**, the Association of Christian Youth & Children's Workers.

It will be expected that participants will attend both days or that substitutes will be made from within the same parish/benefice.

Booking forms are available from Sarah Cabella at the Board of Education.

## THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER'S FUND FOR MISSION

If you have a project in your parish/benefice that you would like to be considered for funding, then call for an application form. More details from Phil Greig.



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