Dear Center for Adventist Research,

It's just a quick update and reminder. We have some exciting news updates for you. Here are some upcoming events that we would like to make you aware of.

Spread the word...

**Foundation Youth Work Accredited Course**

**10th February 2013**

SEC Youth Ministries School of Evangelism and Leadership and Oasis College, are distinctive, because of the Christian ethos that underpins our support for students and our emphasis on practical experience. We believe in learning by doing, and offer high levels of support for new and experienced workers to draw on theoretical knowledge and theological reflection to develop work and ministry with children, young people and communities.

The Oasis College and SEC Youth Ministries Department Foundational Youth Work Programme is part of the suite of SEC Youth Ministry School of Evangelism and Leadership approved courses. It provides an introduction to youth work and ministry for those entering this field of practice and support the development of existing practitioners by extending their knowledge with guidance and structure when working within specialist skills or contexts.
The programme has been developed, by Oasis College, with new volunteer workers and existing paid workers in the voluntary and community sector in mind. Furthermore the program can be used as a stepping-stone to undergraduate studies for those exploring their vocation in this sector and/or returning to study.

The programme provides two options. By taking two core modules practitioners can achieve the intermediate qualification of a 'University Foundation Certificate in Youth Work Practice'. Those seeking to build on this can work towards the 'University Foundation Diploma in Youth Work Practice' by completing the initial two core modules and two further core modules.

**APPLICATION**

Applications are now being taken are **now available** from your federation president

**Booking**

Please book via your federation president or team. Alternative booking via email to secyouth@me.com or 01923 232 728

**Payment method:** We are suggesting a three part funding (yourself, your church and SEC Youth)

**Website for bookings:**

http://secyouthfoundational.eventbrite.co.uk

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**Pathfinder & Youth Leadership Conference**

January 17th - 20th 2013 - Hellidon Lakes Hotel

This will be a training event held at Hellidon Lakes, where you will be trained and equipped to be an effective youth leader and learn new ideas for your youth group.

**Seminars:**

1. How to lead your department effectively
2. So you want to be a AYS leader
3. Empowering youth for the GC big cities London 2013 evangelistic program (The General Conference has selected London as one of the 13 big cities to focus on reaching the community with the gospel. This seminar will provide you with all the necessary tools for youth outreach
4. Music in Ministry of Change (As a change agent)
5. Pathfinders Leadership program including TLT (Teens Leadership program)
**Venue info**
http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/hellidon-lakes-daventry/golf.aspx

**Booking:** Please email your booking request to secyouth@me.com

**Deposit:** 50.00 - Refundable
Method of Payment: Cheque, Debit/Credit card/ Church Account transfer request from Pastor or Treasurer.

**Room:** Price of 125.00 is without subsidy. Please contact your Pastor, Federations or Conference Youth Director for subsidy. Price is for two sharing a room with twin beds.

**Subsidy Requirements:**
1. A member of your local church youth team
2. Committed to working in the local AYS department for 2013 or for 2013-14

**Social Activities:** Onsite including bowling and church challenges

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**Youth School of Evangelism and Leadership**
10th February 2013 - John Loughborough and/or Stanborough School

The Certificate in Evangelism or Youth Ministry Leadership is a program designed to equip young men and women with competencies needed for an effective ministry to youth and young adults in the local church and para-church settings. The programme is focused on teaching, evangelising, and disciplining.

The Certificate in Evangelism or Ministry Leadership requires intensive study in the specialised field of youth ministry. The graduate of the Evangelism or in Youth Ministry is competent to:

- Develop, direct, and evaluate youth ministry programmes in the local church and other targeted areas with both professional and theological competency
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple youth in Christian service and vocation
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple adult youth leaders
- Develop the ability to reflect constructively and theologically upon the content and process of youth ministry
Serve in a variety of vocations, such as local church youth leader, Federations leader/presidents, youth evangelist and church planter, bible teacher, and guidance counselor.

Key Facts
Scheduled over two years, the course is accessible any youth or young adults interesting in youth work within the Seventh-day Adventist church or those already working with the local youth departments of our churches. Experts in their fields, including some of our best pastors and leaders with a minimum degree at Masters level, teach the course. Some of the books you will use have been written or edited by the teaching staff.

Who Should Apply:

- South England Conference Senior Youth and Young Adults (age 16-35+)
- Be ideally working with youth or young adults within their local church or have an interest in working with or for youth.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from their church to study for this certificate. The course is open to both Baptised and non yet Baptised young people.

COURSES

Cross-Cultural Ministry:

This module requires 3 teaching days and 30 practice hours over 8-9 weeks, and areas of study include:
This course aims to prepare students for cross-cultural service, evangelism and discipleship. Since cultures are so diverse, there will not always be easy and universally applicable answers. Throughout the duration of the course our aim is to become comfortable with wrestling with tough questions, personal comforts and the essentials of following Jesus (discipleship) and spreading his gospel & teaching (evangelism) to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Public Evangelism:

- This module requires 3 teaching days and 40 practice hours over 8-9 weeks, and areas of study include:
  - To understand and articulate a biblical theology of evangelism.
• To understand the role of the church in evangelism, especially as it relates to the public and salvation
• You will develop your own skills in personal evangelism, as well as how to do evangelistic outreach through the local church.
• To conduct a public evangelism as a part of your practicum

Knowing and Sharing Christ: This module requires 4 teaching days and 10 practice hours over 8-9 weeks. Purpose is to help students understand:

• The importance of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others;
• How to give away their faith (how to share the fire, how to witness without fear; and
• A methodology that can be utilised to present the Gospel to an audience
• Will involve practical on the job learning in addition to participating in outreach during the Camp meeting week

Biblical Expository Preaching (Hit London and Mission to the Big Cities):

This module requires 6 teaching days and 10 hours of mentoring practice.
Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

• Define the nature and purpose of biblical preaching and describe its key characteristics.
• View expository preaching as the preferred approach to communicating God’s Word.
• Apply key principles of biblical interpretation
• Gain insight on sermon preparation and delivery.
• Develop sermons from single verses, paragraphs, chapters, and whole books and
• Value the awesome privilege and responsibility of the call to preach the gospel.

Some of our lecturers

• Dr Carlton Byrd
• Pastor Hamilton Williams
• Pastor Michael Hamilton
• Pastor Kirk Thomas
• Dr Richard de Lisser
• Pastor Eglan Brooks
• Pastor Sam Neves
• Paul Thompson
• Pastor Anthony Fuller
• Sacha Gillin
• Dr Steve Thomas
• Any many guest lecturers from the USA (Oakwood University) and Northern Caribbean University

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Booking (£50 per course)

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**Youth Matters Symposium**

**January 27th 2013 - Newbold College**

The aim of this symposium is to have an open forum where we can talk about the youth work within the South England Conference:
1. What are the areas we need to change?
2. What are some of the things you would like the youth department to support (resourcing)
3. What and How should the church be ministering in the 21st Century?
4. What are some of the things we urgently need to change and what do we need to keep?
5. How to make arrest the decrease in youth and young adults attendance at church?
6. How do we start the progress of changing the inactivity and lack of participation in church?
7. What message we need to send to leadership as a result of the recently completed Youth Survey (results to be published in the Messenger)
8. How can we make sure that Youth truly matters in our churches, offices and work?

**Articles/Proposals:**
We are encouraging you to send in your articles/proposals so we can compile them for
attendees. It is our hope that these articles/proposals will form the basis of our discussions regarding youth work in the South England Conference. Send articles to secyouth@me.com

iLead (Youth Leadership Conference)
March 29th - April 10th 2013 - Oakwood University

This conference aims to provide you with an advanced leadership training in the following areas:
1. Communicating Effectively
2. Developing Spirituality for Ministry based on the writings of Ellen White and some of our great SDA leaders
3. Character development for church leadership
4. Administration in a church environment
5. Youth Church Leadership

The conference will also include
1. Tour of Birmingham, Alabama
2. Oakwood Alumni Banquet (as the weekend will be an Alumni weekend)
3. Oakwood Basketball weekend competition
4. 2 Days in Atlanta

Booking: Please email secyouth@me.com to obtain a booking form.
Deposits: £60.00 (we take cheques, debit/credit card and church accounts transfer via your pastor or treasurer)

Deadline: November 23rd 2012
If you haven’t yet registered for this please do so

Costs: 999.00 per person based on three sharing. However, you can reduce the cost by 4 sharing or by reducing your travel to the congress only (7-14th July)

Booking: Please email secyouth@me.com to obtain a booking form. Deposits: 60.00 (we take cheque, debit/credit card and church accounts transfer via your pastor or treasurer)

Deadline: November 23rd 2012

We thank you for your support and commitment in God’s work in this last generation. Please continue to keep each other in prayer and support as we are all one family.

Till next time...

God bless you,
SEC Youth Ministries

With such "an army of youth, rightly trained, to carry the message of a crucified, risen Saviour to the whole world." (Ellen White, CSA66)
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