

## What's coming up?

### Wednesday 2 November

Gore and Districts Youth Leaders Lunch  
12:30pm  
Camp Columba, Pukerau  
RSVP to Steph for catering purposes

### Friday 25 November

Dunedin Youth Leaders Networking Brekkie  
8am  
Synod Office, Level 5 Evan Parry House,  
43 Princess Street, Dunedin

### Saturday 26 November

Lumsden 7s Tournament  
4 Sports: Netball, Volleyball, Touch and Soccer.  
2 Divisions: Under 16s and 16-20years.  
For more information on booking your youth group in  
contact LBK youth worker; Deneiza Eteuati 021 077 1455

### 3-4 December

**SAMSTOCK FESTIVAL**  
A&P Showgrounds, Mosgiel  
[www.samstock.org.nz](http://www.samstock.org.nz)

### Monday 30 January – Sunday 5 February GOING FURTHER

A discipleship camp for young adults organized by PYM  
and the Knox Centre.  
Orama, Great Barrier Island  
A great way to start the year for young adults.  
Check out [www.goingfurther.org.nz](http://www.goingfurther.org.nz) for more info.



- Register your groups online now to ensure that you receive **early bird prices!** *Rough estimates* of numbers are fine, and payment is not required immediately
- Register teams for **touch & volleyball** comps
- Spread the word about the **talent scan**, and get your youthies to sign up!
- **Youth group studies** are available online. These are based on this year's theme of SEED, and have been written by two Dunedin youth group leaders.

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## From Steph's Desk...

Well Regional Connect came and went this month and it was a fantastic day! As promised we had a great speaker, a variety of workshops and epic food! We had 60 people attend from throughout Otago and Southland which was really encouraging to see so many youth leaders interested in training and upskilling in their roles. I have had some really great feedback but I'm always keen to hear more, so flick me an email and let me know what you liked, what you didn't like and anything else you think I should know ☺

Also this month we completed the 'Going Somewhere' 7 week youth leadership training course in Invercargill with 22 young people from 4 different churches. We had a fantastic time and I was so encouraged to see such a great bunch of young leaders who love Jesus and are keen to serve as leaders in the church.

I spent Labour Weekend this year with about 100 campers at Camp Columba in Pukerau which was heaps of fun! Esther Elliot from Auckland was our speaker and I highly recommend her for any camps that you are running because she connected so well with the youth and just LOVES young people – I think she knew every person by name by the end of the camp! She is a singer and musician as well so that adds just another awesome aspect to what she has to offer.

And finally, I finished the month by hanging out with the crew at Outram on the weekend where they run a Friday night programme called 'Oasis' which is very well attended by the youth in the community. They are a very energetic youth group – I can't remember the last time I did so much running! I had great fun though.

If you would like me to come and visit your youth ministry and church then flick me an email to invite me and we can make it happen.

Blessings,

*Steph*

# Monthly Update

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## Praxis Youth Work Training

Praxis is a network of Christian practitioners in youth and community work. We exist to support people who contribute to the development of young people in their communities. You can enter into the Praxis course through two streams – a level 4 (1 year) Certificate in Youth Work and a level 6 (2 year) Diploma in Youth and Community Studies.

Praxis has been networking, and partnering with Churches and Christian Community organisations for the past ten years and has continued to develop the course to help youth workers better meet the needs of young people in New Zealand, the Pacific and Australia.

There is a Prospectus available online [www.praxis.org.nz](http://www.praxis.org.nz); with information regarding fees, dates for Block courses in 2012, Application Form and other details. If you have anyone who you would like to put through the course then either make contact and have a chat through your thoughts or pass it on to the intended participant and ask them to follow through with the application form which can be accessed online. TEC has funded 35 positions for next year so students will be selected on a first in, first served basis, with priority given to students with good agency support, so encourage your potential Intern to apply quickly. If you have a student wishing to apply please ring and I will arrange a coffee and chat and ideally before the end of this month as students will be selected in early December.

We are committed to delivering a practical and purposeful training course and are free to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way.

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## Photo's from Regional Connect 2011:

