



shelford & stapleford  
youth initiative

### Summer is here!

It's time to pull out your favourite shorts and sun glasses as the summer is once again upon us! We operate on an academic year and subsequently, it is scary to think that we are already at the end of the year.

As with everyone, the year has been mixed for all as there have been some incredible highs and sadly some lows. But what always remains is how proud SSYI is of all of our young people. Whatever the year has been for them, SSYI has celebrated and comforted them through it all. In particular, we are about to see a large number of young people leave school, start new colleges, 6th forms and acquiring jobs. For most of them, these are significant mile stones for different reasons. It is wonderful to see our young people over coming challenge, pursuing their life goals and maturing in the process.

We have been able to support them because of the relationship we have with our young people that has been built over time, regular activities, one to one support, networking with families and local agencies and always having a belief and love for our young people. Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, trustees and committee members who make this happen!

### SSYI Ambassadors

Over the last period, we have really been building on the relationships we have with our young people and investing in leaders.

We recently secured some funding to develop our SSYI Ambassadors. Part of the fund has gone towards building team work and confidence with one another. We have done this through doing activities at Grafham Water and Nines (restaurant) to help their understanding, communications and confidence to try new things. Additionally, this fund has also enabled the young people to have one to one support with a careers and life coach to help develop their own sense of potential and strive to discover a positive way forward for achieving whatever it is they wish to achieve.

The YAC met up with South Cambridgeshire MP, Heidi Allen. This was a brilliant evening of the young people listening and challenging Heidi



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about topics such as transport, schools & education, mental health and politics. Heidi was very informative and we felt very privileged for her visit. After meeting with her, she said "just imagine if we could harness the skills and passions of our young people to help their communities. Well, that is exactly what SSYI are doing. They are getting involved, standing up as young leaders and we should be very proud of them."

### Big Breakfast

We must thank all of you who donated towards the running or of the eating at Big Breakfast March 2016! All proceeds go to the running of SSYI.

### Summer Plans

Mix It Up is our football club and in April, the boys entered into a tournament hosted by Youth for Christ. Although they did not win, they did really well considering they were playing older teenagers and were really encouraged by their performance and themselves as a team. Subsequently, we will be entering the July tournament! Please do wish us luck! Lets repeat the Leicester City story!

We will be representing once again at the local village shows. Please do look out for us and say hi! We will be at Stapleford Village Show, Shelford Feast and Little Shelford Fun Weekend.

We will be doing many trips and activities over the month of August, to find out what these are, please contact Ollie for further details.

We will be joining in with Romsey Mill's event Deeper on July 8th as they have a guest speaker called Shane Taylor, who was once classed as one of Britain's worst prisoners, who will be sharing his story and how finding God has changed his life.

### Volunteers

We are looking to recruit new volunteers to support our ever growing youth work and to also help give our hard-core volunteers a break now and again! If you love and care for young people and wish to see them flourish, please give Ollie a call to find out more. We need volunteers particularly for:

Tuesdays, 3.30pm to 5.45pm

Fridays 7pm to 9.30pm