

Information on Teams

Grange

Grange Presbyterian Church is a small rural congregation placed by Christ to worship and witness in a Hamlet near Ballymena, overlooking Lough Neagh. Our purpose is 'Helping People Follow Jesus', and our PCI Summer Team is an opportunity for young Christians to be Gospel Partners with us to Make, Mature and Multiply disciples of our wonderful Lord. Our prayerful desire is that Christ would be glorified by using the team to Engage and Evangelise people of all ages in our local community, to Equip each team member in their faith through a week of intentional Christ-centred missional discipleship, and to Encourage the congregation in the King.

Ballyweaney

Ballyweaney PC is very excited about having a PCI Impact Team for the second year to build on the work that has been done sharing the good news of Jesus. Last year we had a fantastic team of committed and energetic young people who were involved in outreach and were also amazing role models for Christian young people in Ballyweaney. In July 2017 the team will be involved in holiday Bible club, games, youth events, leaflet distribution, outreach to Cloughmills village, church services and building relationships with young people from the church and the area.

If you would like to help spread the good news of Jesus, grow in your faith, make friends, encourage others and be challenged personally and spiritually, we would love to see you at Ballyweaney from 1st to 9th July!

Abbey, Monkstown

Abbey Presbyterian Church is in a significant place - located on a prime corner site in the heart of the community of Monkstown beside school, shops, community facilities and housing - with a congregation who mostly live locally. We are also, we believe, at a significant time. Our 50th anniversary in 2016 has been a period of celebration but also many special events and outreach - looking outwards not inwards; forwards not backwards. That is just some of the reasons why we believe that a 2017 PCI Summer Team can have a significant impact under God - helping us to grow our connections with the community, helping us to reach children, young people and adults around us, and helping to encourage our leaders and develop our young people.

Mullingar

Our Summer Camp is a significant part of the church's outreach throughout the year. We welcome around 250 primary school children and 50 teenagers into our building for age-related activities that aim to present the Good News in a winsome way through fun and games activities. We make new friends during the week as well as building on the relationships we've enjoyed with folk in past Summer Camps and through other stuff the church gets up to. Through the Summer Camp some have been drawn to the Christian faith and into the life of the church.

Donegal Town

Donegal church have had a long standing team that has really added to the churches work with children, youth and families over the past decade. The children's club has averaged about 80 kids most of whom are not connected with the Presbyterian Church and the teens work has grown wonderfully over the past couple of years. The team has always been a huge encouragement to the congregation and enabled us to do things that we could not do ourselves. We have also been able to use some of the team to encourage the children's work in Stranorlar congregation.

Dungannon

Dungannon Presbyterian have always sought to reach out to Primary-age children in our own congregation and beyond into the wider community, particularly through our 'Summer School'. Reluctantly, because of a limited number of leaders, Kirk Session felt that we could not sustain the outreach this year, but we would apply for a PCI Team to assist us running 'Summer School' over the next few years. Working with and alongside our own limited number of Young People, our hope is that a PCI Team would be an encouragement and inspiration – a catalyst – to enable and equip Dungannon PC, in several years' time, to assume the leadership and organisation of 'Summer School' themselves! i.e. We want to see the PCI Team work itself out of a job!

Seaview

We are looking forward to welcoming the 4th Summer Team to Seaview and to working alongside them. Each year we have been able to reach children with our Bible club and special events, as well as meet together with young people in the evenings. These summer bursts of help have spilled into our Girls Brigade and Junior CE through the year and been the foundation of a new youth ministry called Encounter. The team help us in community work we couldn't do without them and that has blessed people living in the area. We are eager to see what God will do in 2017.

Whitehouse

Whitehouse used to be a community that grew up together, worked in the mills together and everyone went to their church on a Sunday. Now the mills are gone, the churches are closing and the community is made up of people of different nationalities, faiths and languages. Included in this breakdown of society are all the normal issues found in a broken community within a modern city.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

Whitehouse's vision is to re-engage with this broken community to bring the gospel message to the people and seek the restoration of the community. The Summer Team will be an integral and exciting part of this mission as we try old and new things to build relationships and connect with the people.

Friendship House

Friendship House is a social outreach project based in Sandy Row, Belfast. We provide a Christian outreach to the local community through a variety of different programmes. We are looking forward to having the Impact Team coming to help with our youth and children's work. We are hoping that while the team are with us that they will run a fun and exciting holiday Bible club in the mornings and a teen drop-in in the evenings. The team will also be taking part in Messy Church on the Friday afternoon. Our children and young people are full of energy, lots of fun and they really look forward to the team coming each year.

St. Andrews

In St. Andrews we have now had an Impact Team for three years. We first applied for a team because we felt our people needed some help and encouragement in the area of outreach, particularly from a younger age group. The teams have come each year and have been involved in many aspects of this outreach...holiday Bible club, teen events, church services, men's work, women's work, on-street and door-to-door outreach. This has been a great spiritual encouragement for both our own people and for the team members themselves. We are delighted that we are to have another team in 2017 and are very much looking forward to hosting them in August.

