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My name is Clare and I'm the Hope UK Project Worker for Cornwall.

I'll be sending out this bulletin occasionally to let you know some of the exciting things that are happening locally, as well as to keep you up-to-date with what we've got coming up. Please email me if you would prefer not to receive this ☺

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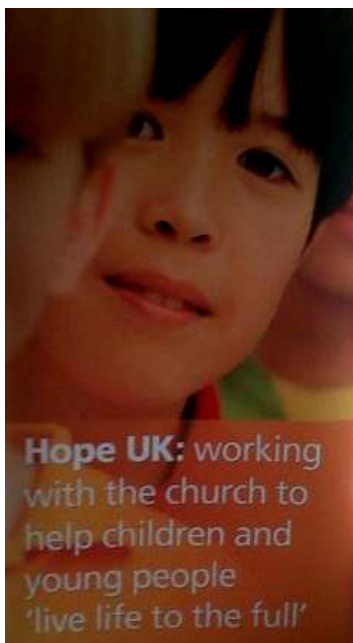
Over the past few months we have been busy with a variety of events. We have continued to be involved with Street Pastor training for the Liskeard and Looe group in May and the new Bodmin group in June. Street Pastors from Bude, St. Austell and Newquay were also able to join us – it is such a privilege to be part of this training.

Many contacts were made at The Noel Richards concert in Truro and at Creation Fest in August we were able to share drug education activities with children, young people and adults. Some came as family units, which was good, and we had many interesting conversations. We are praying this will really make a difference in their lives. During the week we met lots of people and good contacts have been made with many churches across the county.



Since my last newsletter, ten people have expressed an interest in training as a Drug Educator for Hope UK. It would be really exciting if we could carry out local training for new Educators in 2012. If you would like to know more, or would like a drug awareness session for your organisation please contact Clare Vincent – c.vincent@hopeuk.org.

If you think a group you know would benefit from an alcohol or drug awareness session, please get in touch.



'Beer goggles', which mimic the visual effects of drunkenness, are a great tool for getting people thinking and talking about alcohol. Used in conjunction with Hope UK's 'Take the Test' leaflet, they enable adults and youngsters to self-audit their drinking levels and hopefully make adjustments.



Hope UK needs you! - Over the last 5 years, Hope UK's Educators have delivered alcohol/drug prevention, education and harm minimisation work in the county and have positively engaged with children and young people. This has included schools work as well as youth club sessions. We have also provide prevention training for parents, teachers, youth workers and Street Pastors.

With reductions in Government funding, more prevention work is being cut. We believe prevention is better than cure, and expect a huge increase in demand for our work. We want to train at least ten adults as Educators to make a difference in their local communities and help prevent alcohol and drug-related harm in Cornwall.

Hope UK's training is accredited by the Open College Network and is **provided free of charge** (the real cost of the training is currently around £860 per person, for which we fundraise). In return, we ask for your time to complete the 120 hours of training (which includes 3 training weekends and portfolio completion) and your enthusiasm to impact your community.

You don't need to be a teacher/trainer - the Educator training will teach you how to be a good communicator; how to plan interactive and inclusive sessions; how to work with children, young people or adults; as well as learning about alcohol and drugs. You will watch others taking sessions before doing your own. We will support you all the way through your training and afterwards.

We are looking to start the training in 2012. If you are interested, please contact our Head Office for an application form (this can be downloaded at www.hopeuk.org/church/train-as-an-educator).

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