



A note from Nick, our CEO.

Hello to you all,

**“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”
Revelation 3:20 (NIV)**

A message of Hope

Again, we have had a busy and wonderful term, seeing lots of children and young people get involved with our Transition programmes helping year 6 pupils prepare themselves for Transition to their next school. Through all of this I am reminded of the Hope that we take to children and young people, in what is an increasingly ‘hopeless’ world and culture that we live. The Hope that Revelation talks about is for anyone...Praise God!! So, let us (with this Hope) continue to pray for our children and young people, that they would not only see this Hope, but engage with it, and accept it into their lives.

A message of rebuke

Despite the common usage of this passage being in an outreach context, it really is written to the church, and is addressing a church that has become lukewarm, and forgotten how much they/we need Jesus to be a part of our lives, our church and our community. I thank God, that NISCU has a huge number of supporters that do not think like this, and who do rebuke, and remind us that the best programmes that we can ever have for our children and young people are not programmes based on what our culture wants, but are based on who Jesus is. Please continue to pray for our church, that we may never lock Jesus out of our buildings, meetings or hearts.

NISCU's aim is to provide children and young people in education with knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith as presented in the bible, and to support children and young people who choose to express their Christian faith in their community.

A message of sustenance

I love the fact that Jesus spends a lot of time eating with people, He takes time to appreciate the daily sustenance that our body needs. I love the fact that this is also personal, how He will come and ‘eat with that person’. At NISCU we are again going through a period of remembering the personal touch of caring and helping children, young people, teachers, heads and others. But all of this takes time. Please pray for the team, that they will be able to invest their time wisely, but also pray for more volunteers, willing and able to help listen to children, young people and adults in your schools’ communities, being with them as a help in their times of need.

What can you do to help?

We really value your support, and if you are not already on your local prayer list, then that is a really great place to start, and don't forget, we are working with Prayforschools.org to try and support local people praying specifically for their school. Also, new for this term is ‘Smile Amazon’ ...if you don't already know about this, Amazon will give NISCU 0.5% of what you spend on Amazon.com ...so please sign up if you do your shopping this way. For more info on pray for schools, and smile amazon look on our website, or chat to your worker.

God bless you all,
NISCU Management team

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



Romans 10:15

A note from Charlie, our worker



Hi Everyone,

It's really exciting to think that we've had a whole academic year as NISCU in the Furness area. It has been an encouraging year as we've started the work here in the Furness area and worked with our partners in the Deanery Network Youth Church. Over the course of the past academic year we have had the opportunity to do many exciting things in our schools but also meeting with supporting churches and also sharing about the work we do in schools with you all. I have also been getting to know the wider NISCU team, it's been great working with a fantastic bunch of people who share the same passion of introducing young people to Jesus.

In connection with Vic Sekasi, the Furness Deanery Network Youth Church leader, we have managed to be in all four of our Secondary schools across the Furness Area. We have run prayer spaces in UVHS, John Ruskin School and Dowdales School, all of which were extremely encouraging. It was wonderful to be invited into those schools to talk to their students about what it means to pray but also explain that we can pray in different ways.

We have also been running regular Big Questions lunch time groups in UVHS, John Ruskin School and Millom School. These give students the opportunities to ask the bigger questions about faith. Juliet Topping, French Teacher at John Ruskin School, mentioned that one of her highlights of the year was listening to the students discuss their opinions about the bigger questions of life and hearing their well thought out opinions. We have also had the opportunity to run a peer mentoring scheme in John Ruskin School and it has been fantastic watching the year 10s come alongside the year 7s and encourage them over the course of the year.



In March, we took part in Carlisle Diocese Moving Mountains which saw mission teams sent to different areas. In Ulverston we took the Bishop of Selby, the Right Reverend Dr John Thomson and the Vicar of St. Thomas Norwich, Reverend Ian Dyble into UVHS for a "Grill a Bishop" session. Here GCSE students got to ask Ian and John whatever questions about their faith and how it influences their opinions on day to day life and world issues. The session was so interesting that we were asked to stay longer and answer more questions. Both students and staff engaged really well with the session and the class teacher said at the end of the session, "I never thought anything like that would be possible in a school."

Over the past term, we've been working with church workers and local Christian children's workers across area going into Primary Schools and taking assemblies and lessons for year 6s about moving on. As a Secondary schools' worker, it's been great having that hand over and introducing myself as someone the students will see in their secondary schools. We have also been able to run a drop-in group in John Ruskin School on induction days for year 6s. The Year 6s mentioned how nice it was to see a familiar face and have somewhere to go if they didn't know anybody. As this worked so well, we will be having another drop-in group on the first day back in September.

Sadly, in September we will be saying goodbye to Vic, who will be moving on to ordination training in the Church of England. In her 5 years as Deanery Network Youth Church leader Vic has opened the doors to all the schools in the area and the work I am currently doing would not be possible without her. We pray for Vic and her husband Martin as they prepare for this new and exciting part of God's plan for them.

We will also be welcoming two interns who will be helping out with the work of NISCU! Maren, from Norway and Linda, from Estonia will be interning with Ulverston Parish Church and the deanery but will be helping us out in the schools work as well. Please do pray for them as they prepare to move to England for the year.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for NISCU whether through financial, prayer or volunteering. We really do appreciate all that you do in supporting our young people in their journey of faith and aiding them in coming to know Jesus for themselves.

I wish you all a great and restful summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

God bless,
Charlie Day—NISCU Furness Secondary Schools Worker