



Craig's Update | Spring 2023

Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire Regional Worker

Happy New Year! Greetings and thank you for supporting the work of SU Scotland in Glasgow. You'll never know the impact your prayer and financial support has in the lives of the children and young people that SU Scotland are connecting with on a daily/monthly/yearly basis. Be encouraged as you read on...

Make a Difference

Our number one priority in SU Scotland is to get SU Groups back up and running. Our experience is that most schools would love to have an SU Group—but we lack volunteers to run them. Could you prayerfully consider helping? Or share our need in church or with Christian friends? www.suscotland.org.uk/makeadifference

Mission Leadership Training | Gowanbank | November

In November I completed my Mission Leadership Training which will allow me to be Team Leader for Missions as well as continuing to be Team Leader for summer residentials and weekends. It was great to gather for a weekend of worship, training in event leading and catching up with friends who I met at the same event last year. My thanks to Jackie Ringan, Bruce Lockhart, Tim Raynes and Alan Myles for an excellent weekend which equipped and filled me with confidence to, God willing, begin to lead Glasgow based holiday club events from summer 2023.



Christmas Unwrapped School Workshops | West End | December

Without doubt one of the highlights of my working year is when I get the opportunity to work with the Wheel Trust team and help them deliver their Christmas Unwrapped workshop to primary schools within the West End area of the city. The 2022 workshops were a great success with six schools welcoming the team to share the good news of Christmas to over 300 pupils. The most encouraging response throughout the two weeks occurred during the final workshop at Broomhill Primary. The pupils were

really engaged with the activities and listened intently to the teaching and during the Q&A session the team were asked the most searching questions. The pupils wanted to know if Jesus had a surname?.. how we knew all that we knew about what the Bible says?...and is Christmas for everyone or is it just for those who are 'good' much like how Santa only gives gifts to children who behave well? As you can imagine, being able to share biblical answers to these questions was a joy particularly within a school environment. Karen Campbell, Team Leader of The Wheel Trust received excellent feedback from each of the six schools and most of them have already booked in for Easter Code workshops which will take place in March.



We are trying to reduce our costs, would you consider receiving Newsletters by email?

If you would like to update how you receive Newsletters, please email <u>regional@suscotland.org.uk</u> with your name and email address.

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ADVENTure One Day Holiday Club | Easterhouse Baptist | December

After the success of the Polar Explorers summer holiday club, Tim Raynes recruited me for the Christmas one day holiday club ADVENTure which we delivered to the children at Easterhouse Baptist Church. The day went really well as we had 20 children and their families join the team for lunch then a two hour holiday club programmed event. There were games, crafts and songs as well as two Bible based talks from the Nativity narrative found in the Gospels. I was tasked with delivering the first of the two Bible talks. It was so encouraging to re-connect with the same team that worked so well together in summer.



Would your church benefit from Partnering with SU Scotland to run a holiday club? If so, please get in touch!

Equip West | Glasgow City Centre | November and January

Equip West continues to thrive as we had our November and January events. In November we welcomed Archie Winnington-Ingram from Bruntsfield Church in Edinburgh and he spoke to the 88 young people about The Reality of Anxiety – Discovering God's Peace in Difficult Times and took us through Psalm 31. At the end of January we welcomed Nate Morgan Locke of Speak Life who had travelled up from Eastbourne. Nate, challenged the 85 young people to shine like stars from Philippians 2:5-18. He encouraged the young people to see they have lots of opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with the different people that they interact with in their lives. The Equip West team



have been delighted by the growth in this ministry and I calculated that in 2022 there had been over 200 S1-S6 pupils at an Equip West event. We look forward to the four remaining events that are planned between February and May. www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/equip/equip-events/equip-west/

We need your Help to reach the children and young people in Glasgow

Do you share the vision of SU Scotland to see every child and young person explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus?

Are you a person who likes to work as a team?

Could you offer a few hours a month to help us to fulfil our vision by being on a Glasgow Action Group?

Action Groups are made up of a variety of people who are members of local churches, with different gifts, experiences, ages and skills. Action Group members are eager to see SU Scotland's ministry fulfilled in their area and willing to give their time and expertise to further this.

It is my hope to start a Glasgow Action Group within the next few months. Please pray with me for this.

To find out more about this opportunity please get in touch, I would love to have a coffee with you and chat further about this opportunity.

PRAYER POINTS

- For a new Glasgow Action Group to be realised and to help grow the work of SU Scotland in the city.
- For many more SU Groups to emerge in schools across the city and for volunteers to run them.
- The Wheel Trust 'Easter Code Workshop' events booked in West End schools from 20-30 March.
- The Glasgow Primary weekend and the Greater Glasgow Secondary weekend events in May and June to be blessed events for the children and young people that attend.

A huge thank you to those of you who give financially to the work in Glasgow. If you would like to commit to partnering with us in this way, you can sign up on our website; suscotland.org.uk/our-team/craig-morris/

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