

# FUTURE|hope Spring Update 2018

empowering young people to have hope for their future

Thank you for looking at our Spring Update for 2018! As you will read it has been a busy few months, but very exciting ones! If you would like to know any more information than this update gives you then please get in touch!

**Bus** We were very excited to relaunch the bus on May 4th after we refurbished it! We took it to Ware, and then Hertford the week after. We received good feedback from the young people and they enjoyed the more cosy space created. Also the new bar layout provides us with plenty of storage. We still have some finishing touches to do as we write but it looks amazing and we are all very happy with it. Big thanks to Lee, one of our volunteers, who helped out with the layout and building work. Also thanks to Rob, Jane and Kate who helped out too. We have also moved the bus and now park at All Nations, which is a much nicer environment!



*'I really like the new bus layout and the atmosphere that it brings.'*

16 year old male



**Education** As you can see we have refurbished the bus, the main reason for this was to make a more focused area for our group work. This was made possible through a grant from East Hertfordshire Council. We will be running several pieces of group work throughout Hertford and Ware covering topics from Drugs/Alcohol Awareness & Money Management to Emotional Resilience and other topics young people ask for.

**Parents** We will be continuing our work with parents who have either contacted us for themselves or been recommended by schools to seek advice from us. We are extremely grateful to Hertford Baptist Church who have donated money from their Spring Thank Offering for us to put towards developing this work. We will be putting this money towards developing and printing new materials, research and further training, and the general running costs of each session. We are also exploring the possibility of setting up regular courses for parents of teenagers.

# Mentoring

*'My meeting with my mentor is the longest conversation I have all week, it's great!'*

16 year old female

It has been a busy start to the year for our mentoring; our waiting list has grown from zero young people to eleven. This shows the need for our mentoring but we would really like to bring the waiting list down to zero again! We are currently working with ten young people and have finished working with four since January.

Looking at the quote to the left you can see how much the young people we get alongside value their mentoring session. A recent study by the Office for

National Statistics has found that one in ten people aged 16-24 say that they often or always feel lonely. We continue to see young people for a variety of reasons and we want all young people to know that we have a listening ear for them regardless of what is going on in their lives.

# Team

We are thrilled to have a few people about to start our volunteer training but we still have more opportunities coming up over the next few months! We need people to get involved in either Mentoring or coming out on a Friday night. Andy has started serving on the team this term and you can see that he is not looking back! If you are interested then please get in touch with us today to find out about our upcoming training.

*'Serving with FUTUREHope is great because you know that you can help a young person'*

Andy, New Volunteer

# Prayer

We are asking people to pray for us as we plan for the future of FUTUREhope. We really want to enlarge our team. With another full time worker we will be able to get alongside many more young people. Please pray that we will receive the money we need to do this.

This year we have been running for 15 years and we want to celebrate that with all of you! In September we will be hosting our 15 year celebration and we will send more details with the next newsletter! We also plan to run some small fund-raisers over the summer period and we will keep you up to date with all of them. Thank you for taking the time to read this and see you soon!