



DONEGAL YOUTH WEEKEND

It had been talked about for months, text messages had flown, some had posted it on their 'Bebos', but now the moment had arrived! On Friday 12 October over 30 young people, mainly from the border counties, made their way to the CEF Oceanview Centre at Rossnowlagh, Co Donegal for the 3rd annual UFM Youth Weekend. The beautiful setting of the Donegal Coast coupled with the excellent facilities of the Oceanview Complex provided a perfect environment for relaxation, sport and enjoying time together.

In between a busy programme of up to date missionary reports, relevant Bible teaching and vibrant praise times.

One of the highlights of the previous weekends has been the singing! Once again we were not disappointed as David Megarry led us in the praise times. This year for the first time some of the young people formed a musical group with guitar, violin, flute and keyboard. Chris McCune from CEF was the speaker, standing in for Phillip Annett at short notice.

Saturday night was 'French night'. We were privileged to have Emmanuel Hartiel from Brittany sharing with us and four of the young people who had been on the France Summer Team shared their experiences with humour and honesty, giving us an excellent insight into

the challenges and rich rewards of getting involved in cross cultural mission. Later in the evening Peter Milsom chaired an informal time discussing possibilities for Summer Teams in 2008. Although attendance to this was optional, all those who were in the relevant age category of 18+ came. This proved to be a most rewarding and encouraging time and around 20 young people indicated their desire to serve the Lord next summer, asking for further information regarding Summer Teams, when it becomes available.

Throughout the weekend there were mission reports from various countries including Turkey, Ivory Coast and Vietnam.

It was great to have John Mark Teeuwen (UFM Assistant Director) attend the weekend and for the young people to get to know him during the informal times, around meal tables and in the Sports Hall.

Recently one of the young people, reflecting on the weekend, described it as 'amazing!' We pray that God will continue to do his amazing work in each of the young people lives.

Next year's youth weekend will be held again at the Oceanview Centre, Rossnowlagh. 21 – 23 November 2008. Speaker John Mark Teeuwen. ■

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