

Over 45 members joined the Isle of Wight retreat for UK Young Adult Community

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Over 45 members joined the Isle of Wight retreat, where attendees had the opportunity to set goals, connect with one another and enjoy the Great British seaside.

The Isle of Wight young adults retreat, organised primarily by Jason and Stephanie Biddlecombe, was initiated due to the lack of events and opportunities for young adults within the movement.

The central focus of the retreat was to allow the young adults of the movement to come together as a community of faith.



It was organised with the intent that it would lead on to future projects, allow the young adults of the movement to connect with each other, and to nurture the spiritual growth of individuals who attended.

Talks were given by Patrick and Yebuny Hanna, Sean Greaves, Simon Cooper, William Haines and

Carmel Mould, with the emphasis of the talks being on thought-provoking content.

During one of the morning sessions, Patrick Hanna emphasised the importance of critical thinking, when striving to make positive changes. He said: "Don't be one of those people that just like the values [of the movement], but live them."



He continued: "We need to be successful on the personal and family level to have that stability."

Simon Cooper talked about how different perspectives helped him gain a deeper understanding of his own life. He said: "Articulate what makes your life special."

Throughout the retreat, there were many opportunities for relaxation, such as an easy-going hike around the coast to the famous 'Needles', and a half-day at the nearby Totland Bay beach.



For the last night of the retreat, participants gathered back at Totland Bay beach for a campfire by the sea. The young adults roasted marshmallows by the fire, while some sang campfire songs alongside the sound of the gentle ocean waves.

The following day the retreat ended in typical British fashion; with a delicious pub fish 'n' chip lunch.

Attendees included a wide age range of young adults; from those nearing their 20s about to begin university, to those over 30, who have begun family life.

A special thank you goes out to Jason and Stephanie Biddlecombe, who initiated and pioneered the retreat. The supporting committee and retreat staff also deserve a word of thanks, as if it were not for all their efforts, the retreat would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Keep an eye out for future young adult events and activities!