

FFWPU UK 2022 In Review Community Spotlight On North England Community

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Let's take a look at how the year of 2022 went for our communities across the UK. For our first Spotlight we have North of England!

It was a year of reorganization and restructuring in the North England region after the coronavirus, with membership in a transition period. New and younger families got more involved and connected with gatherings in homes rather than a central location. I guess you could say it was more like home church.



Our three key young families are working together to become real sisters and brothers living together and building a common vision.

It was also a year of a new vision and focus, with the development of small interest groups focusing on parenting or youth education programs. Haesul and Gary R. became the facilitators. On the right, you see

them running a brothers' workshop. They are showing the path by generously opening their home so that we can do the same, and we now have three family home meeting locations, which reduces travel distances for many.

We're working on common events and activities with our neighbours, the Scotland community.



To build bonds and develop the tenacity as deep friends of faith and young leaders, a group of young people went on a challenging hike climbing a Scottish mountain (below on the right).

At Christmas and in the summer, we had very successful outreach social events enjoying good food, music and company, with friends and family invited. The Christmas party and yearly BBQs are also home-based. Our conviction is that before reaching out to inspire the world, we must build our own culture that is inspiring and naturally attractive to others. True Parents have shown us that we must allow God's love to flow through us. Here below are families visiting one another.



On the topic of our charitable goals as an organisation, we continue to support IRFF in Senegal, where the development of their school is an inspiration to us all as we support teachers and children. This year, we helped to fund building a security wall around the school. Also, we continue to support IRFF Uganda and their work with sick children there.

In Newcastle, centred on Vianney M. and others we have had the development of our UPF activity. We awarded Ambassador for Peace awards to several local examples in their community, recognising their efforts to improve society for various faiths.



In Manchester, we had a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, recognising her great service to the UK and the people of the Commonwealth. (pictured above)



Our common vision is to create a community of families raising God's children. We hope that families can move to one area to possibly occupy one street or cul-de-sac and raise children together as neighbours in an interdependent community. We look forward to a bright new year full of activities and energy, focused on raising our children in True Parents' love.



One of our families in Leeds made food together to sell for the charitable disaster relief for the Philippines cyclone disaster appeal, raising £400 in total.

Our goal for next year will be based on the foundation of enthusiasm and a new hope to create the energy to reach out to neighbours and friends, in order to fulfil True Mother's expectation to witness and create a positive environment in society.

We hope that we can work more closely with Scotland and learn from their best practices in UPF and WFWP. See above right our common Annual Gathering 2-day event in the Lake District. Thank you all for an amazing year.

