

Thank You Ruth Johnson for serving as our UK HARP leader for the last 5 years

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Ruth Johnson (far right) with HARP Graduates (CARP Freshers Convention 2017)

After serving as the HARP leader for 5 years, Ruth Johnson has stepped down from her responsibility and is moving on to a new chapter in her life.

In August 2013, Ruth responded to the call to serve the teens of our Unificationist community by leading the High School Association for the Research of Principle (HARP). In this role, she has not only delivered a string of highly successful and improving workshops but she has also demonstrated a passion for people through her tireless concern. Ruth's heart for others is enormous, with indefatigable belief in the potential goodness of others and their ability to realise it.

Many times I saw Ruth mulling over ideas of how to respond to the needs and challenges facing the youth of today in an often hostile environment which is evolving at frightening pace. With her team, she hosted events and activities in between the major school holidays, as well as the monthly HARP services in Central London that aimed to deliver a worship experience catered for contemporary youth. Ruth performed her outreach to young people via social media effectively, enhanced by gorgeous publicity designed with the expertise honed during Ruth's undergraduate studies.

Most families with teens will be familiar with the organisation with which Ruth organised workshops. In these environments, Ruth was in her element, exuding youthful fun and enthusiasm while simultaneously running a tight ship, with the staff and team leaders constantly reminded of the seriousness of the ministry they were providing. As one of Ruth's colleagues in HARP explained, "Ruth is a determined person who strives to make sure everyone's needs are met even if means at the expense of her own. I am glad to have learnt what is resilience from her and she is a person who really cares for others." The transferable skills she refined during these experiences will serve her along whichever paths she chooses to now pursue.

For the last three years, I had the pleasure of being Ruth's boss, and in that position I could see her grow enormously. I am impressed by her humility and her readiness to learn. I enjoyed working with Ruth, and will miss her contributions to our National Council meetings and to the HARP community. As one

On behalf of all the HQ staff of FFWPU, and on behalf of the blessed families whose hearts were touched by her servant leadership, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Ruth and to wish her well on her next adventures!