

2016

RolltheRock Annual Report



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Introduction

It's been a fun and full year at RolltheRock. In addition to the usual coaching, mentoring and schools support work that Andy is involved with, this was also the year that we welcomed Ness to the team, took part in a launch of a new app, refreshed our website and communications, launched our own Learning Community for youth leaders, led conversations about joint youth work in Harrogate, took a lead on church weekends and conferences, made plans for a youth discipleship course and developed new resource material. Oh, and Andy ran a marathon!

Not everything we've been up to is contained in this Annual Report, as that would take too long, but we hope you enjoy sharing in these highlights and celebrating our year together.

Ness joins the team



It was right at the beginning of the year that Ness (Vanessa Brown) became part of the staff team, working alongside Andy one day a week. She's been involved in youth work for as long as she couldn't technically be called a youth herself and met Andy while she was still involved in Leeds Youth Cell Network. Much of Ness' time this year has been spent working on our communications, getting to know better how things work in Harrogate and Knaresborough, and in thinking out future plans for RtR with Andy.

Communications and resources

We've spent some time this year updating our leaflets and fliers, website and social media. We hope it's now easier to find us and to understand who we are and what we do.

We've also developed a number of resources, which youth leaders and young people can make use of. These are simple, inexpensive (if not free) materials, which give a framework for reflection and discussion on issues relating to discipleship and youth work. In addition, we produce reflections each week and post them in written or audio form to our website, www.rolltherock.org.uk. We aim to make the site itself an increasingly useful and practical resource to other youth leaders, with links to external articles, ideas, events and other resources.



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Releasing a generation on a Godly adventure.

Supporting youth leaders & young people, to see them flourish in the life and purpose God has for them



Working directly with young people



Both Andy and Ness have been in schools this year, leading assemblies and offering support in other ways. For example, Andy has spent time talking to pupils about his experiences of being blind, which has received some amazing and encouraging feedback, and Ness co-led a 10 week course for teenage girls, aimed at helping

to develop their self-esteem.

We've also been involved with leading youth groups, both in Harrogate and Leeds, where we've had the opportunity to grow deeper and longer-lasting relationships with smaller groups of young people.

Conferences and church weekends

It's been a privilege to be invited to take part in various church weekends and conferences this year.

We've helped to lead a national youth leaders learning community based in Sheffield and lead the youth part of a church weekend away. Along with others, we set up a youth leaders retreat day in June. Andy also played an active role in enabling a Fresh Expressions youth leaders hub move from consultation stage through to an established hub, which will be taking shape this coming year. Fresh Expressions is a Church of England and Methodist

Church initiative, which encourages people who hope to establish new or different forms of church for a changing culture.

Mentoring, coaching and learning community

Andy has continued to support youth leaders in a variety of ways this year, through informal one-to-one conversations, coaching huddles and more formal mentoring structures.



In April, we kick-started our own learning community for those working with young people. The aims of a learning community include exploring vision, setting targets and developing practice, then evaluating and building on that progress over the course of around 18 months. People participate as part of their own team, so that plans are specific and contextualised. A learning community can be a really good way of making space together, which is something we often neglect, particularly when working with volunteers.

We have really enjoyed starting this process with two very different teams this year, who benefitted not only from getting together as two distinct groups, but also from hearing from one another and sharing ideas.

Marathon

It was a big year for Andy, as he successfully ran the Yorkshire Marathon, raising money for Harrogate Hospital, Macmillan Nurses and RolltheRock. He's pictured on the run here, with his running guide, Darren McClintock.



Finances

We are supported in so many ways, from prayer, friendship and encouraging words to financial giving. It has been fantastic to be able to employ another member of staff this year, to receive specific support as we ventured into new initiatives, and to have been so encouraged by donations given for the marathon. Thank you.

We hope in the coming year that we will be able to strengthen our financial position further, in order to give us more time to work directly with young people and those who lead and care for them. We have included a standing order form at the end of this report, for those who would like to support us in this way.

Testimonials

"Thank you for coming...I think what you said was very motivational and heartening" (School Pupil)

"RolltheRock has been a great support to me in my work...I have had the opportunity to meet and have fellowship with [others] who are in ministry...Andy Wilson occasionally meets with me for mentor sessions which I value very much..." (Youth Worker, Harrogate)

"Thank you for sharing your life experiences with us. The work you do with kids is very inspiring." (School Pupil)

RolltheRock has changed the way I work through providing invaluable scripture-based training and networking opportunities, meeting with other Christian youth workers across Yorkshire, to pray, grow and encourage."(Youth Worker and Mentor, Leeds)

"RolltheRock has enabled me to grow as a leader by asking questions that help me with my ministry with young people. RolltheRock helped our youth club...to launch and develop. Andy is a massive support to me" (Children and Families Worker, Bilton)

"RolltheRock's work has encouraged me in my life by making religion accessible and inviting and mentoring me in my faith." (Young person, Harrogate)

We can't do this work without your support.

If you would like to give financially to the work of RolltheRock, please complete the form below and send to us at 2 Harlow Terrace, Harrogate, HG2 0PN. Enclose one-off donations with this form. Information for standing orders and BACS is below, if you prefer to set this up yourself. We'd be very grateful if you let us know you're planning to give in this way. Thank you.

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