



# URBAN SAINTS

**Presents:**

## **All Inclusive?**

### ***Working with Children and Young People with Special or Additional Needs***

An essential seminar for all parents, teachers, church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone who cares about children and young people with special or additional needs.

#### **Background**

Most children's and youth workers want to include kids of all abilities and needs in what they do, but many struggle to make this a reality. There are many different kinds of special or additional need, and each one, each child, can present different challenges (and opportunities!)

It is hard for children's and youth workers to navigate the right path through this sometimes difficult and complex area; being caring, inclusive and supportive to each child (and their families), while not losing focus on the needs of the rest of the group.

This is an area that is confusing and challenging to many of us who are responsible for looking after children and young people who have special or additional needs. How can parents, churches and children's/youth workers not only understand more about the children we are working with, but also change the way we work with them so to be more inclusive?

*"Wow - the seminar of the night for me. Worth coming for this one alone. I LOVED it. Perfect balance between statistics and personal experience - the guy's heart for kids being included really shone through :)" – Feedback from Hitchin PHASE Training Evening, October 2011*

#### **The Seminar**

In this seminar we will:

- Explore some of the statistics and explode some of the myths surrounding working with kids with special needs.
- Look at some of the key strategies that you can use to make what you offer more inclusive.
- Identify some of the amazing benefits that inclusion can bring to your whole group.
- We'll also highlight some further resources that you can use as you work through this with your teams.

The evening programme is presented in two halves, each lasting around 40 minutes, with a 20 minute interval in between and a Q&A session afterwards. This will include an opportunity to hear about how Urban Saints can serve churches in its work with children and young people, plus the chance to look at various resources during the interval.

## **The Speaker**

Presented by Mark Arnold, who is the Chief Operating Officer at youth and children's missionary movement Urban Saints (formerly known as Crusaders).

Mark has over 20 years of youth work experience and is the father of James, a boy with Autism.



## **Cost**

The cost to a church for hosting this seminar is £300 including all expenses, travel etc. The church is welcome to charge for the event a maximum of £5 per person. All ticket sales are kept by the church. It is hoped that numbers attending an All Inclusive? event would be at least 60.

## **Timings**

It is recommended that the seminar event will run from 7:30pm (doors open), with the first session starting at 7:50pm and the programme finishing by around 9:30pm.

## **Dates**

*We are currently looking for bookings on Thursday evenings during the summer and autumn terms in 2012.*

*Current dates available, on a first-come-first served basis are:*

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012*

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012*

Contact Mark Arnold at [marnold@urbansaints.org](mailto:marnold@urbansaints.org) if you would like to make a booking, check dates/availability etc.

## **Urban Saints will bring the following:**

- Laptop to run presentation, videos
- Exhibition materials and resources

## How can I host this event?

Urban Saints would love to partner with churches/organisations that are willing to host this fantastic event.

We truly believe this seminar carries an important message that will be helpful to many working with children and young people with special or additional needs. To host an event, simply complete the 'tour booking' form enclosed with this pack and return it to us.

In order to make this a great evening for all, we need hosting churches/organisations to be aware of the following requirements:

### Staging and Equipment

- The venue must be able to hold a minimum of 80-100 people – preferably much more.
- The venue must be able to achieve a black-out of windows – or at least dim the normal lighting.
- At least four power sockets should be accessible from the stage.
- It would be ideal, although not essential, if the venue has the facility to spotlight the stage.
- The church needs a PA system which can take sound from a laptop that will be positioned at the front of the stage. Clip on microphones will be required for the speakers, plus projector and screen.

### Team Support

- We may bring a team of up to 3 people who will require light refreshments (e.g. sandwiches, cake etc.) at around 6:30pm (time based on the event starting at 7:30pm).

### Promotion

- The church/organisation will commit to actively promote the event across their geography, particularly in schools, churches, community centres and Christian bookshops. Urban Saints will provide 2,000 A6 postcards 8 to 12 weeks before the event date. Additional publicity required will be charged for at cost.

### Refreshments

- The church will provide refreshments for people during the interval.

### Welcome Team

- The church should provide a stewarding team to offer a warm welcome to people and help them find seats.

### Other Requirements

- The church should have sufficient space (e.g. in the foyer or where refreshments are served) for Urban Saints to erect an exhibition stand. Minimum space required is 2m by 3m with at least two power sockets.

### Fee

- The cheque for £300, made payable to Urban Saints, should be paid at least 7 days before the event.

# All Inclusive?

## Seminar Booking Form

<b>Contact name</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Telephone (daytime)</b>	
<b>Your address</b>	
<b>Host church</b> (name and address – please include website or directions)	
<b>Church capacity</b> (approximate)	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> choice seminar date</b>	
<b>2nd choice seminar date</b>	

### Tour Checklist – are you able to provide the following?

The following requirements are essential to running a successful event. Please tick to confirm that you are able to meet these. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Arnold – tel: 01582 589850 or e-mail: [marnold@urbansaints.org](mailto:marnold@urbansaints.org)

- Staging and equipment requirements
- Refreshments for seminar team and at interval
- Commitment to promote event to churches in local area
- Venue capacity at least 80-100
- Space for exhibition stand
- Provision of welcome team (at least 4 people)

### What to do next?

**Complete this form** and send it to Mark Arnold at: All Inclusive? Urban Saints Support Centre, Kestin House, 45 Crescent Road, Luton, Beds, LU2 0AH

### Any questions?

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