



Pure Creative Arts
Church/ Youth Group
Pack 2008/2009

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for requesting our church and youth groups pack and considering asking us to come to your church. We are excited about partnering with more churches across the city and we hope this pack will answer all your questions about what we can offer your church and/or youth group.

Pure Creative Arts

Who we are

Pure Creative Arts (Pure) aims to support young people in discovering and creatively developing their individual identity, worth and potential.

'For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago'. (Ephesians 2 v 10)

Pure Creative Arts is a dynamic Theatre in Education Company that uses theatre productions, interactive workshops, dance, drama and music, in schools, churches and youth groups across Merseyside and beyond to tackle subjects that young people find hardest to talk about.

The team consists of professional and talented performers and school workers who work sensitively and effectively with young people, enabling them to talk about the issues that affect them most.

Each member of the team is a committed Christian, passionate about seeing the lives of young people changed and part of a church in Liverpool. Christian values inform every aspect of the work of Pure as they aim to help young people discover their individual worth and potential and discover who they are through the eyes of their Creator.

'You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb'. (Psalm 139 v 13)

Sex and relationships, body image, identity and self harm affect a huge percentage of young people today and often they do not get the opportunity to discuss how they feel and the questions they have. Pure aim to create an environment that enables them to open up and discuss the questions they have whilst being supported to work through the issues they are struggling with.

***Rates of self harm in the UK are among the highest in Europe
Around one in every twenty girls in the UK are estimated to have anorexia nervosa
One in every ten babies born in England is to a teenage mum***

Each member of the team is passionate about seeing the young people of this city transformed as they discover their God given potential and begin to recognise and resist the things that may be holding them back.

Coming to your church or youth group

Pure offer a number of resources to churches and youth groups:

- Theatre productions and follow up workshops
- Dance and/or drama workshops
- The Pure band – to perform at youth events or lead worship
- Teaching on the issues we work with
- Taking part in your church service

Theatre and Education performances

Mirror Mirror

'Mirror Mirror' is a short play that looks at the issue of body image, based on one girl's experience of an eating disorder, the struggle she goes through and how she begins to overcome it. The play brings this subject to life and is followed by an interactive workshop.

The theme of body image is a key issue facing many young girls today and the play is a powerful tool to show the reality of these issues. The play coupled with the interactive workshop allows room for young people to react, discuss and respond to their own feelings about body image.

Hold Me

'Hold me' is designed to fit into the sex education curriculum. It follows the story of four girls as they tackle the pressures surrounding sex and relationships. In the play we see each girl's individual struggle to fit in, be liked and face the pressure to have sex in order to gain physical affirmation.

This is often a subject not covered by sex education and we aim to discuss how girls often look to sex and relationships to find affirmation and approval, as well as a way to feel loved. The play shows how even the smallest of decisions can impact our lives, and portrays all the feelings and emotions that come with the consequences.

An interactive workshop also follows Hold Me providing space for pupils to explore and think about their own decisions around the theme of sex and relationships.

Shine

'Shine' looks at the issue of self-harm as it follows four individuals who struggle in a different way and who each use various coping mechanisms to express the pain they feel.

This latest production uses sounds to build-up atmosphere and tension, and is street-dance based, using movement and rhythm to communicate and connect with a modern teenage audience.

Self-harm is a very hidden activity that is extremely prevalent amongst young people today and through this play Pure Creative Arts use theatre to explore the issue in an effective way.

Mixed Groups - We currently have limited resources to open the plays to boys as well but with prior notice we can arrange for this to be possible.

Workshops

Pure Creative Arts offer a selection of practical workshops including dance, drama and singing. The workshops fit well into summer school and kids club programmes as well as church days away or fun days.

All the workshops are taught in a professional way, as there is degree level expertise in each of these areas within the team.

The Pure Creative Arts Band

Pure Creative Arts have their own band which consists of 5 experienced and talented musicians who play both their own original material and well known, up to date covers. The band is available to play at events, youth groups and conferences, music workshops or other church events.

For more information on the band, or to listen to a sample of their tracks you can look at the website at www.purecreativearts.co.uk and refer to the band section.

Teaching sessions

Pure offer a number on teaching sessions both for young people and youth leaders on the issues they work with. These include, body image and eating disorders, sex and relationships, self harm, forgiveness, anger management and identity. All teaching sessions are based on both on a Christian perspective as well as factual information.

Church services

If offered the opportunity to come to one of your church services we can do anything from having a ten minute slot with the whole church to explain the work of Pure, to presenting a half hour slot to the adults in the church.

Within this time we would love to talk about and show your church aspects of the work we do. This could include, showing an excerpt from one of the productions, potentially having the band perform some of their songs or lead worship, showing one of our evangelistic drama or dance routines, having someone speak in relation to the work of Pure or simply showing our promotional DVD.

What we can offer will depend on the availability of the team and so it would best for you to contact the office to discuss what you would like so we can find the best possible date for both yourself and the team.

Price List

Teaching sessions

Single Session	£120	Sessions will be led by two or three members of the team and are designed to correspond with the chosen topic
One full day	£300	Based on four sessions throughout the day which can be on a variety of topics depending on the churches requirements.

Workshops

Single Workshop	£120	Workshops are available in dance, drama and singing. Workshops last for an hour and a half and will be led by one or two members of the Performing Arts team.
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Theatre Productions

Single Production Within one hour	£300	One performance of any play followed by an Interactive workshop within one hour
Single production 50 young people or less	£400	One performance of any play to 50 or less young people followed by interactive workshops.
Single production 50 young people or more	£500	One performance of any play to 50 or more young people followed by interactive workshop.
One full day	£700	One full day in your church/group with a number of performances and workshops (a maximum of 3), according to the groups requirements.
One full Week	£3000	One full week consisting of performances of all plays currently running and a selection of seminars and workshops throughout the week.

Band performances

Single performance	£500	The band are available to perform at lunchtime/after school concerts, during assemblies or other events.
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Expenses

A charge will also be made for expenses on bookings made outside Liverpool

Contact Us

If you would like to book Pure for your church or youth group, or have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact our church tour co-ordinator.

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