

## ACTivate Overview (Acts1v8) [activatenz.org](http://activatenz.org)

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### Vision

Acts 1:8 is the verse we base our vision on. Basically, making disciples through giving ministry opportunity to youth and young adults. The idea is to create an honest, open, vibrant atmosphere where we expect the resurrection power of Acts 1 to happen. Using the services as a part of making this happening, we will consciously seek to make these services as an extension of the young peoples and youth work in the churches involved. Local churches, local people co-operating together for God's Kingdom, and looking to revival in our community.

- ◆ Opportunities to have a common vision from the Lord. M.A.D. (Making a Difference together)
- ◆ Provide ministry opportunities for youth and young adults from other churches as they assist us in the resourcing of these services (this would disciple and mentor them in their faith). A chance to allow ministry of gifts and talents, especially but not exclusively, of youth and young adults (preaching, music, service, art, drama, poetry, filmmaking, photography, web design etc.).
- ◆ Provide combined opportunities in training for both youth and young adults.
- ◆ Bring churches and Christians in the area together in co-operation to see Gods Kingdom grow. (Other possibilities could come from this... cross church outreach, bands formed across churches, mentoring groups set up to disciple new Christians with resources provided by a number of the churches.
- ◆ Evangelistic opportunities within the services and elsewhere (i.e. Cheviot Activate services we have already done) for each groups to grow their own youth and young adults groups also.
- ◆ It would be expected that if groups are officially coming from a church that their leaders would be the ones who minister to any from their own group. Similar to the Easter Camp model Activate provides an opportunity for the church groups within it to build relationships and disciple each other on the journey in Christ's kingdom, as well as enjoying the benefits of the energy that comes from meeting as a larger group.
- ◆ If we have a notices slot this will represent ALL the churches that have aligned themselves with this service.
- ◆ We will need to discuss about the idea of having a joint statement of faith that combines us (if only so we know that anyone preaching has agreed to this!) but the idea is to celebrate our differences and enrich each others lives. (besides which, how many differences or particular emphasis to faith are found in any one church?).
- ◆ Looking to other co-operation opportunities (Easter Camp, Social Events between youth groups and church congregations etc.)

### Our Values

What do we see is important to Activate. See separate sheet.

### Structure

- **Oversight:** Ministers of the churches involved with Warren Grieve helping co-ordinate but with others covering various roles required.
- **Yth/Young Adults and Day to Day Leaders:** Organisers from each church
- **Worship Leaders:** Sarah and Lisa
- **Preaching Roster:** Colin/Ira with Ministers
- **Creative Roster:** As per church on the term plan

## Preaching Guidelines

That we plan out a term at a time.

That anyone who preaches needs to have a track record. Those from outside the Activate group should only be accepted if we know their track record and have someone to vouch for them. We need to know that their theology fits with ours. Important for them to feed what they will speak on in main theme to Colin so this can be passed on to others, especially the Worship Leader.

That those who are first time preaching should be given this sheet and follow these tips:

1. Only aim for 5-8 mins first time.. could preach with someone else.
2. Have a mentor who they pass the message by first and get it checked out.
3. Have a mentor who will give them feedback and feed forward.
4. Look to make sure that what they do has good biblical context
5. Seek to remember both the Christians and the non-Christians in the congregation

## Worship

*The chief end of human beings is to worship God and enjoy him forever*

### Individual Guidelines

Those participating in worship leading or playing in bands should be:

1. Christians who have made a decision to follow Christ
2. Have a desire to lead others in worship focusing on God, not themselves
3. Enjoy the art they perform
4. Be prepared to attend practices or be prepared to rehearse on own
5. Aware that new Christians will be attacked and need to be supported
6. Ability to flow with the team
7. Willing to accept a "probation" period of 3 months so both parties have a chance to review
8. Appropriate dress standard
9. Be on time
10. Communicate to the leaders if you can't make something

### Music Practice

Worship leader of the service coming to lead the practice. Keep in mind the time commitments of all. Try to avoid hanger-ons distracting the practices. Devotion with a worship focus is good but should not take too long. Well-known songs may not be played all way through just sort out intro exit.

- Wednesday of week before 7-8.00 (15 MIN Setup)
- Sunday of Activate 5.30-6.30

### New Songs

1. Only introduce 1-2 new ones each practice.
2. Good reason to have more than one new one in a service.
3. Some new songs could be done as items before they are sung by congregation the following week
4. New song lyrics do need to be checked out that they are theologically sound
5. New songs should be passed by the Worship leaders from each church first
6. All new songs should have lyrics and music (also needed to get all copyright information off for the projector team). This means people can practise away from the official times

## Service Theme

Comes from the preaching roster- Term plan

Service Co-Ordinator and Worship Leader communicate

Be aware that we are wanting to take Christians and non-Christians on a journey closer to God

## Creative Input - Pick an idea – Service content

1. A Call to Worship
2. Prayers (typically, of Adoration, General Thanksgiving, Confession, and Intercession) May take place at different times in the service depending on type.
3. Scripture
4. Poetry – performed or written/presented
5. Artist drawing while message is happening
6. Game – with a point
7. Testimony
8. Music item group or individual
9. Video input
10. Drama
11. Dance
12. Comedy
13. Artistic Input
14. Announcements and Notices
15. Dismissal
16. Communion – bear in mind the differences in the way the churches involved celebrate and check these out first with leaders from the other churches
17. Take risks, allow time for God to work..... a few minutes when you are leading seems like forever but it is not.
18. Items from the Christian Calendar
19. Keep transitions smooth between items – don't always need to announce.. sometimes better just to start
20. Involve as many of others as you can in what you do
21. Video link ups if available.. interviews, testimonies
22. How to give the congregation a chance to respond

## Other Notes

1. Prayer Time for each Service 6.40 -6.50
2. Only Computer/sound Team music from 6.50 on – rehearsal is finished

## Computer Team

1. Running Liveworship etc (new songs typed in and copyright etc. placed on them)
2. Check we have projector setup
3. Check notices are sorted
4. Music before and after service
5. Check video and other items ready – i.e. they run
6. Be at Sunday practice

## Sound Team

Be at the Sunday practice at the start

Keep in mind that the sound will alter depending on the number of people who attend the service, so be ready to work live by knowing the gear well.

## Collection

Unobtrusive.. parked in corner.....(no plates has been suggested). Possibly money given in these services would go to:

- ◆ Support outreach endeavours within the area- money that can be accessed by all the churches
- ◆ Joint sponsorship for a work of God or need in the world
- ◆ Support costs of the evening services
- ◆ Eventually look to pay any part-time personnel in the area that, we collectively decide, are needed.
- ◆ Highlighted regularly by the Service Co-Ordinator.

## Other Teams/Rosters 4 the Services

We will need to have leaders and teams in the following areas:

- ◆ Prayer (ongoing through week and on the night – rotating roster?)
- ◆ Computer, sound and lighting desks (song software, multimedia, sound)
- ◆ Greeting/ Security
- ◆ Seating/Staging
- ◆ Creative Arts: Drama, poetry, artists, multimedia, dance, comedians, Digital camera/video capture team (digital static and video images)
- ◆ Testimonies
- ◆ Café
- ◆ Communications:
  - Print Publishing: Notices, pamphlets, cards
  - Website
  - Electronic contact team

## Personnel

The human resources for this will need to come from the wider church body (i.e. the group of churches who have joined together in this common vision), so that the services can be sustainable.

## Training and Equipping

We are definite that these services will be opportunities for exercising of gifts and so would like to especially train in the following areas:

- ◆ Preaching, counselling, ministry of gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have already held a preaching workshop and others can be held as needed.
- ◆ Encouragement of the creative arts is also seen to be important. ( i.e. filmmaking courses, music bands or instrument learning sessions etc)

As the numbers grow at these services they (services and personnel) could be replanted back into other churches into the area, and supported by the relationships/skills grown across/through the churches, other similar services could start.

We see that we will have an atmosphere of encouragement for those stepping out to minister, that while we will seek to have quality as part of what we do that, making mistakes, and having a go is also vital.

## Communication

Greeters will take the names of any visitors, and with their permission, place names and cell phone/email contacts into a database. From this database regular emails/text messages will be sent

to keep those who attend up to date with upcoming events/services. This information would be freely available to churches within the area in accordance with the guidelines we all decide to set up for its use. Leaders will text and email a lot.

Activatenz.org website, Facebook and Beebo groups to be maintained an updated

Posters given out at the beginning of each term.