

# BUILDING HEALTHY CORPS

Tips, ideas and recommendations for creating and maintaining healthy faith communities.

## IDEAS FOR SERVICES, SOCIALS AND OUTREACH

**July is Bible Month** and is the perfect opportunity to encourage your setting to get into the Bible! This year's Bible Month resources focus on encouraging people to open the Bible together. There are a range of resources to help you do this including videos, small group resources, service ideas, reading challengers and tips for public Bible reading.

[biblesociety.org.nz/our-bible-projects/bible-month/](http://biblesociety.org.nz/our-bible-projects/bible-month/)

**Winter time** can be a lonely time for people so it's a great time to host **social events!** Social events are a great way to get people mingling with others and bonding outside of a programme or service. This time of the year is perfect for meals in homes, mid-Winter Christmas events, movie nights, cafe outings and shared lunches.

### What's already happening in your community

- how could you partner with other groups? Community gardens, clean ups, Winter events and festivals, school events, local fundraisers, community meetings, celebrations and milestones - get involved!



## RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

### TEAM NIGHT RESOURCE - FREE

Want to get your church service teams on the same page? Team Nights are a great way to get your service teams together, cast vision, prepare for the next term and learn together. We've created a pack with what to cover off, as well as four sample nights. Check out the pack here:

[www.salvationarmy.org.nz/resource/team-night-resource](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/resource/team-night-resource)



### WORLD CUP SERVICES - FREE

It's no secret that sports bring people together! Why not have a Rugby World Cup themed service or social in the next few months? Check out our sports/rugby themed service pack which includes sermons and ideas for two services - these could be great for Father's Day or another family/all-in service. Check out the pack here:

[www.salvationarmy.org.nz/resource/sports-theme-service-pack](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/resource/sports-theme-service-pack)



## HOW ARE YOU GROWING?

It's no secret that young people are vital to the health and life of a church. Yet a lot of churches struggle to engage with young people.

The Fuller Youth Institute completed extensive research with 250 churches who are winning with young people and shared the encouraging findings in their book 'Growing Young'. The research found the following six core commitments are needed for a church to grow young:

1. Unlock keychain leadership
2. Empathise with today's young people
3. Take Jesus' message seriously
4. Fuel a warm community
5. Prioritise young people (and families) everywhere
6. Be the best neighbours

*How could you commit to 'growing young'?*

**Show up:** Be visible in your young people's lives - show up at sports games, send postcards/texts, and celebrate milestones.

**Share stories:** Regularly share your own story, as well as create opportunities for others' stories to be heard and connected with - show you're human too!

**Serve with:** Intergenerational relationships are key for developing young people - what better way to form these than creating opportunities for young and older to serve together.

**Step aside:** Imagine the impact if every corps and centre had at least one person under 30 on their leadership team? Create opportunities for them!



"The power behind us is greater than the task before us."

- Tak Bhana

### MISSION CONFERENCE 2019:

From 4-5 October, join hundreds of other Salvationists for two FREE mornings of teaching and discussion as part of Congress 2019. Guests include Tak Bhana (Church Unlimited), Kathryn Berkett (Engage Training), Nick Field (The Street Church), Raki Wiringi (Shining Lights) and more!  
>> **more info:** [salvationarmy.org.nz/congress](http://salvationarmy.org.nz/congress)

### 'ENCOUNTER' CONGRESS 2019:

Start encouraging your people about how they can engage with Congress (3-6 October)! It's going to be a great time of celebrating, connecting, learning and worship. The best thing, it's all free! Details are being updated regularly on the website - spread the word!  
>> **more info:** [salvationarmy.org.nz/congress](http://salvationarmy.org.nz/congress)

### KEY DATES:

#### July

1-31 - Bible Month  
19-21 - MORE Youth & Kids Ministries Conference  
21 - Self Denial Appeal launch Sunday

#### August

11 - New Zeal livestream  
25 - Self Denial Appeal Altar Sunday

### WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

- Mission Impact Framework
- Mission Conference
- Mission Plan
- Inspiring Worship resources
- Territorial Update Video

