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# YOUTH NEWS

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Some young people take on the climbing wall at SOLID

## 12 YOUNG PEOPLE, CAMPING IN TENTS AND GOD...

**We took 12 young people to SOLID, they camped out for two nights and in between went climbing, drove jeeps heard some bands and God turned up.**

On Friday 7th over 900 young people and youth leaders descended upon Stubbers Farm, Upminster for SOLID. A weekend event partnership between Viz A Viz, Bar N Bus and Scripture Union Havering.

The weekend I'm happy to report was a roaring success, it's only my second time there but this year surpassed last years festival, not only were there more numbers than last, Christ Church made up 12 of the number, but there was also an expectation of good things happening. The Saturday was full of activities, from canoeing to jeep driving and rifle shooting, not all at the same time. The Friday and Saturday late nights were full of concerts and hot chocolate, so something for everybody's taste.

The evenings were the best, where God quite simply turned up. There were wacky presenters (me), side splitting drama, vibrantly led worship, and speakers that spoke an uncomplicated gospel, words that spoke to the heart of where the young people were. the real joy was to stand at the front and see row upon row of young people hands in the air, eyes closed in worship and contemplation, some in tears as God moved among them. Each time there was an opportunity to respond the young people did, some to re:commit themselves to Jesus others for prayers and support, many responded and asked Jesus to come into their lives for the first time. There was many a spine tingling moment when that happened, a reminder of when I gave my life to Christ. There were some that didn't respond, or even didn't go to the meetings, it's the start of the journey for them, and I'm sure that something of God has rubbed off on them.

# ELECTRALYTE ...



## BANDS AT SOLID

Friday night was kicked off with a gig from The Band With No Name (below), a touring band that does concerts and goes into schools. with their own Hip Hop, R n B and punk brand of music.

Electralyte (right) rocked it up on the Saturday with screaming fans in tow!



## WHATS GOING ON FOR THE REST OF THE TERM..

Sadly we are coming to end of a great term, and the SOLID weekend has been a great way to partly end it. The exciting news is that Shaken Up is growing, after a term or so of changing things around, of different times etc we seem to moving on, and we'll have a newer look of activities planned for September.


Another sad point is that some of older teens from ENGAGE will be off to University this September, it's great to see them move on and grow but they will be really missed. Before then one of Engage Nathan Hinton as part of the World Challenge will be off to Africa for nearly a month so

please to pray for him. Also going to Tanzania this August will be some of the EVO group, more of those details to come soon.

Please pray that the work across all the churches flourishes in the new term.

The summer will also be a time of rest and refreshment for leaders as well as planning for next term. Pleas pray for rest, for creativity as we plan and most importantly the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for Lou and I as we take some time away and recharge so that we can be effective as youth leaders amongst the young people.

	11-14'S	14 - 18'S	18+
	Pray for Shaken Up as we end the term and prepare for September, that young people will stay with us, and that they may come along to Pathfinders	Engage will also be breaking over the summer and when we come back will look very different with some people off to Uni, pray for them and the new term	Please pray for those of EVO that will be going to Tanzania. Pray for the future of the group and how God is leading us and thinking through how we can use our gifts in church.