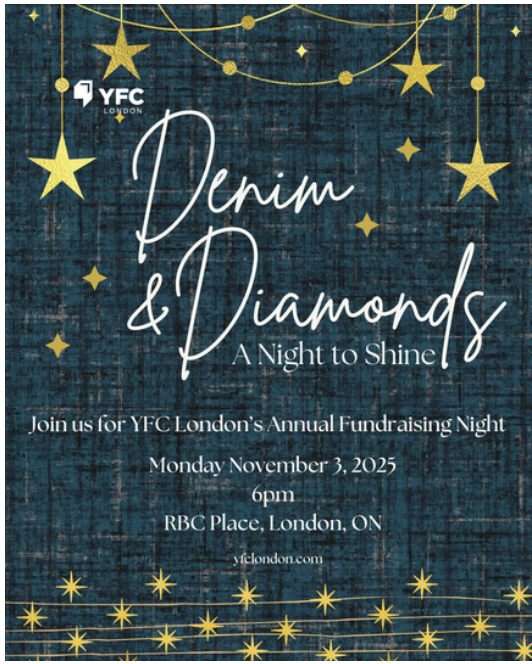




*You will want to be in the room on November 3rd and here is why!*

- **Hear stories** directly from our youth that you support with your partnership and then check in with our Ministry Leaders to ask your specific questions
- Opportunity to be in the room as YFC shares **exciting news** with our Partners. You won't want to miss out!
- Enjoy a night out with friends as you enjoy a wonderful meal with a **mountain of desserts**. Who will you invite to join you?
- Allow our young people to see the **community of partners** that prayerfully (and economically) support the ministries of YFC London.
- Remember how God impacted YOU (or someone you know) and how so many have been **personally touched** by the ministry of YFC London.



**Book your spot before October 3rd to get your name into an early bird draw for one day at Kingdom Bound 2026 (a Christian music festival).**

**Register Online**



**Timi has been connected to YFC London for several years. Join us on November 3rd to hear his story and why he is paying it forward**



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## *Hearing from God at Day Camp!*

A few months ago, Meagan Paterson (from Chelsea Green Community Church) and I were chatting and the idea of collaborating on a summer camp presented itself. We recognized that YFC and Chelsea Green both have unique resources and experiences that could benefit each other and the community, and I loved the opportunity for some of our students to connect with a church in the area. Ultimately **we both want to see students grow in their knowledge of God's love for them and be built into a strong, supportive, Christian community**, and we hoped this camp could be a stepping stone in that journey. Thus began months of planning!! During the week of July 21-25, that is what it became. Five days of games, kitchen skills, bible discussions, delicious food, and so much fun occurred...even more than we expected. **Thirty-five campers** between the ages of 10-14 attended. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the time spent with each other. Our volunteers were fantastic and we loved hearing the curiosity about God and the bible that developed in the campers over the course of the week. The volunteer leaders led discussions after a little Bible talk every afternoon, and **by the end of the week campers were asking deep questions and wanting to find out more for themselves about what the Bible says**. What more could we ask for?!



**THANK YOU** to the volunteers who made the week possible - these students will not forget your intentionality, kindness, and willingness to have fun with them this past week!  
**THANK YOU** to the partners who donated financially so we could run a low-cost camp for these students at \$30 for the week, with a hot cafe lunch included. That is only possible because of partners' generosity!  
**THANK YOU** to the partners and families who prayed for the camp. The spiritual growth of this community, whether recognized this week or to be witnessed in the future, was impacted by your generosity in bringing us before God this week and we appreciate that so much. Please continue to be in prayer for these campers and their families!

Hannah Smit, Youth Connect



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# Leaders in Training Experience at Widjiitiwin

The LITE program at Widjiitiwin was something I wasn't sure of at first. However, it turned into the highlight of my summer. At LITE, I learned valuable life skills that I know will be useful elsewhere, such as backpacking, First Aid, finding/rescuing a missing person, leading activities, and even how to pray and spend time with Jesus more intentionally. I was blessed in making some beautiful connections with all of the participants in the LITE program, and I had the privilege of watching them grow even in just a few weeks. I will be forever grateful to all my leaders, all the staff and volunteers, and all my peers in the LITE program that made my experience what it was - J



The LITE program was an amazing experience that I will always remember. I really enjoyed spending time with new people and building real connections through group talks and team activities. The campfires were one of my favorite parts because they gave us the chance to have honest and meaningful conversations. The lessons also stood out to me because they helped me grow in confidence and learn more about myself. I discovered that leadership isn't just about being in charge, but about listening, caring, and lifting others up. Overall, the program was fun, meaningful, and inspiring. - T

## Note from Joel Timmerman, Executive Director

As we begin our new 2025-2026 ministry year, we are grateful for God's provision in all aspects, which is often revealed through our partners - the ones who pray, the ones who volunteer, the ones who give financially (or all of the above!). We continue to trust in God's timing and wisdom as we seek to care for the youth in our community that are placed in our path.

The new year can be both an exciting and nerve-wracking time for youth, staff and volunteers alike - as new adventures begin and new relationships and friendships are formed. **We are excited to be in the middle of it and praying for the strength to continue to do the good work that is set before.** May we all remember to reflect on the story of 2 Kings 6:15-17 - that our eyes would be opened to see that those who are with us are more than those who are against us, with the proverbial hills filled with "horses and chariots of fire all around".

Please partner with us however you can in this season to be a blessing to the young people who are in need of God's love and for people who care for them! And plan to join us for our **Fall Fundraiser: Denim & Diamonds**. We are excited to shine a light on all that God has done and will do in 2025/26!



## Busy summer in the Cafe!

Our Cafe Connect Team was thrilled to participate in the **Summer 2025 Londonlicious Festival** put on by the team at *Growing Chefs*. From July 18 - August 10 the community was invited to 50+ various eating establishments in the area including our very own Café to enjoy delicious meals throughout the festival.

Not only did we see **increased traffic** in our Cafe but we also had **inquiries about our YFC London youth programs** all while engaging some incredible community partners to help donate all the food needed ensuring the **full \$12 per special was put right back into programming** to support the youth we serve in the community. Win-win-win!



Thanks to our partners a delicious french toast meal on *Cobs Bread*, made with eggs from *Jacques Crediton Eggs*, served with bacon from *FKK London Cash & Carry*, a side of fresh strawberries from *Heeman's*, a splash of maple syrup from *Rodgers Maple Syrup* and a cup of coffee from *Patrick's Beans* was served to **137 guests** over the three weeks.

## Showcasing

### Compass Basketball

It was a busy year for our basketball players and they loved every minute of it! On June 16, we took time to **celebrate all of our teams** with our Compass Basketball Showcase. It was such a fun night as we got to experience 4 different teams play some amazing basketball, hear from Jay as he encouraged (and prayed for) his players and even watched a slam dunk contest!

The takeaway from the evening was that we all felt like part of the Compass Family and were reminded that we belong to an even bigger Family of God!

A new season has begun this September and prayers are appreciated for safety and spiritual growth. On behalf of our young men, thank you!

