

Belfast Computer Clubhouse Talent Makes It Two In A Row



only Clubhouse worldwide with two locations on either side of the peaceline. Helping young people develop skills in graphic design, music and film production, robotics and animation, the BCCH fosters an inclusive environment for its young members and works hard to build cross community relations and promote cultural diversity.

Each year the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network in Boston have an open competition for Clubhouse members worldwide. With over 104 Clubhouses over the globe competition is fierce. Following on from the success of last year the Clubhouse is very proud of David's success and has high hopes that it can make it three in a row in 2010.

The Belfast Computer Clubhouse is always on the lookout for new members and volunteers. If you are aged 8-18 and live in the Greater Shankill or West Belfast areas and would like to be part of this exciting project or if you over 18 and would like to volunteer by becoming an adult mentor you can contact Geraldine Cunningham on 02890 242362 or g.cunningham@springvaleearring.com

The Belfast Computer Clubhouse is celebrating the recent achievements of 10-year-old David Campbell, whose artwork was selected to feature in the 2009 Intel Computer Clubhouse Calendar. The Coral Paint creation entitled "Red Desert Moon" was selected alongside 12 others from countries including, America, India, Russia and New Zealand. David, a pupil at Glenwood Primary School, attends the Clubhouse at the Spectrum Centre on the Shankill and his colourful contribution does well in representing the talent of all BCCH members.

The BCCH is a multimedia learning environment for young people aged 8-18 in the Greater Shankill and West Belfast areas, and is the

JACK IN THE BOX

By Rev Jack Drennan, Crumlin Road Presbyterian Church

Some time ago my wife gave me a funny look. You may not think that as being particularly strange, not when you know me and you know my wardrobe "elegance". What was funny was that somehow I had managed to put my jumper on "inside out" or was it "outside in"? That's one way of getting more use out of it. It's a bit like the case of the student who never washed his socks; he just recycled them in the wash basket! Who is to decide what is the right way anyway? My guess is that there are night clubs in Belfast where you would not get in if you wore your clothes that way, whether the article was a stripy jumper or not

That got me thinking about how important it is, or is it, to look well and to do things which look good. Some people are very concerned about the way they look so they spend hours getting ready to go anywhere: they have to wear the right clothes, having everything colour co-ordinated. Most women need to have their make-up on first thing in the morning and men who would not be seen dead without their latest electronic gadget. For me the most important thing in the morning is breakfast and taking the dogs out for their walk.

I guess the normal thing now would be to remind us all that God looks at the heart and not the outside appearance and that is we concentrated on that it would be a better idea than thinking of how we look. That would be normal and true but I want to take a sidewise glance at this from another angle. We are all too familiar with the decline in numbers attending the institutional churches. I only say the institutional church because that is where my experience is and not on those churches which are emerging in various places. Sometimes I feel very defeated by the downward trend and then I have to remind myself, to quote Jonesy in Dad's Army, "don't panic, don't panic".

This is where I come back to the truth I learnt from my wardrobe malfunction. Unless we in the church are ready to turn our churches "inside out" or "outside in" we are never going to make a difference in our society. What I mean by this is that we need to keep our focus on God and on Jesus Christ in particular but we need to draw alongside people. We need to put the community back into the heart of the church. Presently our church buildings tell the world that we are different, set apart, a place where ordinary people do not go. Jesus Christ was always part of his community. I want our building to say to the world, "you are welcome" I want the Christians to say to the world, "church is a place of sanctuary, of peace and of acceptance". We are not a private club; we are a people who are literally on the move. I know that the worry is that if we do not take care of ourselves we will lose our edge. Can we not leave the health of

the church to the God who owns the church? Can we not trust God so that as we become more community minded He will look after our spiritual health or is that ok for missionaries in Africa and different for us in Belfast? Why not, for example, share our buildings with the community?

It's time for all Churches to turn the inside out. Maybe my mistake was worth making after all!

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