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Newsletter Spring 2010

Hello friends and supporters.

First, apologies for the length of time that has passed since the last news from Back to Reality - if you didn't know better, you could be forgiven for thinking we had disappeared! We have not, we are still going strong and have been trying to get ourselves a bit more organised. We have been finding out exactly who comes to b2r, where they come from and who else we could be encouraging to come. Included with this news sheet, for your information and interest, is a copy of a letter which has been sent to nearly all the churches in Ealing. You may not have been aware, like us, that we have over 75 young people on the register and that they come from over 30 different churches in and around Ealing!

The celebrations have taken shape in several ways - we now try to hold them more regularly on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (ie January, March, May etc). We continue to meet at Ealing Green Church and are very grateful to them for allowing us to use their facilities. We have had really good speakers, all of whom have elicited heart-felt response from those who attended. Our last celebration was very low on numbers (we seem to have clashed with several other events), but all those who were asked said it had been the 'best b2r yet'. We have introduced a regular slot 'In the Spotlight tonight' and are busy encouraging various members to take a more active role in leading the evening. It is proposed that the November celebration be a bit different from the usual format, by holding 'worship workshops'. Details are yet to be finalised, but we'll let you know soon. Dates for forthcoming celebrations are at the end of this letter.

Other developments have taken place over the past few months:

- the web site has been altered, and is still in need of further improvement to make it slightly less wordy and more interactive for people to engage with. Anyone who has any expertise is welcome to give their suggestions - or better still - their practical help.
- the committee had a 'quiet evening' and spent time in prayer, asking God to show us the way forward for b2r, which was very worthwhile.
- we met with some of the local youth workers at Cafe Chai for coffee and chat and decided this was something that is worth doing regularly.

Second, a huge thank you to all who have continued to support us in your giving of time, prayers and finance. We really appreciate your on-going interest and enthusiasm and dare to ask for even more. We would like to encourage youth work in the local church and want to invite all those who are involved with youth on a Sunday or at mid-week meetings, to come to the next breakfast, where we hope to 'bring and share ideas'. Unfortunately, the last breakfast was cancelled, but if there is enough interest we'll hold another soon. If you know you'd like to be included in this, please let us know via the web site or email. Addresses are at the bottom of this letter.

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Finally, here are some words from some of the young people after the last celebration:

“ Thanks for Saturday, I actually really enjoyed it despite the numbers. I've been thinking God really does want to use B2R still.. Because there really aren't many events like this and I really want to get the message out early about the next celebration. I'm really thinking it could be a B2R revival.

Despite my initial nerves, I absolutely loved singing on Saturday so thank you for giving me the opportunity :) I think it was one of the best (if not THE best) B2R i've ever been to, great speaker & powerful worship, shows that numbers don't matter after all! Now very excited about the next one :D

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So, thank you again for all that you do for Back to Reality. With your continued support in so many different ways, we will see God's kingdom grow and these young people indeed living a '*real faith in a real world*'.

Blessings from all at b2r

Future dates:

April 24th - for one night only at Haven Green Baptist church (not the odd month, but Ealing Green church was already booked in May)

July 10th - we hope to welcome back some of those who left to go to university, as the band, and as witnesses to what God can do after school.

Sept 25th - the new term starts with Rachel Gardener from 'Romance Academy'

Nov 13th - worship workshops - art, dance, song, drama, rap Any suggestions and offers of help would be appreciated

Back to Reality is a Christian charity enabling young people in the Ealing area to discover and develop

real faith in a real world.

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