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CORE SUMMIT, NAERUM DENMARK *Paul Tompkins*

The first CORE Summit has just been held in Denmark on Sunday 4th November 2012. This was held at the end of the *One Project* gathering, that took place that weekend, with 30 participants remained for the Sunday morning to take part in the Summit. Summits feature a closer look at some of the CORE criteria.

On this occasion Nathan Stickland (BUC Youth Director) gave a presentation on *Vision* (CORE Criteria no 8) and Bjorn Otteson (Newbold College Pastoral Studies lecturer and former Danish Union President) shared details on *Expect* (CORE Criteria no 7.) Bjorn Otteson's presentation was entitled *How to involve young people in your church*, and commenting on the CORE programme as a whole he stated "CORE really has values and practical suggestions that are so important to the church today."



Nathan presenting the CORE Vision



Naerum church during the One Project



The participants in groups

At the conclusion of each of the presentations the participants divided into groups and were able to discuss the relevant points as they were applicable to their local situation. A large group from the host church in Naerum were able to be fully engaged as were other groups from some of the other Nordic countries.

Power Point presentations are now available from both presentations and will form part of an on-going library of CORE resources.

A further CORE Summit will be planned to take place at the end of the One Project in England (Newbold College) on Sunday 3rd November 2013.

The CORE planning team will next meet on February 19th - to outline the on-going CORE strategy - and it is planned to have a CORE weekend in Jonkoping, Sweden in September 2013. Further details will be shared in the next CORE newsletter which will be produced after the above meeting.

Anyone wishing for copies of the above presentations should contact Judy McKie:

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JOIN THE CORE NETWORK

The Church of Refuge (CORE) initiative is aimed to assist local churches provide a meaningful ministry for Senior Youth and Young Adults. The CORE network is now expanding with participating churches in Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands and Norway.

In each newsletter we feature a different CORE church to assist others gain practical ideas as to how others are reaching out and meeting the needs of their young adults. To date we have featured the following churches:



Newsletter 1
Stanborough Connect Day (Britain)



Newsletter 2
Cornelius in the start up phase
(Norway)



Newsletter 3
Jönköping – a Church of Refuge
and a Second Home (Sweden)



Newsletter 4
Aalborg Adventist Church.
A Church of Refuge,
A Church of Hope

We would also like to hear from other churches in 2013. If you would like your church to be featured please write to:

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After 10 years leading Youth Ministry in the Netherlands Union Jeroen Tuinstra will be completing his term as Youth Ministries Director at the end of November. During this time Jeroen has been a founder member of the CORE project and has also been the website creator and administrator www.churchofrefuge.eu

We would like to acknowledge Jeroen's great input into the project and look forward to new churches joining the network wherever he goes. He will remain as part of the CORE team giving continual website assistance.

Thanks Jeroen for a great job.

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