FEELING CRAFTY?

Every year we get fantastic, creative contributions from United Reformed churches across the country. This year we would like you to create symbols used by Christians. They can be made out of any media and need to be no more than credit card size.

We will display them over the weekend and then give them away to Greenbelters at the end of the festival.

THE URC @ GREENBELT 2020

THIS YEAR OUR THEME IS REVOLTING CHRISTIANS

WANTED!...

...Your stories of Revolting Christians – either individuals or groups. These will be people who have inspired you by standing up for their faith and beliefs, perhaps by challenging authority or popular opinion. They could be well-known figures such as Desmond Tutu, Pussy Riot or St Francis of Assisi, or someone known to you locally, perhaps a member of your church or community.

We’d like you to send us a photo or drawing of them and a little bit about them and why they inspire you. You can download a wanted template from our website www.urc.org.uk/greenbelt then either send us a A4 size copy so we can display it in the tent or email it to revoltingchristian@urc.org.uk and we hope to have a rolling digital display showing your revolting Christians!

We are trying to cut down waste and the environmental impact of our projects, so we ask you not to use plastic and where possible use materials you already have: reuse and recycle. We can’t guarantee the sunny dry weekend we had last year, so consider making anything as weather durable as possible.
**VOLUNTEERING**

Would you like to volunteer to assist with the URC at Greenbelt project? It’s a great opportunity to experience the Greenbelt Festival. Many URC members already attend and contribute to the Festival, but this would be as part of our project team, you will receive a free ticket for the weekend, food vouchers and a camping pass for your tent.

Being part of the URC volunteer team at Greenbelt is fun, with plenty of free time to enjoy the myriad of activities offered by Greenbelt. Don’t worry if you have never been before. You will be part of a supportive group of people. The URC volunteers pitch their tents together and there is no shortage of knowledgeable guidance on tap.

**BRING YOUR CHURCH TO GREENBELT**

Ever thought of venturing out as a church group to Greenbelt? It is an excellent way to engage with faith, arts, music and activism as well as deepening in fellowship together over the last weekend in August. Boughton House near Kettering is a delightful setting. There is something for everyone and all ages at Greenbelt, whether you have not even started your faith journey yet or have been ‘walking the way’ for many years.

The URC at Greenbelt planning group are particularly interested in hearing from local churches or LEP’s who are considering attending - either for the first time ever, or the first time in several years. Greenbelt offer helpful packages to assist in making it possible to attend. If you book before 1 April, the tickets are discounted and it’s possible to pay in instalments. First time leaders qualify for a special rate ticket of £50 for the full weekend and there are concessionary prices for young people and children, as well as for over 65’s.

This year we are looking for an additional 10 people to join our existing volunteer team. You will need to have a link with a local URC church or ecumenical partnership (LEP) and be willing to cover at least one session per day in the URC tent (each session is usually around 2 hours).

There will also be an expectation to help with setting up and clearing away afterwards.

If you are interested in volunteering, then email Samara Andrews for an application form at: samara.andrews@urc.org.uk We welcome applications from URC Youth (minimum 16 years of age). There will be an on-line preparatory training session in advance of Greenbelt for the successful applicants.

**Closing date for applications – Monday 23 March 2020**

Full details can be found on the Greenbelt website: www.greenbelt.org.uk/buy-tickets

If you are interested in bringing a group to the festival, contact the URC Greenbelt team for guidance. Contact Samara Andrews in the first instance: samara.andrews@urc.org.uk

It’s easier than you think!