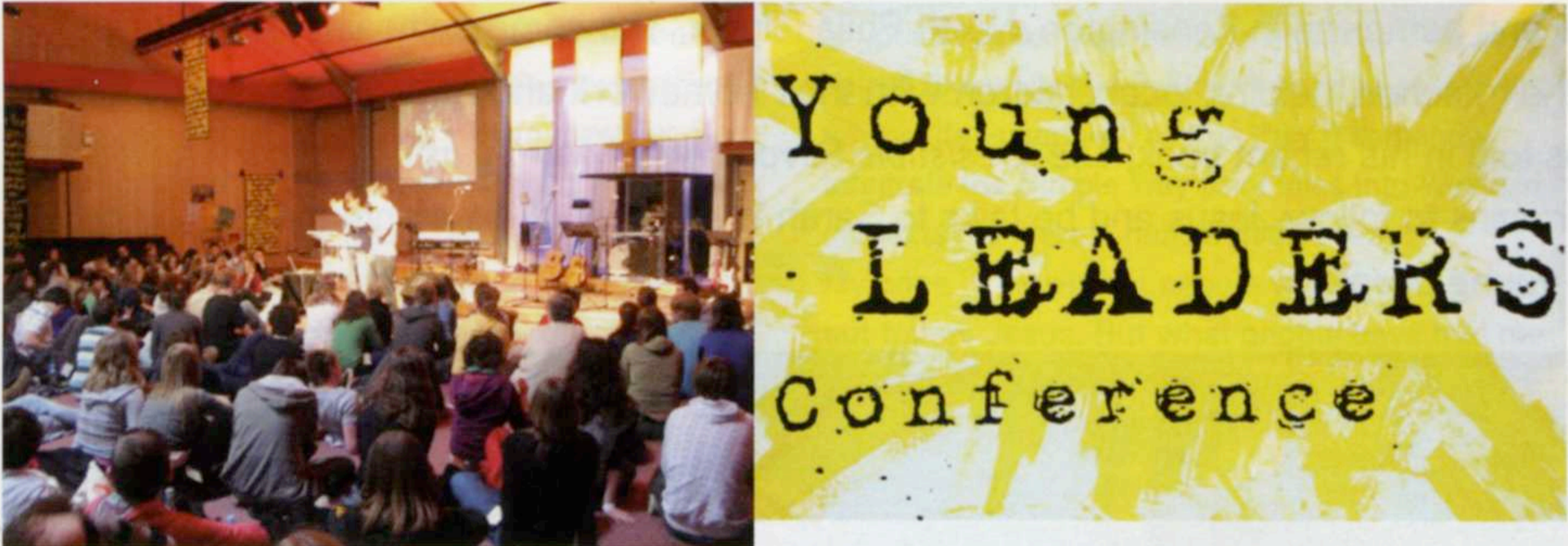


Young leaders rebuilding the walls



Nearly 230 young leaders from across the UK have met to learn values and principles from Nehemiah's leadership and develop a vision for rebuilding the walls of God's Kingdom in today's society. Now in its third year, the Young Leader's Conference (YLC) ran on consecutive weekends in February at St Andrews Church in Chorleywood, with a third weekend due to be held in Manchester in early April.

'YLC has been established over the past four years with a vision to equip, enable, inspire and release teenage leaders' explains Pete Wynter, Youth congregation leader at St Andrews. 'The theme for this year was inspired by Nehemiah's leadership in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days. While our nation is busy building football stadiums, shopping malls and leisure parks, God is calling a generation of young people to build something far more impressive and eternal - His Kingdom.

'The exciting thing is that this conference works solely with teenage leaders and is raising up the future leadership of the church. We have already had a number of testimonies sharing the fruit of the conference, but anticipate that some of the fruit will not be seen for another 10-15 years, by which time we are praying that these young leaders will be the key leaders, who like Nehemiah, will be rebuilding the broken walls of our nation'.

The conference is aimed at young people between the ages of 14 and 20, and youth leaders are encouraged to bring a group of young people that they are seeking to raise up in leadership - and to spend a few days with them learning what it means for them to become leaders in their local context: in their schools, CU's, churches or worship groups.

Andy Hawthorne from The Message Trust will be speaking at YLC North this April. The northern England conference will be held from the 3rd to the 5th of April at St Chad's Church in Manchester.

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