

'Festival Angels' at Creamfields South 2023



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Some of you may be aware that I have been involved with 'music as mission' for many years which includes serving on the leadership team with Festival Angels overseeing the Prayer Tent at the Leeds Festival.

As a result of my links with Festival Angels and Festival Republic, I have been given an opportunity to set up a Christian presence at Creamfields South which takes place in Hylands Park, Chelmsford, from 26-28 May 2023.

I'm looking to create a team to take advantage of the significant pioneering opportunity this event offers for mission. I'm looking for people who are able to share their faith in Jesus 1-2-1 alongside having the confidence to pray with those who visit the Festival Angels tent or speak to us when we are 'out and about!' Training (online and in person) will be given to enable you to be an effective team member. Volunteers must be 18 years and over (there is no upper age limit if you are in good health) and active members of a church and whose leader will be able to give a reference to support their application.

The 'slogan' of Festival Angels is 'God Loves Festivals' and he does – we know God loves all people wherever they may be found and Festivals are one of those places. I know from personal experience the amazing conversations and prayer opportunities which can be established with those attending Festivals.

Creamfields South are wanting to stress how they cannot align themselves with any particular faith group. Our presence there is on the understanding that we are offering pastoral care in addition to their own welfare provision - though they know Festival Angels are a Christian organisation.

The presence of Festival Angels at Creamfields South is simple: to show the love of Jesus through loving action. We are wanting to do that in several ways:

- To be a listening and attentive presence and a safe place.
- To offer to pray to those who would like us to do so.
- To express our faith simply to those who ask.
- To direct anyone who wants to know more about the Christian faith to Alpha, Christian Union, etc.
- To offer free water / juice and biscuits and other items as resources allow.
- To be entirely inclusive.

One of the benefits of being a volunteer is that you will be given a free wristband for the whole event - along with free onsite camping!

If you are interested in being part of the 'Festival Angels at Creamfields South 2023' team, I invite you to attend an introductory evening at Emmanuel Church, Billericay, CM12 9LD on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 8.00 pm when you can find out a little more of what is involved.

Please send me an email or DM headed 'Creamfields South' if you are planning to attend this evening so we have some idea how many to expect.

With every blessing in Jesus' name

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