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# Getting organised

## A conversation with Reachout's new Admin Assistant

# Susan Young



**Q** Who are you and where do you come from?

**A** My name is Susan Young, I originate from Crosshill which is in the south side of Glasgow and moved to Cambuslang 28 years ago. I married my husband, David, in June 1984 and we have two sons, Andrew and Craig. Andrew married Alison in June 2016 and they are expecting their first child in July. I am a member of Cambuslang Parish Church and was ordained as an elder on April 22nd this year along with Fiona Tennent and Nicola O'Connor.

**Q** What previous jobs have you been involved in?

**A** I have always worked in admin from leaving school with a firm focus on customer service and have worked in various companies ranging from a motor dealership, Department of Work and Pensions to an outsource company dealing with appointments for visa applications for the US Embassy.

**Q** What do you do in your spare time?

**A** I like to spend time with my family and friends either at home or out for meals and particularly enjoy trying out new gin – there are so many to choose from. I am currently the administrator for Cambuslang Parish Church Sunday Clubs and am the editor of the new church magazine.

**Q** Why did you want to work for Reachout Trust?

**A** I have always been aware of Reachout since we moved to Cambuslang. I was encouraged by Kieran Wardrop, while he was the youth worker at Cambuslang Parish Church to

volunteer at SU Holidays. I have been doing this now for several years and got to know Ross and the team of volunteers. I have always wanted to be more involved in working with children through Reachout and to help at SU clubs in schools. Last year I underwent a medical procedure which left me unable to work full time and I offered to help Ross out at the Reachout office one day a week as Gillian had left to start a new career. This led to me applying for the position of Admin Assistant and I started on January 9th this year.

**Q** What has been the highlight of your first four months?

**A** Being involved in the preparation and delivery of the three projects, Christmas Unwrapped, Easter Code and It's your move, that Reachout take to the Primary schools in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. It has allowed me to see Ross and the many volunteers sharing their faith with the children and the strong relationships that are made through this. I have also become part of the team at Hallside Primary school and this has been very rewarding. I have also tried to visit as many of the schools as possible and this has given me a clearer understanding for the work that Ross does and how the administrator is key to helping Ross and now Alison with their work

**Q** What has been the biggest challenge?

**A** Working with Ross!!! Seriously though it has been a case of learning as we go along with each new project. Learning how to balance home life, church life and Reachout is a challenge which should get easier as time goes on.

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## Letter from Ross



**It is hard to believe that we are almost at Summer 2018 already. Easter is a distant memory and we are in the midst of full on preparations for KX1.**

So far this year, like every other has been quite busy with Easter Code and It's Your move. We have had an excellent start to the year and are really excited about what the rest of the year holds for the trust.

Last time I said I was the writing this letter because Gillian had moved on. This time I am writing it because Susan has been interviewed on another page. I am really pleased to let you all know that since our last Xpress, Susan Young was appointed as our new administrative assistant and Alison Kennedy was appointed as our new Youth and Schools worker. It is fantastic to have both of them as part of the team and we are all excited about this new chapter for the trust.

In this issue we have articles from Alison and Susan, Stephen Collins our latest addition to the management team and the assistant team Leaders(ATL's) from KX1. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and manage to get rest before the madness of a new term.

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## Meet the REACHOUT team



**Susan Young**  
Administrative Assistant/Editor



**Alison Kennedy**  
Youth and Schools worker



**Ross G Murray**  
Senior Youth and Schools Worker



**Gary Wylie**  
Chair of The Management Group



**Ross Galloway**  
Treasurer



**George Wynne**  
Chair of Trustees

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# What is an Assistant Team Leader

## David and Amy tell us all about being an ATL



### Who are you and What do you do?

**D:** My name is David Samson, I am currently a Police Officer with Police Scotland and have been for the past 7 years. It is a job that I love doing.

**A:** My name is Amy Samson and I am a primary teacher at Calderwood Primary.

### What is KX1?

**D:** KX1 is a Scripture Union camp based on the beautiful Island of Arran, it runs the first week of the summer holidays. It is camp under canvas for Primary 5 to 2nd year kids. The camp lasts for 6 days with a variety of different activities such as Gorge Walking, Power Boating, Mountain biking and loads more. This is our 4th year at Kingscross and I love it, the views and range of activities are great.

**A:** KX1 is a brilliant camp for young people from P5 - S2 from all over Scotland, but we have a lot coming from the local area and schools. They come and stay in a tent for a week with amazing views over to the Holy Isle. They do loads of different activities like gorge walking, power boating, archery and biking and they also learn about God and the bible in a fun way!

### What are your roles and what does this mean at camp?

**D:** My role along with my wife Amy is ATL, this stands for Assistant Team Leader, we are responsible for making sure that the day to day running of the camp is going smoothly. Prior to camp we get all the activities

planned and sorted. Also, we assist Ross when required.

**A:** We are both ATLs which stands for Assistant Team Leaders. This means we organise the programme for the week and have to make sure everyone (including other leaders) knows what they are doing and where they need to be during the week. We also have to liaise with Scripture Union and other places like the swimming pool beforehand to make sure everything is booked in.

### What is the best thing about KX1?

**D:** The best thing about KX1 is the open space and views we have of Holy Isle. The space allows all the kids to be themselves, out doors and just be kids again where they can run and play without the modern world being involved such as video games and mobile phones. Just watching them have fun in the sun is the best.

**A:** I love being by the sea and watching the young people having fun, making new friends and becoming more confident in themselves and their abilities.

### What is your favourite story from KX1?

**D:** I don't really have a favourite story from KX1 but I do love it every year when we get the water slide out and all the leaders and campers are all having a massive water fight and then sliding down the slide. It always ends up in a competition to see who can get the furthest down the slide. It always ends up with the leaders ending up off the end of the slide still trying to get the furthest down the grass. It is a great experience for both campers and leaders.



**A:** Can I tell the one about the cooker breaking and giving out jam sandwiches? Last year new were left without any cooking facilities for one day. Whilst some of the team worked really hard to prepare dinner, the rest of us looked after the young people which involved preparing and serving JAM sandwiches. Thanks to a local B&B we eventually ate at 9pm. This sounds like a disaster but actually everyone coped really well.

### Why do you give up your holiday to serve on the KX1 team?

**D:** I don't really see it as giving up my holidays, due to my day to day job it is such a contrast that I enjoy doing. With all the violence and hatred in my job when you see all the kids running around with the smiles on their faces loving life it makes it all worthwhile.

**A:** I don't really think of it as giving up my holiday as I enjoy it, even though I am always shattered by the end. I never went to SU camps when I was a child but did start as a trainee when I was 16 and every year since I have done at least one camp if not more (the most I ever did in a year was 9!) I love having the chance to get away from 'normal life' for a while and share our amazing God with young people who have maybe never heard anything about Him before. I also love seeing young people who return year after year and see how much they have grown and that they are excited to be coming back. Also, it is a week without having to think about what to have for our tea each night!

### Why should someone else consider joining the KX1 team?

**D:** KX1 is a great event, however it cannot run without the team. It is the team that make the whole holiday for the kids. Just watching the kids grow in confidence and them coming up to you to tell you their achievements throughout the week makes it all worth the late nights. Rock on KX1 2018!!

**A:** It is a great chance to get out of your comfort zone; sleep in a tent and enjoy nature; get to know some young people and also learn and share more about God. The whole team of KX1 are all so friendly and welcoming so you won't feel out of place. If you can spare a week at the start of the summer holidays then please get in touch with either David, Amy or Ross.



# Reachout's Newest Recruit

## Welcome to our new Youth and Schools Worker Alison Kennedy



I am married to Gavin, our children are Becca, who is married to Scott (and they have an adorable new puppy called Copper), Fraser who is 19 and Euan who is 16. I particularly enjoy spending time with people, reading and eating cake! My professional background is in Midwifery and I have also worked as a Childminder locally before God called me into Youth Work in our local Church.

In April this year I started working with CRRT as part time Youth and Schools Worker. Over the past 5 years I have been working as Youth and Community Worker at Flemington Hallside Church, and continue to do this on a part time basis.

As such, I have been working in partnership with the Reachout trust over these years, mostly with schools' work and residential events. Having volunteered in local church youth work settings over many years, I have always had a keen interest and a great admiration of the continued work of the trust and remain joyful and thankful at God's provision for our local area.

Over the past year, I have become more involved with chaplaincy in Hallside, Parkview and Newton Farm schools, which was new to me, with previously having a focus on

secondary schools. This has been a really encouraging experience, to see the welcome we have in the schools and the opportunity to be able to share our faith in this setting.

One thing that struck me while working in Cathkin High School was the relationships that Ross Murray has with the young people from the primary schools, and how that makes chaplaincy and relationships with the pupils easier as they move on to High school.

There is a great support network of volunteers and it is wonderful to see the young people we have worked with continue to grow in their roles and indeed in their faith, moving on from being the young people to being young leaders, and in turn sharing their faith, I am excited to see these young people grow in their love of Christ and in a desire to serve.

I feel very blessed that God has called me to this place, at this time, and am very much looking forward to being part of the works and service of Reachout in the wider Rutherglen and Cambuslang area.



# Coffee break with Stephen - waffles with a Baptist Pastor!!

## Meet Stephen Collins – Pastor of Kings Park Baptist Church

**Q** What do you do in your day job?

**A** I am the pastor of Kings Park Baptist Church on Castlemilk Road. I have been there for just a little over two years now.

**Q** What do you do in your spare time?

**A** I have just completed my Honours Degree and to be honest until recently I didn't really have a lot of spare time. However, when I do get time I enjoy spending it with my family and especially with my Grandson who is 9 months old now. I have also recently developed an interest in gardening and enjoy spending time doing jobs around the garden, which I have learned also helps me avoid doing jobs around the house.

**Q** How did you first get involved in the work of Reachout?

**A** When I accepted the call to be the pastor of Kings Park Baptist Church I had a vision for the Church engaging with people of all ages and contacted the Reachout Trust to get some advice on how to engage with families and young people in our area. I also discovered that the Trust is involved in an SU Camp in Arran and having been to an SU Camp in the Isle of Man and asked if I could be part of the team. They were short of cooks and I am able to cook and the rest is history.

**Q** Why did you decide to join the Management Team?

**A** Because I was asked to join the team and having seen the work that the Trust is involved in was delighted to be part of what they are doing in the local area.

**Q** What has been the highlight of the last year working with Reachout?

**A** Getting to know all of the people involved with the Trust and being part of the team on the SU Camp KX1. It was such a great week and I saw some amazing young leaders look after and help the young people who came to the camp. I also got to make some sandwiches which I am deeply passionate about (a joke within the team). I have also started helping out with the SU Group at Spittal School and have enjoyed being part of that work.

**Q** What are you looking forward to in the coming year?

**A** Finding out what spare time is! Only joking! At this moment in time I am really looking forward to going to KX1 in Arran again in July. I also helped out briefly with Easter Code in one of the local Schools this year and I am looking forward to the possibility of helping out with Christmas Unwrapped sometime later this year. I think it is near Christmas time otherwise I am somewhat confused as to why it is called Christmas Unwrapped.

# Holiday Church Holiday Club

Cambuslang (P1 from Aug to P7)  
**6th to 10th Aug**

Contact: Alison Kennedy  
Phone: 07957 614692

3DT (S1 to S3)  
**7th to 9th August**

Contact: Alison Kennedy  
Phone: 07957 614692

Stonelaw  
**13th to 15th August  
(afternoons)**

Contact: Therese Reid  
Phone: 07508213099

Kings Park  
**27th to 31st August**

Contact: Sandra Boyd  
Phone: 07919 676242

Burnside Blairbeth (P1 to P7)  
**6th to 10th August  
(evenings)**

Contact: Andy MacArthur  
Phone: 07716 407398

## Invite to Celebration

Our Annual Celebration will take place on **Saturday 8th September**  
From 11 to 1:30pm

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