The Global Gathering will raise up a new generation of leaders to “Go boldly into the world and disrupt!”

Our theme for 2017, “Create Justice: Sacrifice Privilege” is based on the mentality that our privileges are not meant for us to use for our own good, but instead, are meant to be used for the good of others. They are not meant for the furthering and development of our own resumes, portfolios, or egos. While we live in a world where certain privileges belong to some and not to others, we must find ways to sacrifice our privileges for the sake of others.

BE PART OF THE GLOBAL GATHERING 2017

Be part of a team of young people from the UK who will travel to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to join with up to 200 others from all around the world.

At the Global Gathering young people don’t just talk about justice, they roll up their sleeves, get their hands dirty and serve families who are living in poverty.

Empower each other to tackle global issues of poverty, human trafficking and sustainable technology

Collaborate with other students and renowned speakers to develop holistic lifestyles under the Lordship of Jesus

Work alongside local pastors and community leaders to create transformational communities

Build homes alongside local families in need

SCHEDULE

30th Dec 2016 - Travel to Cancun
31st Dec 2016 - The Global Gathering begins
6th Jan 2017 - The Global Gathering ends
7th Jan 2017 - Day trip by ferry to Isla Mujeres
8th-9th Jan 2017 - Travel home

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WHO CAN COME?
This 11 day experience is for young people aged 15 to 30 who are passionate about knowing Jesus and want to serve him in making a difference in this world. We especially recommend that you contact young people and leaders who have previously participated in ReBuild or Build Hope trips as this strategic gathering will build upon issues of social justice that will have been introduced to them in that context.

WHERE WILL WE BE STAYING?
We will be flying from Heathrow to Cancun and staying at the Cancun Clipper Club, which is a small private hotel in Cancun, Mexico.
For more information about the accommodation go to http://www.clipper.com.mx

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?
Teaching: With the help of some great speakers and practitioners we will be exploring issues of poverty, social justice and personal discipleship. We will also be looking at how through cultivating a closer walk with Jesus we can make a difference in the world.

House Building: You will be part of a team that will build a house in 5 days for a family that are living in poverty.

Community Outreach: In addition to the house building, you will have the opportunity to choose from one of the following outreach programmes which will take place around the building site each day.
- Children  - Community health  - Sports  - Prayer

Discussion groups: You will also have an opportunity daily to discuss what you are learning with your small group and pray together.

WHO ELSE WILL BE THERE?
We are expecting young people to attend from all over the world, including Africa, Australia, USA, South America and Europe.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
The cost for the Global Gathering is £1,550 which includes all transport*, accommodation and food. It also pays for a Mexican family living in poverty to receive a house of their own.

*You will have to arrange and pay separately for transport to and from Heathrow.

DAY TRIP TO ISLA MUJERES
Following the Global Gathering you will have one final day to relax on the beautiful Isla Mujeres before returning to the UK. Isla Mujeres is a beautiful small island about a 15 minute ferry crossing from downtown Cancun.

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FOOD
Breakfast and dinner will be provided in the hotel complex. We will take a packed lunch and plenty of water with us to the building sites and community action projects each day.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
Urban Saints will provide group insurance which is included in the cost of your trip. If additional insurance is needed to cover particular issues this may incur an additional cost.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
At a later date, we will provide an emergency phone for your parents, in case they need to contact us whilst the team is in Mexico.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
We will have a first aider and medical kit for basic medical problems on the worksite at all times. Amor have full medical procedures in place for more serious accidents.

HEALTH ADVICE
As we are not qualified to advise you on vaccinations each team member should seek out professional advice from their own GP or travel clinic.
Urban Saints receives health advice from InterHealth, and the following recommendations have been made by them.
The vaccine recommendations for Mexico are the following:
- Tetanus should be in date i.e. within the last 10 years
- Hepatitis A
- Typhoid if visiting areas where food and water hygiene may be poor – this should not be an issue as Amor will provide safe food and water for us.

Other health advice:
- Rabies does exist in Mexico and therefore any incident involving a warm blooded animal should be reported immediately. It is good practice to avoid all animals to be safe.
- There are mosquito borne diseases in country but these mainly further to the south of where we will be staying. Bite avoidance measures are always good practice e.g. Insect repellent.
- As the worksites can be dusty, pack extra antihistamines for allergy sufferers and extra saline solution for contact lens wearers.
- It is possible that the Zika virus may have spread to Cancun by 2017. This carries a high risk of extreme birth defects. The medical advice from a GP we have spoken to is:
  - Do not carry a child in the womb into an affected area
  - Refrain from unprotected sex for 6 months after you have left the affected area

CASH
You may need a small amount of money for snacks and souvenirs. The amount is completely at your discretion, although we suggest you should not bring more than £100. Please bring American Dollars. The only British pounds will be used in the airport so do not bring these for spending overseas!
KIT LIST
Each person is expected to bring the following items. It is important that these items do not take up more space than the airline will allow. We therefore strongly recommend that you pack a limited amount of clothing since this is a work situation and you will not need more than two sets of work clothes. Please follow the kit list as cultural considerations mean that people without long trousers and tops with sleeves will not be allowed on the worksites.

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DO NOT BRING
Alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, hair straighteners, hair dryers, MP3 players/Ipods, fireworks
MONEY MATTERS

What does the £1,550 cover?
- Travel Costs from the UK to Mexico and during the project itself. It does NOT cover your travel costs to get your group to and from the airport in the UK
- Travel insurance. If you wish to see a copy of the policy please contact the Urban Saints Support Centre by emailing us at rebuild@urbansaints.org or phoning 01582 589850. Personal accident cover is not included and you are advised to arrange your own cover for specific items such as expensive cameras or musical instruments should you decide to take them.
- Food and accommodation
- Materials and tools required for building the house
- Day Trip to Isla Mujeres including all transport and food

Where do I send the money raised?
Ensure that all money goes straight to your trip organiser. Your trip organiser will then send funds to Urban Saints on a monthly basis or immediately if they receive a very large donation. Please do not save it all up and send it at the last moment! We have to pay the fares, insurance, and other costs very early so we need to have the funds sent in as soon as possible.

Gift Aid
If a taxpayer is able to donate then please ask them to complete a Donation Slip. The Gift Aid that Urban Saints receive on these donations will be used to manage the risks on exchange rate fluctuations. For this reason, Gift Aid cannot be added to the fundraising target.

Please note that donations can only be Gift Aided if they are given by tax paying persons not connected to you. Donations by your parents or immediate family, your church funds, another charity or from any other organisation cannot be Gift Aided. Please note that it is illegal for the money to be raised in small amounts and to then ask a taxpayer (e.g. non-relative) to send in a cheque for that amount using Gift Aid.

What happens if I raise more than my target amount?
Many participants will raise funds over their target. Any surplus funds will be used in the following way:
1. Any surplus will be used to cover any other participants who did not reach their funding target
2. Money will then go towards any of the following:
   - A discretionary gift may be given to Amor (Urban Saints will make this decision after the trip)
   - Funding future Global Gathering trips
   - Buying equipment to be stored in Mexico for future Global Gathering teams
   - Global Gathering mission activities such as training, sports and craft equipment, gifts to give away to children and families in Mexico

What happens if I am unable to take part after all?
You will be asked to cover any expenses incurred on your behalf, up to the target amount, unless the withdrawal is for reasons covered by the Travel Insurance.
FUNDRAISING – GETTING STARTED

It may seem ages until the trip but we encourage you to get started as soon as you can. Remember you can’t just ask people for money without doing something in return. Keep people close to you updated on how you are doing and don’t feel that you are doing this alone. Draft in help from friends, family and supporters, and put on events and activities to raise the money. Your trip organiser will provide donation slips and sponsor forms which can be used to help you fundraise. Should you wish to use these in large quantities please ask your trip organiser for more copies.

Donation slips:
Ask your trip organiser for donation slips, as these could be used to place on seats before you say something in a church service, or for people to be able to take home and to give to you with a donation at a later date. Before giving slips out, ensure that your name and who cheques are made payable to has been filled in (your group leader should have done this for you). Donors should be asked to seal their gift in the envelope along with the slips ensuring that their name, address and donation amount is recorded if they plan to Gift Aid the money. Please ensure they have ticked the gift aid box.

Sponsor forms
The sponsor form can also be used to record donations, and will save you using lots of slips and envelopes. They could be used for events such as a sponsored cycle ride.

Advice
Ensure you know about the trip in sufficient detail to answer general questions. Do some research by looking at the Urban Saints website (details below) or check out the Amor Ministries website (www.amor.org).

Remember that the fundraising challenge is as much a part of the experience trip as the trip itself. Start it sooner rather than later to ensure you have reached your fundraising target at least two weeks before the Global Gathering trip starts.
- Always be polite and thank people as soon as they have donated any money
- Keep track of all slips and sponsor forms
- Ensure you get any UK taxpayers to Gift Aid the money they give
- Show people the flyers and refer them to the website for any other details
- Read the ‘Money Matters’ page for more information

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

There are so many different ways to fundraise for your trip. Below are a few ideas but don’t let this list hold you back from being creative; use it as a spring board to launch your ideas. Think about the money you need to raise and ask God to provide the money through all your fundraising efforts.
**Personal Sacrifice**

Take time out to consider what you can give and what you can give up to raise money for the Global Gathering. This could include:

**Give:**
- Money from your own personal saving (if you have any)
- A weekly amount from your regular income (pocket money or job)

**Give up:** (and donate money saved towards your trip)
- Going to the cinema
- Hiring videos
- Spending money on sweets
- Spending money on takeaways
- Buying new clothes
- Buying make-up
- Expensive mobile phone contracts

**People contact**

By far the most effective way of raising support is by speaking “one on one” to someone or a small group of people. Think of a few different groups of people to which you could share information on the Global Gathering and ask for financial support.

- Arrange to meet up with them one to one
- Invite a group round for tea and cake and present your project to them and ask for their support
- Ask your church leader if you can make an appeal during one of your services
- Leaflet your neighbours/teachers to tell them what you will be doing and ask them to support you

**Write a letter**

Prepare a simple newsletter to a list of about 50 people to tell them about your project and why it is important to you and then ask them to help you in making a difference. Be creative; include pictures if you can and get someone to read it through with you.

- Present your newsletter in a professional way and include pictures if possible
- Tell them why you are writing to them in the first paragraph.
- If it is appropriate enclose a prayer sheet asking for specific prayer needs
- Offer to visit them to talk through the project if they would like to hear more

**Mexican Dinner**

Turn a hall into a Mexican restaurant and have the group dress in traditional Mexican clothing as they serve a dinner of a basic combination of Mexican foods such as tacos, fajitas, quesadillas, nachos, etc. You could sell tickets or just tell people to bring a donation and give a short presentation on what the Global Gathering is about. Have volunteer cooks assist with the meal preparation or get the families of the group involved to help.

**Servant Auction**

Auction members of the group to become ‘servants’, working for a set amount of time at a set amount paid per hour. You could also auction “promises”, whereby members of the group promise to wash a car, walk someone’s dog etc.

**Sponsored Activity**

This could include litter picking, sleep out, head-shave, bungee jump, servant auction, cycle ride,
walk, fun run in Mexican fancy dress, etc. Use the sponsor form provided to get people to pledge an amount for a specific event, and then collect the money on completion of the event.

**Car Washing / Babysitting / Gardening**
Get the group to do small jobs for others in the community for a set amount paid per hour. Create a car washing event with other activities such as a penalty shoot out to make it fun and family orientated. Successful car washes are FREE, with the group members getting money from a per-car-washed pledge from supporters and maybe even a donation bucket for the people having their car washed if they wish to support. Get some volunteers to put on coffee/cake/bacon sandwiches to sell to people while their cars are washed.

**Cake / Donut sales**
Krispy Kreme™ offer charity fundraising deals for donuts which have proved highly successful. Obtain permission from schools that the group members go to and sell donuts or cakes during lunch or after school.

**Coffee Mornings/Cake Sales**
Put on a coffee morning with home-made cakes at the local church after a service or even put one on at the local school.

**Concert / Talent Show / Karaoke**
Encourage all members/families in your group to take part for a fun and memorable evening. Charge admission and include a short talk on what the Global Gathering is all about.

**Get an article in the local newspapers**
Let members of your local community know what is going on and ask for support during fundraising events. Ensure to put an article in after the trip to let people know what happened.

**Look for help from other organisations**
You may be able to get Sponsorship from corporate organisations. Tell your Local Youth Services what you are doing and see if they are able to help in any way.

**Other Ideas**
These are some additional ideas which proved successful for past teams:
- Bag Pack in your local supermarket
- Quiz Night
- Pamper Night/Fashion Show
- Carol Singing
- Treasure Hunts
- Money Boxes for loose change
- Art Exhibition
- Open House with refreshments, stalls and games
- Amor House money boxes:
- Sponsored Bounce

**Group Fundraising**
Your leader will have lots more ideas for ways in which you can get together and fundraise as a group. Please support these and get your friends and family to join in.

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