

After a period of communication drought, in which you hardly heard from the n:flame team, we are back with a vengeance! Over the next few months we are planning to send regular emails to keep you up to date with the exciting changes that are happening.

You will know that since Andie Frost stepped down as director we have been in a time of seeking God's leading for the future of n:flame. One of the suggestions was that n:flame should merge with national youth charity The Message Trust, and over the last year the Trustees and the n:flame team have been working with The Message to see if that would be a viable (and sensible) route to pursue.

We haven't been able to say very much about the process while it's been ongoing, just in case nothing came of it, but we are now very pleased to officially say that as from 1st September 2018, n:flame will become part of The Message family. We want to reassure you as our supporters that the work of n:flame will continue, and as we join with The Message, will expand across London. The Celebrations have already taken on a new look, the schools work will continue and we still offer young people training in leadership and evangelism. Please be confident that the heart of n:flame is beating strongly, and although there will be changes happening, the vision and passion will remain fundamental to everything we do.

As part of the board of trustees Andie has been involved in all these discussions and he has sent us his thoughts to share with you.

For almost two decades n:flame has been calling the young people of North London to stand for Jesus and equip and enthuse them to be on fire for him. This year is n:flame's 20th anniversary and like any 20 year old it is time to come of age - we see this happening as n:flame links with the capital wide vision of The Message Trust. Our founding dream of the matches standing up and catching fire was for the whole of London and in these uncertain times the call for young people to stand up and burn for Jesus has never been so urgent. To have the opportunity to be a part of a London wide movement is both timely and exciting.

We hope that you are as excited as we are about what lies ahead. As part of

looking forwards we want to celebrate everything that n:flame has stood for in the last 20 years. Please put the 29th July in your diaries. At the end of this year's n:serve week we are planning a celebration and we would love you to be able to attend.

Please keep praying for us as we move into the summer. It's always a busy time of year and we want to 'finish strongly' (as Ruth always says to the Gap Year students!)

Thank you,

Ruth, Pete, Chris, Josh, Kathy & Anna



