



Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the young people traveling to Ireland's largest Christian festival in Belfast, this year, - although it did try; the long weekend was a great success for all involved! On 27th June over 40 young people traveled from Cork, making it the largest group we've ever brought to Summer Madness! Even the 9 hour journey was fun, with the search for the lost state of Delaware to keep us occupied when trying to list all the states of the US!!

This years theme for Summer Madness was "real life discipleship" and the festival was packed with exactly that and much more. We were all kept busy with a wide range of workshops and seminars to choose from every day. There were activities to suit everyone from drum circles, crafts, swimming and skating to salsa dancing, rapping and street dancing workshops!

Along with workshops, there were engaging seminars three times a day, with plenty of subjects to choose from, including discipleship, friendship, relationships and more! Led by engaging speakers such as Andy Hickford, these workshops were unmissable! Not to forget the main stage worship and teaching sessions, which were amazing. There were lively and powerful speakers such as Reggie Dabbs, who traveled all the way from America to speak to us and exciting bands and singers to lead us in our singing. One of these was "4Korners" who provided us with some great vibes throughout the weekend! Whether you wanted to get out and do everything or just chill out in the Gazebo and get to know loads of new friends from all over the world, the whole weekend was one of the best camps ever for all involved! The atmosphere was buzzing throughout the weekend.

As the group returned on the 1st of July with many stories of the craic and good times they had and suffering from severe lack of sleep, they had only good things to say about the whole festival experience! I'd like to thank Carolyn Smith, Ben Johnson, Clive Buttimer, James Fleury and Mark Dunwoody and all the junior leaders for all there guidance and the amazing weekend.

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