

## **REPORT ON THE 2013 „STARPOINT” YOUTH FESTIVAL**

We present this report with due respect, in reference to the Starpoint Reformed Youth Festival, organized by Transtibiscan Church District, to be held – in the best of our hopes - between 23-27 July, 2013.

### **The venue**

**The City Council of Mezőtúr** could ensure the use of the complete building complex of the College of Szolnok, including the its building and accomodation capacities, along with 60-70% of the Elizabeth-parks, for 2,750,000 HUF + VAT (gross 3,392,500 HUF), between 21-27 July, that is, for the complete length of the event (preparation and dissociation included).

#### **The price includes:**

- lecture halls in the college building, 0-24 porter service, accomodation for 300 people in the college building, cleaning, paper supply for the plumbing, garbage collection.

#### **The price does not include:**

- development of water, electricity, and sewage system in the area of the Elizabeth-parks, costs of drinkig water and electricity beyond the cost of accomodation, and the cleaning of the parks after the conference.

### **Co-ordinator**

As of May 2012, the Starpoint Reformed youth festival co-ordinator’s position was taken by Kata Meleg. However, when launching the multi-layered organization process, special attention had to be paid as Kata was not able to co-ordinate multi-directional tasks paralelly. As a result, together with Kata we arrived at the conclusion that she withdraws from the position and carries on with her committed work as a vonluteer. Seeking someone we knew seemed to be a palpable step, thus we turned to Gábor Valla, who had been among the nominees along with Kata. He accepted the invitation. In October he could meet the staff, who were happy to welcome him.

### **Teams**

We have managed to launch nearly thirty teams, held two staff meetings, and visited the venue. At the moment, the „main theme”, the creative and the technical teams are the most active. Their tasks are crucial as the other teams will build on their work. For instance, the main theme team assists the process of selecting and preparing small group leaders. The creative team helps the work of the communication and the webpage teams, while the technical team is preparing the right timing for reserving the main stage – performers may only be invited afterwards.

### **Main theme**

The main theme of Starpoint 2013 is Identity. Elaborating this theme is a complex and difficult matter – it needs to be done in such a way that young people would understand, they are first and foremost children of God, everything else follows behind this fact. The main speaker of the morning sessions will be József Csomós Jr., while evening devotionals will be held by Levente Horváth. We have high hopes concerning both speakers, as József has considerable experience in talking to young people, whereas Levente has the ability to approach this age group in a wise and clear way.

**Target group**

At the 2011 Starpoint the number of participants under 16 or over 30 was ca. 600. This is why we wish to emphasize that the original target group of the festival is those in their twenties. Nevertheless, with regard to the specific nature of the theme, we are preparing with specialized programs for all agegroups and layers.

**News**

The first poster was posted at the beginning of October, with the purpose of raising awareness to the coming Starpoint. We started visiting church district pastors' meetings, and soon we will start visiting secondary schools. At the same time, we are launching online campaigns.

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