

At the start of August, we spent a week in Edale with 19 teenagers and 9 leaders, doing life together and talking about transitioning between cultures. This year we were fortunate enough to have the camp extended by an extra day, therefore enabling us some breathing space to pad out our normally jam-packed timetable with a bit more free time and to include a chance for personal reflection space each day.

Our theme for the week as we looked at the story of Joseph was God's faithfulness in our lives. Each evening, we gathered together, worshipped God, heard testimonies from each leader about how God has been faithful in their lives and after hearing about Joseph, thanked God for the journeys He has brought us on.

Being located in the valley next to the damaged Whaley Bridge Dam meant that the logistics of the week were a little more complicated with the train-lines not running for fear that the dam may burst. However, once again, God was faithful. The rain held off all week and the trainline even re-opened (albeit briefly!) on the Wednesday for us to take our planned excursion to Sheffield and back for the day.



In amongst our week of silly games, bonfires, wide-games, river trips, hill walks and ceilidh-dancing, we had daily discussions about being a TCK and coping with change; how to stay safe with people and on-line; and how to become more resilient. We had the chance to meet in groups with other TCK's and discuss what we were most excited and anxious about with beginning school or University in September. We also had drama, art and music options to choose from in our 'let's get creative' sessions.

Everyone left the week feeling closer to God and having been reminded of His faithfulness in our lives. With such special, shared experiences, friendships were formed which this year will be a

life-line for many of these young people as they re-establish themselves and begin life in the UK.

A few comments from the 2019 reconnect teens:

**What would you change for next year?**

"I would not change anything. This week had the perfect balance of fun and learning."

**What did you enjoy least about the camp?**

"It ended too quickly! A week is too short!"

**What was your favourite part of the week?**

"Chatting and spending time with friends and leaders"

"Just getting to be with other TCK's"

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