

YOUTH CONNECT



VISION

- ✦ To support Deaneries and Parish Churches to prioritise young people's ministry
- ✦ To grow young people as disciples and leaders
- ✦ To enable young people to explore the Christian faith
- ✦ To connect young people, churches, and schools
- ✦ To create meaningful "rites of passage"
- ✦ To utilise social media
- ✦ To connect ecumenically
- ✦ For each deanery to have a local Youth Connector who will enable:
 - young people to gather, worship, grow and build relationships.
 - youth ministers to come together for fellowship, training, and peer support.
 - a bank of resources for youth ministry.
 - training opportunities for those exploring a calling into youth ministry.
- ✦ To embody the Growing Faith Values of "Connected Communities, Spiritual Encounters and Imaginative Practices"

OBJECTIVES



CONNECTION

- ✦ Locally, Regionally, Nationally, Ecumenically
- ✦ With other parts of the Diocese (e.g. Education, OneLife, Environment)
- ✦ Recruit a team of Deanery Youth Connectors to release the vision



TRANSITION

- ✦ Understand the current picture in children's and young adult's ministry
- ✦ Creating rites of passage into and out of youth ministry (pre-11, post-18)



CELEBRATION

- ✦ Creating youth-focused worship events at Deanery and Diocesan level
- ✦ Equipping churches for intergenerational worship with young people leading not just receiving



COMMUNICATION

- ✦ A distinct Youth Brand for the Diocese that is relevant and speaks into youth culture
- ✦ Informing and listening to the wider church on issues important to young people



EDUCATION

- ✦ Develop meaningful Christian input into the life of secondary schools

- ✦ Learn from and contribute to the national picture of Christian Schools work.



DIRECTION

- ✦ Develop training pathways for those called into youth ministry
 - ✦ Provide training, development, and support for those already in youth ministry
 - ✦ Develop an “academy” programme for young people to develop in their gifts and discipleship in small, localised groups