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