

Who is Future Youth for?

The Future Youth Intern Programme is for those aged 18 to 29 to spend a year growing in youth and children's ministry through ministry placements, training and mentoring.

You don't need to have a clear idea of what God is calling you to, or much experience in children or youth ministry.

The programme is ideal as a gap year, whether post-18 education, or after university. It's also suited to those who have started a particular path but feel called to something more.

There are a few things you do need:

- An active Christian faith (we'll ask a current church leader for a reference)
- An interest in working with children (under 11) or youth (11-18)
- Clearance to work with children (we'll do a DBS check)
- A year to dedicate to the programme (September – August)
- A willingness to learn, experience new things, and step out of your comfort zone
- An openness to the calling of God on your life

There are no academic requirements, but having GCSE English and Maths is useful. Gloucester is a rural diocese, so a driving licence and a car might help, but aren't essential.



How do I apply?

Complete the application form.

A member of the Young Vocations team will arrange an informal conversation and, if appropriate, an interview with one of our children or youth ministers from one of the placements.

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What is Future Youth?

A chance to actively invest in the growth of the Church, and your own personal journey.

An opportunity for those aged 18 to 29 to spend a year growing in youth and children's ministry through ministry placements, training and mentoring.

Participants test God's calling on their lives by pursuing ministry in a safe and supportive environment and receiving training through a nationally run course.

More information can be found on the National FY website (<https://tinyurl.com/49ctx965>)

What does it involve?

You'll have the opportunity to lead varied and active programmes, and opportunities for you to explore your calling – this could be in children's or youth ministry, or both.

Programmes include weekly activities in church, local schools and community settings.

There are also "one-off" events like residentials, holiday clubs and training days.

Interns will also get the opportunity to work together at diocesan events, and a chance to visit our partner Diocese in Västerås, Sweden.

Each intern will also have a mentor, normally from their placement church, and access to a vocations advisor to help them understand God's call on them.

Where does it happen?

We have placements in three churches across the Diocese, each one with an experienced children and/or youth ministers.

Placements provide you with accommodation (usually with a host family) and expenses.

What training is on offer?

The Aurora Course in children and youth ministry has been specially designed for participants of Future Youth.

It includes a wide range of basic and essential training to help equip participants in safe, reflective and pioneering practice. Participants complete six assignments.

Training is spread over the year (September to July) in 12 online sessions and 2 residentials.

More information can be found on the Aurora website (www.auroratraining.org.uk/mes/youth)

