

ENCOUNTER YOUNG LEADERS

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Information

What is Encounter Young Leaders?

Encounter Young Leaders is a new 6-month programme for young people aged 14-18 years old already involved in (or with a desire to be involved in) leadership within their local church. The programme is run by the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The programme aims to enable young people to spend 6 months serving in their local church whilst learning more about leadership and exploring their God-given gifts through a residential weekend and two training days.

Programme Format

The Encounter Young Leaders programme will be split into two key areas: training & serving.

The training aspect will take the following format:

- 1 Residential weekend with others on the programme – 22-24th September 2017
- 1 Training Day in November – 25th November 2018
- 1 Training Day in March with a Commissioning Service – 3rd March 2018
- A WhatsApp/Facebook group for participants

The serving aspect will take the following format:

- 2 hours leading per week in your church*
- A monthly meeting with a church mentor (This may or may not be the incumbent)
- A chance to report back to the PCC on your work in the church

*These 2 hours are flexible...for example it could be done in 2 large blocks e.g. holiday clubs with time in-between spent planning and preparing.

Costs

In order to enable as many young people as possible to take part in Encounter Young Leaders we don't have a set cost however we would suggest that the church or young person makes a contribution of £60 towards the running of the programme.

What counts as 'leadership'?

The vision of Encounter Young Leaders is that through taking part young people are given genuine opportunities to serve in leadership, this can take many different forms but must be agreed by the Encounter Young Leaders Team, the participant and the church that this is a genuine leadership opportunity.



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Potential roles could include:

- Helping to run a youth group/bible study/youth club
- Helping with children's work
- Helping plan/lead a holiday club
- Messy Church
- Serving in a local food bank
- Preaching
- Worship leading (not just playing in the band)
- Assisting/laying up for communion
- Welcoming
- Serving refreshments (including planning/shopping for)
- After school/homework clubs
- Leading in Sunday School
- Being on team for Alpha/Baptism Courses
- Taking a lead in Church Administration (Notice Sheets, Website, Facebook page etc.)

Applications

To take part in the programme a young person must complete the Encounter Young Leaders Application form and return it to:

Mark Tiddy
Diocese of Chelmsford
53 New Street
Chelmsford
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Or via email to – mtiddy@chelmsford.anglican.org

The form must be agreed by either the incumbent of the church or the PCC. Once your form has been submitted a meeting will be arranged between the applicant, incumbent and either Area Youth Adviser or Young Vocations Champion.

A separate medical form will be sent out prior to the residential weekend.



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