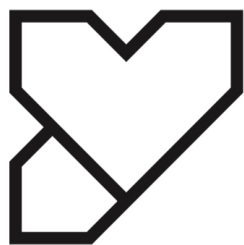


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Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST



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Director

“ Could you be the bridge to lead young people back to church? At the annual Youth for Christ staff conference this January, we learned that 24% of the churches who did youth ministry pre-covid have now stopped. Those young groups that remain are, on average, 53% smaller than they were.

This poses a huge challenge for the church in our nation at this time and highlights all the more the need to take the gospel out to this upcoming generation. For organisations like ours to come alongside local churches to work in partnership, and “bridge the gap” between the young people within the local schools and

communities back towards the local church.

Only 8% of young people view church positively, however 50% of them view faith positively. 1 in 3 young people actively want to hear more about the Christian faith, so we have every reason to be confident about sharing Jesus.

We also want to see young peoples’ view of church restored, and we have a simple but effective way of making this a reality. In short, we want to take the church out to the youth. This means simply recruiting more volunteers from local churches to be the bridge between the context that local young people find themselves in, and the faith communities that the volunteers find themselves in. These volunteers along with our staff workers will be the “face” of the local church.

To make this happen, we need an army of bridge workers who would accompany our youth workers in some of the environments they find themselves week by week. The commitment doesn’t have to be burdensome - it could be just one session a week or even once a month.

If you feel God could be calling you to get involved, then please feel free to contact us for a chat and find out what this may look like for you.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the recruitment of bridge workers across Warrington, that this would see many more young people disciplined.
2. Pray for upcoming Easter lessons, assemblies, and sessions we’ll be delivering. Thank God that hundreds, if not thousands, of young people will be hearing the good news of the gospel this month!
3. Pray also for the Academy Easter Residential that will be taking place at the end of this month - that all young people involved would grow closer to Jesus in this time away.

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A date for your diaries -
Sunday 9th June 2024!

We are excited to be launching an annual Youth for Christ Sunday, where all churches across Warrington are encouraged and resourced to deliver a short update on the work of Youth for Christ and an opportunity to give to this ministry. We are in the process of contacting all the churches in our town, but would also appreciate you passing this information onto your church leadership team if you’re reading this!



In light of this, we are recruiting church members across Warrington to be Youth for Christ Reps, to facilitate the delivery of Youth for Christ Sunday in your church. We will provide you with all the resources required.

Do you think you might be interested in becoming a Youth for Christ Rep in your church, or would you like to know more? We’d love to hear from you, just send us an e-mail at office@warrington.yfc.co.uk