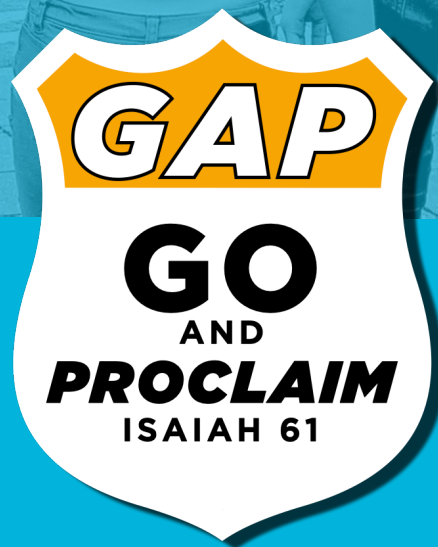


THINKING ABOUT A GAP YEAR?



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GAP YEAR: **GO AND PROCLAIM**

We want your gap year to be an amazing, God-inspired experience. If you choose to come on board you'll be involved with sharing the good news of the gospel with thousands of young people, through school assemblies, lessons, mentoring, mission events, youth groups, detached outreach, and more.

If you are interested in taking part in a Warrington Youth for Christ gap year, whether full-time or part-time, then this booklet will give you some idea of what we do and how you might be spending your time with us. It's not intended as an exclusive list of our ministries, but will hopefully give you a taste of some of the exciting projects that you could be part of.

Our gap year runs from September to August and we are looking for Christians between the ages of 18-25 who love Jesus and have a heart for seeing young people's lives changed by Him.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

On Thursday mornings, the whole team meet together for a relaxed and informal time of prayer and worship. This time is really precious to seek God's will, pray for one another, and intercede for the young people of Warrington. We often read through a book of the Bible together, invite guest speakers, and listen to relevant teaching, as well as having a chance to reflect and respond to God. You'll also have regular one-to-one support from one of the staff team.

TRAINING

Your gap year will include a place at the Youth for Christ Staff Conference in January, as well as attendance at other national events. These are amazing times of worship, training, equipping, top-quality Bible teaching, as well as getting to know other centres from around the country and meeting fellow youth workers and gap year students.

ACADEMY

Part of your gap year will be helping to equip, support, and disciple young leaders in our Academy. Having input from young Christians who are slightly older than them, but still close enough to understand their world and culture, is invaluable, and you'll be actively involved in supporting young Christians in their discipleship journey.



SCHOOLS WORK

A large part of our time is spent going into local high schools to build relationships with young people. We assist with RE classes, sometimes just being there to answer questions on Christianity and other times to lead lessons on a Christian theme. We lead school assemblies, sharing the truth of Jesus with young people in fun and approachable ways. We also deliver mentoring sessions, offering pastoral care to young people who are in need of kindness, support, and a listening ear.

At some of our schools we can be involved in other areas of school life, depending on the gifts of the team who are based there, for example in music, sports, dance, and drama.

We also have the incredible opportunity of running Christian groups in our schools - after-school clubs, debate clubs, and prayer spaces. A significant part of the gap year will be taking part in these groups, building relationships with young people and seeing them grow in faith, being disciplined in their own communities.

EVENTS & TRIPS

We run large scale mission weeks at least once per year, where we tour the schools of Warrington spreading the good news, and then run an evangelistic event at the end of the week. There will be opportunities during this week depending on your interests and gifts - from up-front hosting and praying with young people who respond to the gospel, right through to the logistic side of event planning and technical support.

We also run regular trips and socials, from the Academy Easter Residential and our famous Blackpool trip, to smaller socials and the annual Beach trip in the summer!

In your gap year you'll experience what it takes to make these events happen, and of course have a lot of fun along the way!

DETACHED & CLUBS

Friday night is detached night! This is a crucial time in the week when Youth for Christ are on the ground in our local communities meeting young people where they're at, whether in local parks, out on the streets, at drop-ins, or at the local Youth Zone. You will be involved in the running of these clubs, developing your own skills and responsibilities within your interests and talents, whilst sharing Jesus with many young people in your community.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have an interest in digital evangelism, there will be loads of opportunities to help shape our social media ministry on different platforms. There'll be opportunities to learn about what it takes to plan, film, and edit different videos, and work creatively to reach young people with the good news of Jesus in digital spaces.



**The gap year programme will cost a total of
£350 (without a travel card*)**

**GAP Year students would need to self-fund their travel*

This will include a place at Youth for Christ's National Conference (food and accommodation provided), as well as other national events and relevant training.

Payment plans available. GAP Year students are encouraged to seek support from their local church, or talk to us if funding is an issue.

Full-time hours are Monday to Friday, and will also include Friday evenings. If you opt for a part-time GAP Year then exact times will be discussed with you. However the core work of a GAP Year student will take place on Tuesdays during school hours, Thursday mornings, and Friday nights, so whether you're part-time or full-time, these days are essential.

**To apply, go to:
[warrington.yfc.co.uk/
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