



Future Youth is part of the wider *Ministry Experience Scheme (MES)* an initiative run by the Church of England nationally.

Any diocese can apply to run a Future Youth scheme and organise the church placements where participants would be based. The training element of the year is provided nationally with all participants coming together online and via residentials across the year. It is important to have experienced CYP ministers involved in the scheme to best serve participants as they enter into CYP ministry and begin to discern their call.

Future Youth must be free to do for participants with accommodation and expenses provided. Grants are available from the national church to help with costs. The training and residentials are also covered by national budgets.

Diocesan leaders: If you are interested in your diocese running a Future Youth scheme (or MES) then please get in contact with vic.wilson@churchofengland.org to find out more.

Local church leaders: The biggest challenge for Future Youth is finding young adults (18-29) who would like to explore CYP ministry through a year out opportunity. Promoting Future Youth to those in your congregation and networks is hugely important. 3 out of 4 participants first hear about Future Youth and MES through a personal contact often their church leader.

CYP Ministers: Please communicate Future Youth to any of your older youth. 1 in 5 participants every year are school leavers taking a year out.

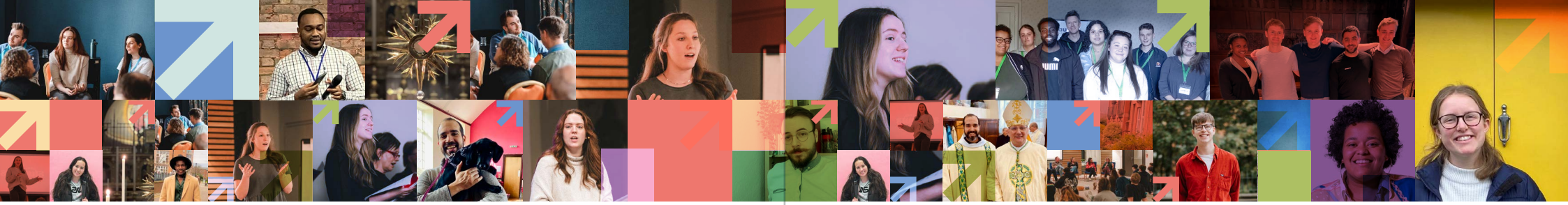
Those aged 18 to 29: Have you ever considered a calling to church leadership and ministry, whether with children and youth or other areas. Please visit our website to explore Future Youth and MES opportunities. There are schemes across England and in Europe and you can use our webform to ask for more information about any that interest you.

For more information or to apply to the Scheme in St Albans Diocese please email ruth.dennigan@stalbansdiocese.org



Ministry with children and young people (CYP) can feel like the smallest cog in the machine of church – and yet it lays the groundwork for the future of the church.

By investing in youth and children’s leaders the church will be able to create spaces for young people to grow in spirit and in numbers. **FUTURE YOUTH** is a chance to actively invest into the lives of those aged 18 to 29 and therefore also into the growth of CYP ministry and the whole church.



Future Youth is a vocational year out for young adults to explore a call to youth and children's ministry.



A future in church ministry can be endlessly rewarding

– but it isn't easy to commit to if you're not certain of your calling. Participants in Future Youth get the chance to spend a year gaining ministry experience in youth and children's work. It gives them the opportunity to ask the question 'Is this my future?', while being surrounded by mentorship, support, and people invested in seeing them grow.

In the past two years 22 people have been Future Youth participants. You can read some of their experiences opposite. Several of them have gone on to further CYP training and/or paid roles in churches. Those that have gone on to secular study or jobs have an increased passion and confidence for serving children and young people.

The vision is to see many more young adults discover a calling and love for CYP ministry; being equipped as paid ministers or volunteers to serve the church for years to come.



"My favourite experience was going back into my old school and leading assemblies. It was a really rewarding experience to go to a place where my faith was built and now plant a seed for someone." **Jasmine**



"I love being a support for young people, being patient with them even when they go wrong, being somewhere safe for them" **Josh**



"A highlight was taking some of our teaching about Lego play back to my children's group and seeing how they adapted it for themselves. I could see how God had worked through me to the kids which was great" **Jade**



"The best thing about this year is my youth growing. I'm just really, really, proud of them. And that makes me really, happy to see their growth" **Camila**



"At our Friday evening event it has been really cool to see teenagers who love Jesus and are hungry for him. I get to come alongside them, to pray and support them, which gives me such joy" **Joseph**

