CENTENARY PROJECT

Engaging - Nurturing - Discipling

Support for Volunteers in Children, Youth & Family Ministry

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Why are we Offering Support to Volunteers?
If we are to achieve the doubling of active disciples, many more churches than those resourced with a Centenary Project Worker need to effectively engage, nurture and disciple children, young people and families (CYF).

We know that there are faithful, enthusiastic and gifted volunteers who are already doing amazing work with CYF but would value more support.

Our Volunteer Support Offer
We are offering 'scaffolding placements' which involves placing a Centenary Project Worker (CPW) in a parish for 3-6 months for 3-5 hours per week, to work with volunteers to launch or rethink CYF ministry in their parish.

It could be a parish where there is a high number of infant Baptisms and they'd really like to build on those relationships by offering a Messy Church. Or a parish with a great link to a local church school and they'd love to offer an after school club. A large number of young people on a Sunday morning and they would love to establish a youth group.

The CPW would then walk alongside the volunteers equipping them to launch the new ministry. This could include signposting to training, working to safely recruit and train a volunteer team, setting up social media, applying for small resource grants and building relationships.

Over the course of the period of the placement the support would gradually reduce with the CPW eventually stepping back from the ministry, while ensuring long term sustainability,

Volunteer Network
The volunteers would then become part of the Volunteer Network and receive support from the CP Central Team which would include the volunteer receiving termly mentoring.

STEPS

1

IDENTIFY PARISH

Parish to complete an online referral form

2

MEET WITH PARISH

After receiving a referral form a member of CP Central Team will arrange to meet with the parish Incumbent and volunteer lead to chat further about what a scaffolding post may look like

3

ADVERTISE TO CPW'S

Advertise the role to Centenary Project Workers, consider whether churchmanship is compatible, gifts and talents, calling & location

4

CPW IN ROLE

Centenary Project Worker supports volunteer lead with setting up a new ministry, safely recruiting volunteers, establishing team, completing necessary procedures such as risk assessments

5

CP SUPPORT

Grant support from funding officer. Centenary Project Worker in role to train and sign post to other training opportunities. Mentoring on a termly basis for volunteer lead

6

CPW PREPARES TO LEAVE

Begin gradually reducing support, ensuring volunteers are empowered and resources for long term sustainability. Volunteer/s to become part of the CP Volunteer Network (the two nework gatherings and annual large CP Network)

Other Support

If you don't require the full scaffolding package but would like more support for volunteers they can access the Diocese Children and Youth Network Facebook Groups where new resources and training are often shared.

Twice a year the Diocese runs a Network Gathering for volunteers, lay leaders, PCC members, clergy and all those with a heart for children and young people.

The Diocese continues to offer Aurora, training courses for those invovled in CYF ministry. Aurora now consists of some in-person training, some online (Zoom) training, and some eLearning sessions that you can do in your own time.

Get in Touch

To talk to Central Team about how we can support you get in touch with Hannah Robinson.
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Network Gatherings

Aurora

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