

Do you have a heart to serve the younger generation? Do you want to develop skills in children's and youth work?



The church has so much potential for growth. Future Youth (FY), the new strand of the Ministry Experience Scheme, is an opportunity for 18s-30s to spend a year growing in young people and children's ministry through ministry placements, training and mentoring.

FY is more than just a great experience year though; it is a chance for young people to be championed and for churches to be grown. Youth and children's work can sometimes be made to feel like the smallest cog in the machine – and yet it lays the groundwork for the future of the church as well as bringing life and vibrancy to church congregations today.

FY participants test God's calling on their lives by pursuing ministry in a safe and supportive environment and receiving training through a nationally run course ([Aurora](#)). All placements will provide ministry opportunities across a range of ages and contexts. The whole year is free to do with accommodation and expenses covered.

By being part of Future Youth, you would be standing as an advocate for young people and children. It is a chance to actively invest actively into the growth of the church, and your own personal journey.

First launched in September 2023 with 11 participants across 6 diocesan schemes there are now double the number of opportunities and placement spaces from September 2024. Please visit our [map page](#) to find out more, the map pins will tell you if a diocese is offering MES and/or FY placements.

Future Youth is part of the Church of England's plans to develop and support 30,000 leaders of mission with children, young people and families by 2030 ([30Kproject](#))



"I was attracted to the MES because as someone who is wanting to move into a youth worker job in the future this course offered the best way of preparing me for that.

"Through MES I have the opportunity to give a year serving in church setting and see exactly what it would look like working for a church as well as enabling me to grow in confidence and various gifts that will help prepare for a future job within a youth ministry. I am excited to be involved in church life, serve alongside other interns, learn and grow and have the opportunity to devote an entire year to God."

Dave

Current participant in Leeds diocese, starting as a church youth worker in September

“My MES year has been so great for exploring my calling into youth ministry. I've loved being part of a church where I've worked alongside an established team, been mentored and released to try out new ventures like running Bible studies and youth socials. I've been stretched to get out of my comfort zone in the wider church ministries as well.

“I would definitely recommend MES.”

Emily

Past participant in Bath and Wells diocese, now a church youth worker



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