



**Diocese
in Europe**

D.E.C. & Y Network **Diocese in Europe Children & Youth Ministry**

**Growing young, faithful disciples, active for God,
and the next generation of church leaders!**

Newsletter **January 2025**

Firstly, a Happy New Year!! I hope you had a great Christmas and a good break.

Welcome to the first newsletter which I hope will keep you informed about what is happening in the Diocese in relation to Children and Youth Ministry. Developing children and Youth Ministry is a 5-year strategy the Diocese has committed to implementing using financial resources available from the National Church. To see a summary of the strategy please visit the [Children and Youth Ministry page](#) on the [Diocesan Website](#).



Network meetings

These meetings are held every 5 or 6 weeks and is an opportunity anyone who has a passion for, and works or volunteers with children and young people (5-30), to meet other like minded people. We meet for about an hour, pray together, share stories, share resources and offer other training.

We try to alternate days we meet each time. Check out the website for future dates.

**To join the network
e-mail Stephen Murray**

stephen.murray@europe.anglican.org



Our next meeting is

Monday 27th January

**17h30wet/
18h30cet/
19h30eet**

Our next meeting is

Tuesday 25th February

**17h30wet/
18h30cet/
19h30eet**

We hold our Chill and Chat 4 times a year. It is an opportunity for those who work with young people to just chill, chat and talk about youth work or other issues and ask questions. Join us whenever and stay for as long or as little as you like.

Chill & Chat

To join the network

e-mail **Stephen Murray:** stephen.murray@europe.anglican.org

Road trip to Taize

Do you have young people aged between 15 & 30 who would like to spend a week with other young people from around the world? Then check out out Road trip to Taizé 2025 at the end of July. See the attached poster for more details and to register your interest.



Have you heard of the Ministry Experience Scheme? This is where an intern is placed for 9 months in a chaplaincy to work alongside the chaplain and others to experience life in ministry with a view to possible ordination. NOW WE HAVE FUTURE YOUTH.

Future youth intern scheme

This is a development on the MES. A young person, who has an interest in children and youth ministry is placed in a chaplaincy for 9 months to work alongside those who lead children and youth ministry. As well as learning on the job they also have access to National Training in youth ministry. There are some commitments and costs for the chaplaincy but not exorbitant.

If you and your chaplain feel that this is something you might be interested in then please get in touch with me ian.bendrey@europe.anglican.org to discuss further.

The voice of young people



Young people have a lot to say about life and the issues that effect them. This is no different in the church. And after all they are our future leaders so we need them to engage with the church at all levels. With that in mind I would like to establish regional Young People's Council's who have an opportunity to get together with others from their Archdeaconry to discuss current issues in the world and the church.

It would also be an opportunity to ask questions of the Bishops and Senior Staff in the Diocese about Diocesan Policy and the policies of the National Church.

If you have young people who would be interested in having their say, please do get in touch ian.bendrey@europe.anglican.org. At present I am exploring how we can follow up with young people who attended the Racial Justice Conference.

Social media & resources

Did you know we have a Facebook Page [Diocese in Europe Youth Network | Facebook](#). It is very underused at the moment but is a great way to share with the rest of the network what you get up to with your children and young people and also to share resources with others.

On the subject of resources do check out our resources page on the Diocese in Europe website: [Children & Youth Resources](#)

If you have any resources you would like to share then please e-mail Stephen Murray with the name and link and he can add it to the site stephen.murray@europe.anglican.org

Keep in touch!

Well that is all for now. But if you have any questions, ideas for training, resources or just want to let us know what you are doing, then please keep in touch.



Iain Bendrey

Head of Strategy, Children and Youth Ministry

iain.bendrey@europe.anglican.org

Stephen Murray

Youth Network Co-ordinator

stephen.murray@europe.anglican.org



**Diocese
in Europe**