

Job Description

Job Title: Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator

Employer: Diocese of Brentwood

Location: Parishes and schools of the Newham Deanery

Responsible to: Priests of the Newham Deanery

Accountable to: Mgr John Armitage (Dean)

Mentor: Fr Daniel Kelly with termly days of resourcing and sharing good practice provided by the Diocesan Vicariate for Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care

Salary: £25,000-£30,000 p/a depending on experience

Hours: 35 p/w (to include evening and weekend work)

Contract: A fixed 3-year contract

Start Date: Advent 2023

Job Purpose

To build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team, helping to deepen and strengthen the relationship of each young person with Jesus Christ and to enhance their lived experience of the Catholic faith. Working with young adults and older volunteers in the Newham Deanery the post holder will develop a team to lead activities across Newham. Working with Children and Young People from First Holy Communion to University, this team would provide a wide range of spiritual, service and social opportunities; the team will also link with the extensive opportunities provided by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

Background to the role

The Borough of Newham is one of the most socially deprived areas in England. 49% of children in the borough live in households with an income of less than 60% of the UK median. 24.5% of Newham residents are estimated to be earning below the Living Wage.

The Newham Deanery is at the far south-western end of the Diocese of Brentwood bordering with the Archdiocese of Westminster on the other side of the River Lea and the Archdiocese of Southwark on the other side of the River Thames. It is made up of 7 parishes, each with a Primary School attached and two single sex Secondary schools. The parishes and schools in the Newham

deanery are some of the oldest in the Diocese. The parish of Stratford dates to before the Catholic Emancipation.

The Newham Deanery has the highest Mass attendance in the Diocese and the most multi-cultural attendance with over 60 different nationalities.

Main Tasks

The Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will chair the Deanery Youth Council and spend the early months of their role identifying and working with interested young adults and older volunteers to build a team capable of delivering a wide range of activities within the deanery. Young people will also be involved in the discussions about the types of activity to be offered, the venue and timing. These activities and opportunities will be aimed at deepening and strengthening the relationship of each young person with Jesus Christ, and enhancing the lived experience of their Catholic faith, and will include spiritual, service and social opportunities.

Such opportunities could include, but are not limited to:

- Provision for a regular Mass animated by young people
- A regular discussion group, grappling with the 'tough questions' of faith, and building young people in confidence in evangelisation and apologetics
- Help to nurture, train and develop young leaders within the deanery - both existing volunteers, and emerging talent from amongst the teenagers in the deanery
- A structured programme for those who are post-Communion and pre-Confirmation
- Service to the local community
- Regular prayer groups, which include a variety of prayer styles, and where young people are trained to lead prayer
- Social opportunities, reaching out to non-Catholic young people
- Holiday time opportunities, where young adults (18-30) are formed and trained as leaders, providing opportunities for children and young people within the deanery
- Participation in BCYS events, retreats and pilgrimages, including attending training and resources days provided by the Vicariate of Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care.
- Involving young people in the development of parish Social Media

After the first year the expectation would be for young people of each age group to have at least one significant opportunity each month.

Liaising with those who look after parish and hall diaries, the Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will be responsible for ensuring the team book the spaces needed, and leave areas clean at the end of a session/event.

The Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will ensure all opportunities fully conform to all Diocesan and Statutory Guidelines in terms of Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

The Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will actively promote the opportunities offered by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, arrange transport and parental consent as required, and support young people in fundraising for the events and pilgrimages when necessary.

The Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will be responsible for administering a budget for resources, and responsible for ensuring all money for events and trips is collected and accounted for. Except with the prior permission of the Deanery, the expectation would be that youth activities are self-financing.

The Partnership Youth Co-ordinator will fulfil any other duties reasonably requested by the Line Manager, on behalf of the deanery.