

Diocese of Leeds National Youth Ministry Weekend 2024 Grant Scheme

The Diocese of Leeds is offering five grants of up to £250 in matched-funding for volunteer or paid worker expenses relating to attending the National Youth Ministry Weekend, to complement five free tickets to the conference that have been provided by the Growing Faith Foundation, Vision & Strategy and Ministry Development teams.

Introduction

We want you to have a great time at the National Youth Ministry Weekend, and this offer is designed to help make that happen. We want to support your church in having your back – investing in you is important, partly because we hope it then benefits young people connected to your church (or helps those not connected become connected), but significantly because we want to support your calling to ministry with young people.

The National Youth Ministry Weekend is taking place from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th November 2024 at Resorts World Birmingham, a centre that hosts a conference suite, a cinema, shops and restaurants. It's next to the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) and Birmingham International Airport and Birmingham International Railway Station.

Travel

Coming by train? Birmingham International Railway Station is a short walk through the NEC from Resorts World. Coming by car? Free parking is available for conference delegates nearby.

Accommodation

You are free to stay with friends or family in Birmingham if that would suit you. The Diocese of Birmingham have set up a scheme where they are connecting delegates with Christians from across the city who are happy to host you – more information at <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/nymw/offers>.

There are also several hotels in the vicinity of the NEC, as well as elsewhere in Birmingham that you can reach by rail or road.

Food

There are a range of restaurants at Resorts World, as well as a couple of coffee shops and a small convenience store. Be aware that restaurants will get busy during the conference breaks! Find more information about eateries at <https://www.resortsworldbirmingham.co.uk/experiences/dining-out-at-resorts-world> (and a couple of offers are at the link in 'Accommodation', above).

Programme

This conference is to support and equip you in your ministry. It's up to you what in the programme you go to, and how much you go to or not go to – we trust you to identify your needs and won't be checking up on this. Please respect the gift that's made this possible, but also be reassured that it's been made with you and your needs in mind.

To see what's on the programme, go to <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/nymw/programme>.

Reception

The three Church of England teams who have paid for your conference ticket are hosting a lunch at 1pm on Saturday, and we'd encourage you to go to that if you can (although they suggest you get there promptly to guarantee food!).

Resources

Each year at the National Youth Ministry Weekend, attendees are given free resources. These are yours to keep (or give to your church if you prefer)! Other resources will be on sale, so you might want to know if you have your church's permission to buy any of these before you go (we won't be reimbursing you for these though; sorry!).

Expenses Terms and Conditions

There are some terms and conditions on the pages beyond. They give some detail of what the Diocese of Leeds will reimburse (or what it won't). Do read the detail but, in essence, the line is: please do use it, please don't abuse it.

Scheme Terms and Conditions

We welcome applications from anyone involved in ministry with young people through a Diocese of Leeds church, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. Your application will require the support of your parish priest or PCC; we will need their signature on the form overleaf.

The Diocese of Leeds has been allocated five tickets to the National Youth Ministry Weekend, and has set aside funding to support five people in attending the event. Should we receive more than five applications, we will weigh up which ones are to receive funding in the following order:

1. If applications are received from five or more churches, we will only fund one person per church.
2. If applications are received from all five episcopal areas, we will only fund one person per episcopal area.
3. If applications are received from five or more people who have not previously attended NYMW, we will only fund people that have not previously attended NYMW.
4. Selection will be based on 100-word statements from applicants.

Applications must be received by E-mail to graeme.bigg@leeds.anglican.org, or by post to Graeme Bigg, Diocese of Leeds, 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX, by midday on **Tuesday 8th October 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact Graeme Bigg at Graeme.bigg@leeds.anglican.org or on 0113 353 0236.

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Name: _____ **Attended NYMW previously?** Yes / No

Church: _____ **Village/town/city:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Why I would like to be considered for this grant (up to 100 words):

To be completed by Priest/PCC Secretary/Treasurer:

I support the person named above in applying for this scheme. I agree that the PCC will pay their travel, accommodation and food expenses for attending the National Youth Ministry Weekend, and understand that the Diocese of Leeds will contribute up to £250 towards those expenses on a 1:1 matched-funding basis, subject to a completed expenses form being received by 22nd January 2025.

Name: _____ **Role:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The information provided will be used solely for the purpose of administering the scheme. Data from unsuccessful applications will be deleted by four months from the date above, and data from successful applications will be deleted by two years from the date above. All data will be processed in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Notice, available at www.leeds.anglican.org/GDPR.

Expenses Terms and Conditions

The Diocese of Leeds ('the Diocese') will match-fund (at a 1:1 ratio) expenses claims for travel, accommodation and food relating to the National Youth Ministry Weekend submitted to the church PCC. To claim, submit a Diocesan expenses form to graeme.bigg@leeds.anglican.org with copies of associated receipts by 22nd January 2025.

Travel

The Diocese will pay towards travel costs by car (reimbursed at a rate of 45p/mi), motorbike (24p/mi) or bicycle (20p/mi) or public transport (standard class). We would expect the journeys to be undertaken between the 22nd and 24th of November, although are open to conversation about travel to and from Birmingham on different days. Aside from the journey from home to Birmingham and back, the other journeys covered would be between the accommodation and Resorts World Birmingham.

Accommodation

The Diocese will pay towards a standard room in accommodation located within a reasonable travel distance of Resorts World Birmingham. Meals booked via the accommodation provider are eligible for expenses (see 'Food', below), but no other associated costs (e.g. laundry) will be met. We cannot make a direct gift to friends or family for a stay, but are open to a conversation about how we can support them – please contact us beforehand if this is a possibility.

Food

The Diocese will pay towards the cost of meals (up to six across the weekend) and snacks (up to six across the weekend) for one person from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. The cost of any alcoholic drinks will not be met.

PCC Expenses Policy

The Diocese will not pay towards anything not covered by a PCC's expenses policy, except in exceptional circumstances. Please contact us beforehand if this is a concern.

Payment

Payment will be in the form of a refund of expenses, made upon submission of receipts, to the church PCC. The Diocese reserves the right to check whether expenses claims have been paid by the PCC before issuing this refund.

Reasonable Expenses

The Diocese of Leeds reserves the right to reject unreasonable expenses claims.

Conduct

Should the conference attendee's conduct at any point over the weekend bring the Diocese of Leeds into disrepute, the Diocese reserves the right to reject their expenses claim.

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Why The Church of England is inviting you to NYMW...

The Church of England has set the bold aim of 'doubling the number of children and active young disciples' (under the age of 18) in our churches by 2030. This means that the Vision and Strategy, Ministry Development and Growing Faith teams are working hard to support churches and dioceses in the development of mission and ministry with children and young people. Our 30k Project recognises that every single person engaging with children and young people in and for our churches is someone to treasure. So, we seek to increase the number of volunteers by 27,000 and employed workers by 3,000. We want to say thank you for the dedication and service of those already involved by offering key volunteers and employed workers the opportunity to attend the National Youth Ministry weekend.

We believe the National Youth Ministry Weekend is a great place to be challenged, inspired, encouraged and resourced, not only through the organised sessions, but also through informal conversations with other children's and youth ministry practitioners. We are

therefore delighted that, working with Youthscape, we can provide free tickets for every diocese to invite youth leaders they want to thank and invest in. The aim is to develop supportive networks within dioceses, and for all of us to return to our churches and communities with new perspectives and deeper understanding, better equipped to make a difference in the lives of young people we encounter.

We look forward to being able to thank you personally all at our 'Thank you Lunch' on the Saturday where we will also be sharing how we can support the development of your mission and ministry with children and young people.

Carolyn Edwards – Ministry Development

Emma Buchan and Pam Macnaughton – Vision and Strategy

Lucy Moore – Growing Faith Foundation

NYMW.INFO



What is The National Youth Ministry Weekend...



The National Youth Ministry Weekend (NYMW) is an annual event for all Christians involved in working with young people through the church - including youth and children's workers, church leaders, and every volunteer whether they are experienced or just starting,

See the whole programme and who's contributing at nymw.info.

At NYMW you'll find inspiration, encouragement, practical advice and the latest practical resources. You'll join more than a thousand others in our main sessions hearing from some of the leading youth ministry practitioners from around the world. We'll draw together different traditions of worship and practice throughout the programme. You'll be able to attend seminars on almost every aspect of Christian work with young people. Above all you'll find an amazing mix of fun, encouragement and refreshment. It's a weekend for everyone who loves young people and wants youth work to thrive in their church - packed with more than fifty seminars and interactive sessions, free coaching and advice, space to reflect and some surprise guests!

The National Youth Ministry Weekend is hosted by Youthscape, a national Christian charity supporting and resourcing the church's work with young people. You can find out more about us at youthscape.co.uk.

ADVENTURE OF A lifetime

Our 2024 conference theme: Adventure of a lifetime

Following Jesus is the greatest adventure of all: the God who made the world, inviting us to help him rebuild it. The radical call of the kingdom offers a thrilling, long-term journey of meaning and purpose. So why do so many young people choose to turn their back on it before that adventure has even really begun?

This year at the National Youth Ministry Weekend, we're going to ask perhaps the toughest and most important question of discipleship: how do we make it stick? So many young people start out on the road of faith, but soon end up in the ditches of doubt, distraction and despair. What can we do to give them the best chance of growing lifelong faith?

Part of the answer must be found in our own consistency and commitment – so we'll also be looking at the potentially-lifelong adventure of youth ministry. How do we keep going for the long term? And what's the impact on young people when we do?

Join us for a weekend of wisdom, inspiration and practical help from some of the best and most experienced practitioners in the world. Bring your team, or come along to make new friends. And above all, take time out to spend time with the one who calls us to adventure – and to lead young people as they embark on theirs.

Here's what to do next...

1. Visit the NYMW website at nymw.info

The full programme and much more information is on the website. You can explore the programme in detail, who's speaking and what offers there are to save on accommodation and food.

2. Book your free ticket

Get your ticket free of charge by entering the code given to you by your Diocese during checkout at nymw.info. There are a finite number of tickets, so make sure you book as soon as possible after receiving the code or the free place may be re-allocated.

3. Join us for the Church of England 'Thank you' session

Come along and meet the team on Saturday. We will be providing lunch on a first come first served basis so make sure you get there promptly!

FREE accommodation available - check nymw.info for details.

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