

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Parish Youth Worker/Minister

ROLE TITLE: Volunteer Parish Youth Worker/Minister
RESPONSIBLE TO: Parish Priest.
ROLE PURPOSE: Using social education and spiritual development activities to work with young people from secondary school age upwards.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- To encourage young people, mainly from the parish community, to become active within the group and community.
- To establish a programme of activities which respond to the needs and aspirations of the young people.
- To contribute, as part of the parish youth work team, to the development of work with young people from the parish, promoting the spiritual, social and fun aspects of Christian living.
- To assist in the maintenance of administration and the running of the group.
- To attend any appropriate planning and assessment meetings.
- To enable young people to take up their rightful role in the Christian Community as ministers of change and growth within the Church and World.
- When necessary, to act as a liaison between young people and the adult parish, to be a voice for their hopes and aspirations.
- To work with others to ensure that youth work is conducted in accordance with the Diocesan Child Protection Procedures.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

- To familiarise themselves with National Child Protection Policies.
- To refer any concerns about a child to the CPR in the Parish.
- To be willing to participate in basic child protection training.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- The ability to relate with respect and ease to children and adults and to enjoy working with children.
- Commitment to the essential teachings of the Catholic Church and the ethos of the parish.
- Experience in talking with young children and willingness to attend Children's Liturgy Days.
- A willingness to give time to the preparation of the sessions and the co-ordination of the group.
- All volunteers responsible for the group must be over 18 years of age.