

Ministry with Teens & Partnering with Parents

Co-ordinator

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Overall Aim

This Ministry Skills Stream aims to help participants to gain an understanding of the broad nature of Youth Ministry and how to apply this understanding in a practical framework for effective Youth Ministry.

50% of the world's population are under the age of 25. As a church we are called by Jesus' mandate to go to all nations to make disciples.

We will explore how we might live this out with the teenagers in our immediate worlds. We will navigate what the Bible teaches together with kinesthetic learning to equip us to minister with teenagers and partner with their parents.

Learning Goals

On completion of this Ministry Skills Stream participants will be able to:

- intentionally integrate a personal spiritual growth in order to sustain and last in Youth Ministry;
- articulate past and present models of Youth Ministry and how they apply to different settings and parishes and personal Youth Ministry;
- identify which environments Youth Ministry Thrives and how we can respond to this;
- critically engage with a case study in Youth Ministry and your own experiences;
- formulate ministry goals that incorporate and involve the parents of teenagers;
- develop strategies to involve faith communities in the ministry with young people.

Dates of Stream

Saturdays: 9th April, 30th July and 19th November at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. Please check the NSTM website for further information and the programme for each day at www.schooloftheology.net

Successfully Completing Your Ministry Skills Stream

In order to successfully complete this ministry skills stream, you will be required to:

- attend all sessions throughout the programme, or have received permission to be absent from one session only prior to the session taking place, and satisfied the stream leader that aspects covered in that session have been studied in another form;
- actively participate as required in sessions;
- submit the assessed task on the date on which it is due.

Topics

The topics to be covered in the nine sessions will include:

- Sustainable Youth Ministers
- Theology of Youth Ministry / Models of youth ministry and why it matters.
- In What environment Does Youth Ministry thrive?
- Case Study - “ Reality Bytes”
- Partnering with Parents - Youth Leaders Role
- Partnering with Parents - Parish Role
- Juvenile Justice and the Church
- Youth ministry in Anglican Schools
- Role Playing, Relationships and Resources.

Assessed Task

Critically evaluate the text “Reality Bytes” by Nick Page, 2005.

Each participant will be given a format to follow to assist them in identifying key elements in this book, and to evaluate the significance to personal Youth Ministry.

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