

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Diocese of Winchester is prioritising growing authentic disciples, re-imagining the church, being agents of social transformation and belonging together in mutual generosity. Our focus is on bringing the message of Jesus to younger generations. Multiple teams within the diocese contribute towards this vision including Winchester Mission Action, Education, Parish Support, HR and the School of Mission, for example, through Resource Churches, Student Evangelism, ministry in schools, and BCM.

Re-imagining the church has recently involved changing some of the historic roles within the School of Mission, such that there are now no Children Families and Youth Adviser posts. The focus is now more on delivering ministry locally instead of through central resources so laity can fulfil their calling using their gifts as the whole people of God joining in God's mission. The new Youth Discipleship Enabler is developing a discipleship programme for young adults doing gap years in order to develop a stream of young leaders entering church ministry. We are recruiting a new Mission Trainer role to increase the capacity to deliver more lay training that meets the needs of the diocesan strategy, for example, BCM training and in support of MAPs. Both these roles are focused on younger generations.

All parish employees and volunteers in the area of children, families and youth ministry are welcome to contact the Canon Principal of the School of Mission so that provision for ongoing training needs can be resourced.

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