



Vacancy Details

Member of the Christian Youth Leaders Network (Associate member)

Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ are a chartered organisation, affiliated to British Youth for Christ. We aim to create contexts where young people can explore the claims of Jesus in the hope that they will begin a relationship with him and become lifelong disciples.

An **associate member** of the CYLN is a paid youth leader working less than 16 hours a week or a voluntary youth leader with oversight of the youth ministry in their local church. Joining the CYLN entails the church leadership for which they volunteer prayerfully considering and signing up to work in line with the Church Partnership Agreement. Members of the CYLN work as one team in order to create and deliver:

- **Connect** (our student led school context where young people lead their friends and peers in considering the message of Jesus).
- **Weekly small group discipleship**
- **Unite** (our monthly worship event).
- **Seasonal socials** (either locally or trips further afield).
- **Mentoring** (A framework for 1-2-1 discipleship with young people).

Candidates applying for this role will be expected to have complied with safer recruitment initiatives as laid out in the Church Partnership Agreement.

There is an occupational requirement that the role holder is a committed Christian in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: CYLN member (Associate)

Responsible to: The Director

Job Summary: Working alongside other youth leaders from across the town to help young people encounter Jesus.

1. Main Duties: This is done by:

- **Keeping up to date with the latest developments in the CYLN.** The CYLN meet weekly to pray, plan and reflect on how things are going. Associate members are very welcome to attend but are rarely present since time and work commitments are prohibitive. Associate members are therefore the first point of contact on behalf of their church's youth ministry to disseminate any relevant information that comes from CYLN meetings, which will be communicated to them.

- **Helping to find and recruit Connect Leaders as the need arises.** This generally takes place between June and August each year in preparation for the beginning of the academic year. Leaders are found through relationships with young people who attend Central Cell and are known to their church families. It may be that additional student leaders can be found part way through the year to support what is happening in the schools. Connect is currently on hold due to Covid-19.
- **Helping to facilitate weekly small group discipleship.** This will entail creating safe spaces for young people to gather and explore the Bible together. The material will be created and delivered collaboratively with AVYFC and the rest of the CYLN.
- **Advertising and attending big socials.** These could be trips to local venues (bowling, restaurants) or social events held in local churches as government guidance allows.
- **Active involvement and understanding of Church Suite.** This is the cloud software we're using to allow us to register young people and have access to their information to ensure we are running safe contexts.
- **Adherence to the core policies.** These include the Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, and Data Protection policies. It is not anticipated that these would be in conflict with established local church policies.

2. Additional Duties:

- To be committed to and model all aspects of the ethos of Youth for Christ by involvement in corporate and individual worship, Bible study and prayer.
- To have an active Christian faith and be a committed member, in good standing, in a Christian Church
- To attend safeguarding and other relevant training through your local church as laid out in the Church Partnership Agreement.
- To comply with the guidelines of the Youth for Christ branding.
- You'll be invited to National Conference and may want to attend other Youth for Christ national events such as focus days or prayer days. These are not compulsory but would be beneficial if time and church commitments permit.

The CYLN is administrated by AVYFC and so final decisions on the work and direction of the CYLN will need to be taken by AVYFC's paid staff and trustees. This will always be done in a collaborative way and in close consultation with CYLN members.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Attributes	Essential The minimum acceptable level for safe and effective job performance.	Desirable The attributes of the ideal candidate.
Experience/Qualifications	Must be the key youth leader or volunteer in youth ministry for your local church. Local church leadership must be in agreement that this appointment should be pursued in the light of the Church Agreement.	2 years experience running a youth ministry within a local church context.
Delivery Skills	Available to facilitate small group discipleship every week and/or ensure there are sufficient volunteers to cater for your church's young people. Available to attend Unite each month alongside your church's young people. Well organised, ability to multitask and work within budget constraints. Experience of facilitating small groups.	Experience of preaching and teaching.
Communication Skills	Ability to communicate comfortably and appropriately with young people and fellow team members.	
Inter Personal Skills	Excellent interpersonal skills Experience of working in a team	
Personal Qualities	Ability to use own initiative within the scope of their responsibility. Self-motivated. Ability to take, offer and respond appropriately to constructive criticism. Ability to take and respond appropriately to unconstructive criticism.	Ability to work flexibly, including occasional evening, weekend and overnight work
Christian Commitment	Active Christian faith Heart for young people and proclamation of the Gospel Active member of a Christian Church	Experience and understanding of how and when to lead someone to Christ.

	Good knowledge of the Bible and ability to apply it to various situations	
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