

Expressions of Interest: Growing Younger Mission Project

Are you passionate about growing active young disciples and creating flourishing worshipping communities*?

The Diocese is launching Stage 1 (Pilot) of the Growing Younger Mission Project, a bold initiative to invest in mission and ministry with children and young people (CYP). Our vision is to grow younger, deepen discipleship, and build sustainable partnerships that release potential across the diocese.

We are inviting benefices to express interest in joining this transformative programme. Selected contexts will receive funded support, guidance and advice from a dedicated practitioner and the Diocesan Growing Younger Team to establish Flourishing Worshipping Communities (FWCs) in their local context where:

- CYP are prioritised.
- Engagement with CYP is strengthened.
- There is an intentional focus on making active young disciples and creating a culture of growth.
- There is a desire to support collaboration across the wider local area – supporting the growth of ‘satellite’ partnerships for CYP mission in locally connected parishes.



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►►► What's we're looking for:

- Benefices with a 'nearly flourishing' worshipping community (NFWC)*.
- A willingness to intentionally pray for and prioritise growing younger and to adapt accordingly.
- An intentional focus on making active young disciples and creating a culture of growth.
- A desire to develop and release young leaders and leaders of mission and ministry with CYP.
- Evidence of collaborative leadership and community engagement.
- Capacity to partner with others and invest in sustainable mission.

►►► What's on offer:

- Strategic support from a dedicated Growing Younger Hub Partner and diocesan teams to build a sustainable FWCs that prioritises CYP.
- Access to training and resources for clergy and volunteers.
- Support to grow active young disciples and nurture leaders.
- Opportunities to share learning, access networks and build partnerships.





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▶▶▶ Next steps:

- For further information and an informal conversation, please contact Ruth New (Growing Younger Team Leader): ruth.new@elydiocese.org
- For information about criteria and discernment process, please contact Martin Kenward (Programme Manager): martin.kenward@elydiocese.org
- For full details, including discernment criteria and programme goals, please visit: elydiocese.org/growing-younger-mission-project

*Flourishing Worshipping Communities come in many different shapes and sizes. For this project we are using the National Church definition of worshipping communities with 25 or more children and young people worshipping within them and the following terms apply:

- Flourishing Worshipping Community (FWC): 25 or more children and/or young active young disciples regularly worshipping.
- Nearly Flourishing Worshipping Community (NFWC): 10-15 children and/or young active young disciples regularly worshipping.

