

North East – Brierley | Hemsworth | Monk Bretton | Ryhill | Staincross

South – Hoyland & Birdwell | Darfield Wesley | Great Houghton | Pilley | Wombwell

North West - Buckley | Dodworth | Emmanuel | Higham | Kexborough

Volunteering Outline - Role Description

Volunteer Role Title: **Circuit Youth Group – Leader & Helper**

Location: Barnsley Methodist Circuit

Responsible to & supported by: Ministers, Lay Workers, & Church & Chapel representatives

What is a Circuit Youth Group & it's leaders / helpers?

The Circuit Youth Group is our young people's youth group that takes place on the last Sunday of the month at various chapels around the Circuit, and various ad-hoc events throughout the year. It allows all our young people to come together to learn about God in an alternative age-appropriate way. It involves discussion, games, crafts and other activities that make worship more relevant to them.

A Youth Group Leader or Helper will be involved in the planning & preparation of the sessions, open to new ideas & support all the young people from across the Circuit. The safety & well-being of our young people must be at the heart of everything.

There must be at least 1 leader & 1 helper present for each session.

Skills Required

- Passion for helping young people know God
- A helpful and friendly disposition
- An ability to plan and deliver sessions that include discussions, games, crafts etc. for different aged children & young people
- An ability to work as part of a team
- Have a flexible attitude to working with others
- Good interpersonal skills both with adults and children
- Awareness of health & safety issues

Time / Commitment Required

- Planning session, as required
- Arrive 30 minutes before the session to help set up
- 2 hours on specific Sundays
- Other activities eg: sleepovers, camp, fund-raising events
- 30 minutes after to help tidy up & ensure all the young people are collected

The role of a Youth Leader

- Help plan & lead different activities including all sorts of activities including bible stories and discussions, games, singing, crafts, food, competitions, drama and quizzes
- Coordinate other helpers during and after the session

- Lead activities during the session – role modelling, participation & inclusion
- Identify those requiring extra support with tasks like crafts, games and provide 121 to ensure their needs are met
- Be involved (or aware) of taking the register, consent forms, tuck shop etc.
- Coordinate & help the clearing away after the session
- Help & be involved in ad-hoc events in chapels including sleepovers, activity days & fund raising

What requirements are needed to fulfil the role of a Youth Leader or Helper?

- As a minimum - Completion of the Foundation module: Creating Safer Space: Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Course which takes approx. 2-3 hours (every 4 years) & passing on any observed or communicated concerns or worries relating to any young person attending the chapel to the Safeguarding officer and / or minister. However, the Advanced module is preferred, but not essential.
- A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) (every 5 years) – volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. There is no cost to the volunteer for this check.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Training Course.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Unconscious Bias training.
- Preferred & recommended but not compulsory - First Aid certificate (every 3 years).

This role outline was approved by Barnsley Circuit Meeting on 17th September 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Please refer to the Circuit website for contact details of all chapel Leadership Teams, Church Council members, Circuit Meeting representatives & Circuit Leadership Team members.