



Churches Together in Heald Green Youth Initiative

CTHGYI Information for Youth Worker Role
<p>Aim We aim to provide a safe environment for the young people and a culture that lets them know they are safe and loved.</p>
<p>Ethos The vision is to Talk About God to the young people of Heald Green: To TELL them there is a plan and purpose for their lives! To LET them know God is real! To TELL them they are loved, and that Jesus died for them and rose to a new life which He wants them to be a part of.</p>
<p>Background: The Churches Together in Heald Green Youth Initiative (CTHGYI) is supported by four of the churches in Heald Green, namely: Brown Lane Methodist Church, LifeChurch, St Catherine’s Parish Church and the United Reformed Church. The Youth Initiative is based in premises (TAG Central) behind one of our constituent churches, Life Church Outwood Road. CTHGYI is an inclusive youth project aimed at all young people in our diverse community. The project is a registered charity, administered by Trustees from these local churches. The charity has been running for over twenty years, initially on a voluntary basis but in the last 10 years has had a paid youth leader.</p>
<p>Main responsibilities/Duties: Firstly the work based at Tag Central; this includes a weekly inclusive youth “club”, on a Wednesday evening where youngsters are encouraged to take part in more structured activities, chill out and chat, use the computer games and sports equipment or engage in accredited activities and most importantly Talk About God (TAG). Plus, a weekly drop-in session on a Saturday late morning/early afternoon. Secondly, the leader would work in two of our local high schools on a weekly basis, running lunchtime clubs and leading some PSHE lessons, using their own life experiences as background. This is intended to engage with many young people who might not necessarily come to a youth group.</p>
<p>Other information: The work of the youth leader would focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing the young people to encounter God by providing a safe environment for them to learn about him and a place they can call their home. (TAG Central). 2. To provide more than just a youth club experience but create an environment and culture where they feel they belong and does not feel like other youth clubs they may have experienced because this is God-centred. 3. To get out onto the streets of Heald Green and engage with young people. 4. Provide programmes such as Youth Alpha where they can explore Christianity and make an informed decision about their faith. 5. To grow organically and spiritually by listening to what God wants for TAG. 6. To help young people to become fully committed Christians.