

Youth Action Plan

As Youth team our main priorities during this time of meeting virtually are:

- *Maintaining and improving the connection between young people and Lifecentral Youth (mostly via social media and Zoom)*
- *Maintaining and improving the connection between young people and leaders*
- *Maintaining and improving young people's connection with God*

We aim to do this in 4 key ways:

Sundays

Midweek online small groups

One to One video chats

Increasing Social Media Presence

Sundays:

Engaging Young People with the Livestream

- On Sundays we will be encouraging all of Lifecentral Youth to engage in the online service by posting on social media (Instagram) at 10:30am.
- We will also be sending out to parents/guardians (scheduled for Sunday mornings) the teaching videos that we use in Excel on a Sunday for them to watch together as a family and a discussion activity and/or response to follow.
- We (Hannah, Tom and Harvey) will be filming a video to proceed and follow these videos to address our young people directly and help them to engage in the content.

Midweek Online Video Chats:

Crews Hangouts

- We have adjusted the way in which we operate Crews to facilitate online connection as we cannot meet face to face.
- This will take place via Zoom - we have instructed young people on how to download and use this and are also sending a step by step guide to parents.
- We will livestream a talk (Spiritual Content) at 7:30pm each week which everyone will attend via video call.

- We will then split up into smaller groups (Crews Hangouts) where leaders will lead through a group video chat discussion using a set of questions. There will be at least 2 leaders per Hangout to follow our safeguarding guidelines.
- The aim of these smaller groups is to enable connection, where the young people can connect with leaders, have fun with each other and explore their faith.

One to One Video Chats:

Connecting Young People with Leaders

- We recognise that we are in need of a way in which to care for the pastoral needs of our young people. We need a method to replace our usual face to face meetups as this is no longer possible.
- We are setting up a 'Request a video chat with a leader' option on the Youth page of our Church website. We are trying to make this as safe as possible, in terms of making it in line with our safeguarding policy, and so we will be operating these calls through Zoom also, where every conversation can be recorded (audio and video) and stored.
- We will assess whether this then requires a face to face meeting and see whether this is a possibility, all whilst continuing to follow government guidelines.
- We are updating our safeguarding documents to take into account what meeting with young people looks like during this time.
- We also have our Instagram account which is monitored by multiple leaders which young people can send a message to if they have questions or want to connect. This is something that was already in place previous to the current situation but we will be monitoring messages to this more closely over this time.

Increasing Social Media Presence:

Our only following online is on Instagram

- A weekly social media schedule as outlined below
 - MONDAY: Lifecentral Youth Podcast released
 - TUESDAY: Something fun organised by Harvey
 - WEDNESDAY: Reminder of Crews Zoom call
 - THURSDAY: Something fun organised by Harvey
 - FRIDAY: Video devotional
 - SATURDAY: Reminder of Livestream and youth (Excel videos)
 - SUNDAY: Church Livestream reminder

n.b. We have updated our youth page on the main Church website to make all of the above easily accessible.