



# Youthwork Degree Programme

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## **Church on the Roundabout Isle of Wight in conjunction with IOW**

**Youth for Christ** are really excited to be offering a 3-year youth worker college placement for a suitable student beginning in September 2021 through a 'Youthwork Degree Programme'.

The student studies for 1 day a week on a placement-based degree with Moorlands College, Christchurch (or any other college the student finds which offers a similar programme) and does a 20 hour per week placement with the church and IOW youth for Christ. The Church donate towards the student's tuition fees and provide the student with an annual travel allowance, accommodation and food.

## **Church on the Roundabout,**

**A brief outline by church leaders Tony & Sally Murphy** *(pictured below)*

*The Isle of Wight is a truly idyllic place to serve God. As a person who was brought up here, I moved away in my youth, but just kept coming back and soon realised that there was nowhere quite like it. Beautiful beaches, depending on whether you want to paddle, rock climb, swim or surf, amazing countryside for exploring on foot, bike or bus and it's full of great people too!"*





*The Isle of Wight is only a short ferry crossing away, so it is easily accessible and doesn't feel remote. It offers a range of lifestyles from busy to quiet, depending on what you are looking for.*

Church on the Roundabout is situated right in the middle of the Isle of Wight, literally on the famously busy Coppins Bridge roundabout (hence the church name!), so we are very well known and easy to find! We are a family and community-based church, with our own bouncy castle and a big vision of what God can do through us. See [www.ctr-iow.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/VISION-MISSION-April-2021.pdf](http://www.ctr-iow.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/VISION-MISSION-April-2021.pdf)



We have over 100 members on the books and a weekly (pre-covid) attendance of 40-60. During covid we started livestreaming our services and since then have reached many more people too.



We have significant links with our local community and as well as hosting birthday parties with our very own bouncy castle, we run a Foodbank café and connect with local schools. Our God loves you sign is famous and has been taking requests for people's names for over 16 years. We also work very closely with other Newport churches, most recently getting Lily Jo and her team to the Island for schools' work and a concert (left).

Please do take a look at our website [www.ctr-iow.org.uk](http://www.ctr-iow.org.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/churchontheroundabout](https://www.facebook.com/churchontheroundabout) , to give you an idea of what we're up to.

## Our youth-work.

Over the last 25 years, we have grown and developed our young people's work, starting with a few young families and growing it around them on the promise from God that when they got older, we would have a complete youth work.

Pastor Tony Murphy writes, *"As a youth leader myself, who became a pastor, there is a strong culture in the church that all our work with young people is as integral as possible and not a bolt on extra. We are aware that children become adults and our long-term view is to integrate them fully into the life of the church, whilst recognising that they (and their parents) also need their own space."*



Pre-covid, we were running 2 young people's groups on a Sunday morning, primary and secondary with about 10-25 young people in attendance. We were also developing a creche area for pre-school. Our challenge is to effectively connect with them and their families.

Historically we had run a highly successful monthly **"Youth Nite"**, where parents were encouraged to come down too. That was followed up with YNX for the teens, where chips were ordered in. This is something we would love to restart.

Youth for Christ run a whole range of activities on the Isle of Wight and we actively try to integrate our young people with these activities.

We also go into local primary schools to take assemblies and have recently become very involved with School Pastors initiative.

During covid, we have taken church online and try week by week to involve the young people through songs, puppets, family communion. We have also held monthly Zoom meetings for young people.

Traditionally we have run all of the above through members of the church including myself. This is something we want to continue to do, but strongly believe that a college placement would help us to significantly increase what we are able to achieve.

## **Aims of the placement.**

1. Work closely with the Minister and church leaders in coordinating youth and family work both within the church and in outreach.
2. Take a lead role in the pastoring and growth of young people of all ages within the church, organising regular youth activities both on Sundays and throughout the week.
3. Be a part of the church's outreach to young people through our school contacts.
4. Work with church members in the above areas
5. Help church young people to link in with wider Youth for Christ youth activities.

## **Placement job description**

1. Work closely with church leaders in integrating young people into the life of the fellowship.
2. Take a significant role in Sunday services (including whole church times) and young people's groups.
3. Take a significant role in midweek young people's youth work, both on Zoom and in real life.
4. Establish strong pastoral relationships with young families in the church.
5. Attend fortnightly church leadership team meetings as the youth leader representative.
6. Active involvement in our community birthday parties and connecting with local young families.
7. Help with both assemblies and community clubs at our two local primary schools.
8. Attend Youth for Christ team meetings every Monday 10am-12pm.
9. Take part in some Youth for Christ young people activities, encouraging church young people to attend.
10. If possible, to link with the School Pastor project

## **Important personal qualities**

- A solid and developing relationship with God.
- An evangelistic heart that wants to see people know Jesus and grow in his love.
- A team player and able to both lead and be led.
- A good level of initiative
- A willingness to learn.
- A willingness to have a go.
- A good communicator to both individuals and groups.
- IT and Social Media skills are desirable.

## **What next?**

**For further details of this scheme use the link below**

[www.ctr-iow.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/YDP-Info-Pack-Students-and-Placements-rebrand.pdf](http://www.ctr-iow.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/YDP-Info-Pack-Students-and-Placements-rebrand.pdf)

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