

National Younger Leadership Groups 2020-21 Invitation

*"We long to see our church grow younger, **growing faith of children and young people** through schools, churches and families. As we shape the vision of the Church of England for the next decade together, **we want children and young people to be central to this journey.***

*I am therefore delighted to encourage young people from every Diocese to take part in our three younger leadership groups (for those in Primary, Secondary and Further Education) this November – **for your voices to be listened to and for the church's thinking and direction to be shaped and led by children and young people.**"*

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York



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The Church of England is seeking 100 Primary and 100 Secondary pupils to take part in two new National Younger Leadership Groups. The London Diocese will be nominating up to 4 pupils for each Leadership Group.

What is the purpose? The purpose is to make sure that the voices of children and young people are heard and to give them the opportunity to shape the church's thinking and direction.

What is the commitment? This is a 1-year commitment involving three national consultation events (one per term) plus two leadership development sessions in between the events. These will be online events. Pupils from the London Diocese will also be invited to contribute to the development of the vision for Church of England schools in London.

When is the first meeting? The first national sessions will be on the theme of the Vision and Strategy of the Church of England:

- 2 November 13.00-14.00 Secondary
- 10 November 13.00-14.00 Primary

What about safeguarding considerations? Each session will be led by someone with an enhanced DBS check, and Church of England safeguarding procedures will be followed at all times. **Students should be accompanied by an adult from their school at each session.**

Who can apply? The London Diocese is inviting anyone attending a Church of England school in London to apply. Pupils can be any age within the phase but will need to share verbally and through a range of interactive online feedback activities, so will need to be confident to do so in a large group.

How can my pupils apply? To apply, please submit a video of each pupil no more than 2 minutes long explaining why they would like to contribute to this group.

Each Diocese is asked to make sure that there is a gender and ethnicity balance across the pupils who are nominated.

What is the deadline for applying? 9am on Tuesday 20th October

Where to send applications and addressed to whom? To Leanne Gowar by email to Leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org