

Apprenticeship in Catholic Youth Ministry

Hours of Work: Full-time term time only, flexible working as required including evenings and occasional weekend work.	Holiday Entitlement: 20 days in school holidays pro-rata plus bank holidays
Salary: The current National Apprenticeship rate	Line Manager: Retreat Centre Director

The Kenelm Youth Trust is responsible for the youth work provision in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. It includes four programmes of activity; Alton Castle which is the Residential Youth Retreat Centre for the Archdiocese serving young people aged 9-14 and Soli Centre for Youth Ministry for 14-to 18-year-olds. It includes a programme of youth work for 11-25-year-olds in parishes and chaplaincy support for schools across the Diocese.

The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Kenelm Youth Trusts also has a commitment to equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice. We will ensure equality, treat everyone with respect and promote diversity in the workplace.

We are looking for people who are interested in a Level 5 apprenticeship in conjunction with St Mary's University via the Children, Young People and Families Practitioner apprenticeship pathway working within our Soli team. This apprenticeship is suitable for people aged 18 and over.

Job Purpose:

The purpose of this trainee youth worker is to support the delivery of holistic residential and day programmes for the personal, spiritual, social and educational development of young people residentially and through school outreach. Working within the Catholic ethos of the Centre to support and develop the Catholic Community at Alton. The trainee youth worker will gain significant experience of youth ministry as well as a professional qualification.

Key working relationships:

- Spiritual Director
- Retreat Centre Director
- Programme Leaders
- Mission team volunteers
- Visiting groups

Accountable to:

Retreat Centre Director

Location:

To be based at Alton, Staffordshire

Duties and Responsibilities

Core residential work:

- Group work and leadership skills, through leading activities and small groups
- Leading and facilitating Prayer and Liturgy

- Opportunity to write prayers and support the development of resources to be used on programme
- Sharing faith
- Experience, qualifications and skills in leading outdoor activities

Events and mission:

- Dependent on skills and interests develop skills and experience in sound and light tech, music ministry, event co-ordination
- Support up to two KYT events per term
- Opportunity to be on the core team for specific events
- Support mission experiences in schools and in local communities
- Deliver sessions as a part of a team

Digital Media:

- Develop content for the KYT social media content calendar
- Research new trends on Instagram and TikTok to ensure our content is current
- Create social content
- Opportunity to develop skills in web design
- Implement and help embed KYT branding
- Support the development of digital content and live streaming
- Craft and deliver the Gospel message in new and innovative formats

Other:

- Live and work alongside a community of likeminded young adults.
- Support hospitality of visiting groups to the centre
- Catechesis and personal faith formation
- Work towards a youth ministry and chaplaincy apprenticeship or other qualification.

Additional Information:

- To be supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Kenelm Youth Trust and to uphold the teachings of the Church
- You will be required to adhere to the Kenelm Youth Trust staff code of conduct and other policies and guidelines
- This appointment is subject to suitable and satisfactory references and a successful enhanced DBS clearance prior to starting work
- You will from time to time be required to support other programmes and groups using our retreat centres
- To attend and participate in residential events such as the annual 'volunteer conference' and other visits
- To work, as required, in cooperation with all aspects of the Kenelm Youth Trust
- To comply with all safeguarding legislation by receiving regular training