## GAPYEAR OPPORTUNE

# with KSYT



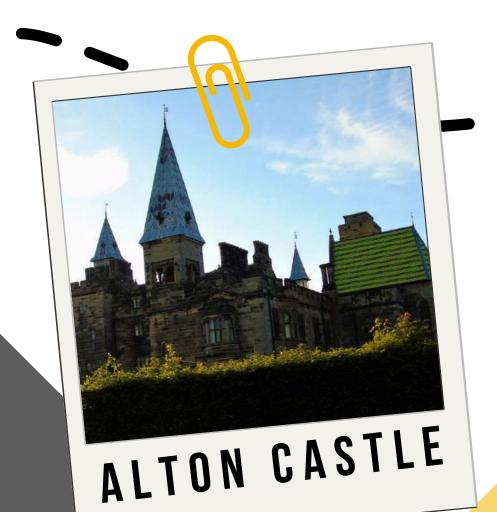
## **GAP YEARS WITH KYT** WHAT IS A KENELM GAP YEAR LIKE?

Gap years with Kenelm provide an opportunity for those aged 18-25 to minister to young people whilst living and working with other young Christians. Our Mission Volunteers work at our retreat centres (Alton Castle and Soli), providing retreat experiences for young people and young adults (ages 9 and up).

During their volunteer year, our volunteers have opportunities to develop skills, to become leaders in outdoor education pursuits (obtaining nationally recognised qualifications), to network with others in youth ministry, and to volunteer abroad, travelling with Kenelm to Lourdes for pilgrimage. Our volunteers have the opportunity to work in one or both of our retreat centres. Read on to see more information about what each of our centres is like to work in.

Above all, a gap year with Kenelm is an opportunity to deepen and explore your faith further, living within a Christian community, spending time together in prayer each day, and in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.







SOLI



#### WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?





We are looking for young adults aged 18-25 who are down-to-earth, are committed to their faith, and who want to work with young people. Our volunteers need to be enthusiastic about work with young people, leading them in times of prayer and reflection as well as in outdoor educational activities. A gap year with Kenelm comes with accommodation in Alton, where our volunteers live in a community of other young Catholics, so we are seeking out volunteers who work well in a team.



### **GAP YEARS WITH KYT** WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE KYT RETREAT CENTRES? ALTON CASTLE SOLI

As a Mission Team Volunteer at the Castle you will:

- Work with young people aged between 7-14 years old
- Work with over 8000 children
- Lead outdoor and indoor activities
- Gain in-house qualifications for outdoor activities, and nationally recognised qualifications
- Work residential retreats
- Develop your music ministry
- Work day retreats
- Help at events throughout the year



As a Mission Team Volunteer at Soli you will:

- Work with young people aged between 14-25 years old
- Work with thousands of young people
- Engage in relational peer ministry
- Gain in-house qualifications for outdoor activities, and nationally recognised qualifications
- Work day and residential retreats
- Go on outreach retreat days/mission weeks in Secondary Schools



• Take part in music ministry in the Archdiocese

#### WHAT DO PAST TEAM MEMBERS THINK ABOUT KYT GAP YEARS?

"WHEN I FIRST CAME TO SOLI ON WORK EXPERIENCE, I FELT A SENSE OF BELONGING

THAT I'D NEVER FELT BEFORE, AND THAT FEELING CAME BACK WHEN I WAS HERE FOR MY INTERVIEW. HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK HERE IN ALTON HAS BEEN AMAZING, AND HAS ALLOWED ME TO DEVELOP SO MANY NEW SKILLS!" - BECCA (MISSION TEAM 2019/2020) "BEING ABLE TO WORK IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHILST DOING ACTIVITIES THAT I LOVE...WHAT COULD BE BETTER?" - LUCAS (MISSION TEAM 2019/2020) "I MADE FRIENDS FOR LIFE. IT'S A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE THAT HAS HELPED ME TO DEVELOP MANY NEW SKILLS WHICH I WILL USE FOREVER." - BETH (MISSION TEAMS 2018-2020)

#### THINK A GAP YEAR MIGHT BE FOR YOU? Apply Now!

Think you've got what it takes to be a Mission Team Volunteer? Then apply now!

Head to our website and follow the Gap Years link on our homepage. From there, you can see a video about gap years in youth ministry, and download an application form. After submitting your application, you may be invited to visit us for a taster retreat and interview. If you're successful, you can join our Kenelm Mission Team and become part of the wider Kenelm family.

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