



Diocese of Westminster

SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

- Role:** Volunteer Parish Youth Worker/Minister
- Responsible to:** The Parish Priest or his Delegate
- Aim:** Using social education and spiritual development activities
To work with young people from secondary school age upwards.

Main Responsibilities:

- (a) To encourage young people, mainly from the parish community, to become active within the group and community.
- (b) To establish a programme of activities which respond to the needs and aspirations of the young people.
- (c) To contribute, as part of the parish youth work team, to the development of work with young people from the parish, promoting the spiritual, social and fun aspects of Christian living.
- (d) To assist in the maintenance of administration and the good financial running of the group.
- (e) To attend the team programme planning and assessment meetings.
- (f) To enable young people to take up their rightful role in the Christian Community as ministers of change and growth within the Church and World.
- (g) When necessary, to act as a liaison between young people and the adult parish; to be a voice for their hopes and aspirations.
- (h) To work with others to ensure that youth work is conducted in accordance with the nationally agreed Safeguarding Procedures.

Person Specification:

- (a) The ability to relate with respect and ease to children and adults and to enjoy working with children.
- (b) Commitment to the essential teachings of the Catholic Church and the ethos of the parish.
- (c) Experience in talking with young children and willingness to attend Children's Liturgy Days.
- (d) Commitment to the physical, spiritual, emotional wellbeing of all children and young people, especially those they will come in contact with.
- (e) A willingness to give time to the preparation of the sessions and the co-ordination of the group.
- (f) All volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

Protection of Children and Adults at Risk:

- (a) To familiarise themselves with National Safeguarding Policies.
- (b) To refer any concerns about a child to the Safeguarding Representative in the Parish.
- (c) To be willing to participate in basic child protection training.