

# Young Adult Mission Placement Scheme (YAMPS) Initial Information Pack

 **Methodist  
Young  
Adults**

**For young adults interested in YAMPS**

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## Introduction



Thank you for your interest in the Young Adult Mission Placement Scheme. This pack is designed to give you all the basic information you need about the scheme.

YAMPS is a unique opportunity to explore your vocation, deepen your discipleship and make a real impact in the world. Whether you're curious about ministry, passionate about justice or simply seeking a space to grow, YAMPS is designed with you in mind.

Placements are created *with* young adults, not just for them. That means your passions, questions and gifts help shape the experience. You won't just be filling a role, you'll be part of a journey of formation, creativity and community.

YAMPS is part of the Methodist Church's wider vision to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking Church. Through this scheme, we hope to see more young adults discovering their calling, living out their faith and influencing change within and beyond the Church.

## Why YAMPS?



Discover who you are and what you're passionate about.



An opportunity to train and grow.



Be mentored and supported as you explore your vocation.



Join a community of young adults across the UK.



Make a meaningful contribution to a local church or project.

Whether you're just starting out or already on a journey of faith and service, YAMPS offers a space to grow, serve and be inspired. Ready to explore?

## What is a Placement?

### Definition

A placement is a co-designed opportunity to serve, learn and grow in a Methodist context. It's a space where your gifts, questions and passions can be explored in real-world settings, supported by a community that values your journey.

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### Examples of roles

Placements can take many shapes depending on the host setting. You might find yourself:

- **leading creative worship** in a local church or pioneering new liturgical expressions
- **running youth retreats** or supporting chaplaincy in schools and colleges
- **coordinating community meals** or food-justice initiatives
- **developing digital discipleship** through podcasts, video or social media
- **supporting refugee welcome projects** or housing justice campaigns
- **curating art installations** or storytelling projects that explore faith and identity
- **helping with eco-church initiatives** and climate action
- **facilitating interfaith dialogue** or inclusion work in diverse communities.

Each placement is shaped around young adult interests and the needs of the host – so no two journeys are the same.

### What you'll gain

Through your placement, you'll:

- **discover your gifts and passions** in a supportive environment
- **be mentored and supported** by experienced leaders
- **join a community of young adults** exploring faith and vocation
- **make a real impact** in the lives of others and in your own journey.



## What to Expect on Placement

### Support you'll receive

You won't be doing this alone. Every placement includes a strong support structure to help you grow:

- **Mentoring:** You'll have a mentor who will meet you throughout the duration of your placement.
- **Line manager:** You'll have regular check-ins with people who care about your personal, spiritual and professional development.
- **Vocational learning plan:** Together, you'll shape a plan that reflects your interests, goals and calling.
- **Training and formation:** You'll take part in workshops, retreats and learning spaces designed to deepen your faith and sharpen your skills.
- **Young adult network:** You'll be part of a wider Methodist community of young adults – sharing stories, encouragement and opportunities.

### Flexibility

Placements are designed to fit around your life. They can be:

- **part-time** – alongside studies, work or other commitments
- **seasonal** – such as summer placements or gap year experiences
- **modular** – short-term or project-based opportunities.

We aim to make placements accessible and adaptable, so you can engage meaningfully without burning out.

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### Funding

Some placements are paid, depending on the placement band and host organisation. Even where roles aren't salaried, hosts commit to covering key costs and removing barriers to participation – because your calling shouldn't depend on your bank balance.



Keep an eye  
out for roles  
that open up in  
your area!

## How to Get Involved



The Methodist Church is committed to inclusivity and diversity. If you're neurodivergent, disabled or have particular support needs, we're ready to work with you to co-create the conditions that work best. This includes flexible hours, access to support, and mentoring tailored to your needs.

Placements in YAMPS are flexible and collaborative. There are different ways to get involved, depending on your situation and what stage the placement is at.

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### 1. Apply for an existing placement

Some placements are already designed by hosts and approved for recruitment.

#### **How it works:**

You browse available opportunities, apply through the host recruitment process and, if selected, you're employed by a host who's ready to welcome you into a clearly defined role.

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### 2. Help shape a placement before you apply

If you're already connected to a Methodist church, chaplaincy or community project, you can explore the idea of developing a placement with them.

#### **How it works:**

You and the host work together to outline a role that fits your interests and their context. The host then applies to YAMPS for funding and support. Once approved, you can formally apply and, if selected, be recruited to the placement you helped shape.

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### 3. Register your interest

Not sure which pathway is right for you? That's absolutely fine. You can start by registering your interest.

#### **How it works:**

Fill in the online form and we'll arrange a conversation with you to talk through the process and next steps. We'll also keep you updated about new placements and opportunities as they become available.

Whether you're ready to apply or just exploring the idea, we're here to help and we'd love to hear from you!

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is 'vocation'?

Vocation is about discovering how your life, gifts and passions can serve others and reflect your faith. It's not just about jobs – it's about calling.

### Do I need experience?

No. YAMPS is designed for exploration. Enthusiasm, openness and a willingness to grow are what matter most.

### Can I do this alongside studies or work?

Yes. Placements are flexible and can be shaped around your schedule – whether you're studying, working or in a transitional season.

### How long does a placement last?

Placements are flexible. Some are up to 12 months, but some are shorter seasonal opportunities or modular projects. The exact length depends on the host and the type of placement. There are placements that fit around work, studies and other commitments.

### Do I have to be Methodist?

No. You don't need to be Methodist to take part. We welcome young adults from different Christian traditions – and those who are simply exploring faith. What matters most is that you're open to learning and willing to engage with the Methodist ethos of justice, inclusion and creativity.

### Can I suggest my own idea for a placement?

Yes. If you're already connected to a Methodist church, chaplaincy or community project, you can explore creating a placement with them. We'll help you and the host shape the role and apply for funding. This is a great way to turn your passion into a real opportunity.

## Contact Info

Got questions? Want to chat informally about whether YAMPS is right for you?

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🗨 Open to informal conversations – just reach out!

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