



Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service

YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

First Year:

- Join the Ministry team at Castlerigg Manor, working on residential retreats and outreach ministry around the area
- Get comprehensive training and formation delivered by multiple organisations
- Undertake an external placement to broaden your experience
- Gain qualifications in First Aid, Mental Health, and Food Hygiene and begin a CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies)

Optional Second Year:

- Continue working with the Castlerigg Team, taking on more leadership responsibilities
- Undertake a longer external placement
- Gain qualifications in Youth Ministry and Safeguarding and complete the CCRS
- Graduate with a Certificate in Youth Ministry



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Thank You for your interest in the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service Youth Ministry Internship Scheme.

The aim of this scheme is to provide recent graduates (or people of a similar age) with high quality training in youth ministry along with some comprehensive experience and recognised qualifications.

This document aims to give you an overview of the scheme, including who it's for, how to apply, and how it works, but if you have any questions that aren't covered below, or you just want to chat to a person rather than reading a document, you are welcome to get in touch:

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Let's dive in...

// Who is the scheme for?

The scheme is aimed at young adults between the ages of 18-24, although we prefer applicants to have at least some Higher Education behind them. Ideally, the scheme is aimed at recent graduates.

Since this is a ministry training programme being run by the Church, we expect participants to be serious Christians. If you're not quite going to Church every week just yet or don't understand some parts of your faith, don't worry. We're not looking for the finished article, but we do want people who believe, people who take their faith seriously, and people who are willing to learn and to grow in their faith.

We also ask people to commit to living with Christian values and representing the Church properly while they are part of the scheme.

A few more things... you don't need to be particularly physically fit, but you do need to be able to do a job which involves being on your feet a lot and you also need to be able to go on walks, since we're based in the Lakes.

This is a residential scheme, which means it's not suitable for married people or people with children. It's also very much full time which means it's not something you can do while, for instance, doing a degree or another job.

Finally, if you are not a citizen of the UK or the Republic of Ireland, you will need to already have the right to live and work in the UK as we are unable to sponsor visas.

// Is this an unpaid internship?

Yes, and no. Like most internships, this isn't a paid role. However, pocket money is provided as well as accommodation, food, and so on. See final page for details.

// What would I do?

Participants in the scheme join the Youth Ministry team at Castlerigg Manor. As noted above, this is a residential post. The team live together on site and make 'community commitments.'

Most of the time, participants will be working with on residential retreats at Castlerigg Manor, although there is a lot of outreach work in the mix too, visiting schools and parishes in the area.

The year starts in August with a period of training and induction, and training continues every Monday morning and at other dedicated times throughout the year.

Every so often, you'll go away for more intense training programmes, and twice during the programme there will be external placements.

Full details of the scheme are on the final page.

// How long is the scheme?

The scheme lasts for two years and we ask participants to commit year on year. If accepted, you will commit to the first year and then during your first year, you will be asked if you want to commit to the second year.

// What qualifications will I gain?

Participants who complete both years of the scheme will gain a Certificate in Catholic Youth Ministry from the Diocese of Lancaster. This is not an Ofqual/ QCA scheduled award, but it includes elements which do carry that accreditation. The award will come with a list of competences, training provided, and individual qualifications so graduates have something comprehensive to present at job interviews.

// What will the placements involve?

In the first year there will be a shorter placement or around a month, with a longer placement of around half a term in the second year. Placement options will be discussed with participants, however our current plan is that one placement will be with a school chaplaincy and the other will be in an organisation away from the school or residential sector so as to give some variety.

// How do I apply?

Head over to www.castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team

If the link doesn't work for any reason, use the Email address above and let us know.

// FIRST YEAR

Mid August	Induction training - held at Castlerigg Manor and Youth 2000 at Ampleforth
Throughout	Working on the Youth Ministry team at Castlerigg Manor
Placement	A one month external placement will be completed towards the end of the year
Qualifications	Alongside comprehensive training in Youth Ministry, Spiritual Formation, and Church teaching, participants will gain QCA Level 2 or 3 awards in First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, and Food Hygiene and will begin their two year CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies)
Early August	Year ends

// SECOND YEAR

Mid August	Induction training - focusing on different areas for second year participants
Throughout	Working on the Youth Ministry team at Castlerigg Manor, taking on more leadership responsibilities
Placement	A half-term external placement will be completed towards the middle of the second year
Qualifications	Alongside further training in the ministry areas noted above, participants will gain a QCA Level 3 Award in Safeguarding, a Health & Safety qualification and complete their CCRS
Early August	Year ends

// HOLIDAYS

In terms of holidays, participants will get each half term, as well as two weeks at Christmas and Easter, although the Easter holiday may be staggered around operational requirements and may not precisely fit the school holidays. Start and finish dates will also allow for at least a few weeks summer holiday as well.

Everyone is guaranteed two days off a week, which may be averaged over two weeks in busy periods. Participants are free to request particular days off around personal commitments or needs.

// RENUMERATION

Participants will get free accommodation at Castlerigg Manor which is available throughout the year with the exception of team holiday times such as half terms and Christmas. Participants will be fed while on site, whether working or not and will also have access to the facilities at Castlerigg such as Internet, TV packages and so on.

Participants will also receive, each week of the year, a stipend of £50 per week, rising to £100 in the second year.