



FOUNDATIONS OF YOUTH WORK

FOUR TRAINING DAYS AND
FIVE COACHING SESSIONS
OVER ONE YEAR WITH
ZERO COURSE FEES!

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Applications close Friday, February 16,
2024 for first intake



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WHAT IS THE FOUNDATIONS OF YOUTH WORK CERTIFICATE?

Foundations of Youth Work is an entry level certificate recognised within The Salvation Army. It equips students with a foundational understanding of key components of youth work. Students are required to attend four training days and five coaching sessions over one year. The training days are held on Saturdays and may be in person or online via zoom. The course is beneficial for anyone involved in youth ministry, including employees, volunteers, key leaders, helpers and up-and-coming leaders. You must be at least 16 years old, and it is recommended for those who have been involved in youth ministry for 0-2 years, for anyone with no prior youth work training and for those new to youth work within The Salvation Army.

COURSE CONTENT

Across the four training days, we will cover the following topics:

- What's in the Bible?
- The Salvation Army Story
- Te Tiriti in My Ministry
- Code of Ethics
- Leadership 101
- Working with High-Risk Youth
- Small Group Ministry
- Youth Practice Basics

COST

The course is 100% free to you! All course costs, including travel and accommodation (when required) for training days and your registration fee for MORE Conference, are covered by the Territorial Youth Department.

TRAINING DAYS

Training days are interactive, seminar-style workshop days. The in-person days run from 9am-3pm. Lunches and morning teas are provided at these in-person days. Zoom workshops will be shorter days and consist of online participation. Attendance is compulsory at all four training days to complete the certificate.

As well as these training days, students are encouraged to attend the MORE Children's and Youth Conference (registration fee covered).

Training Days 2024

- Saturday, 9 March
- Saturday, 25 May
- **Optional:** MORE Conference, July
- Saturday, 23 August
- Saturday, 2 November

COACHING

Each student will be paired with a coach to journey with during the year. Students are required to have a minimum of five sessions with their coach throughout the duration of the course. This will be an average of one session every second month in between our first and last training days. It is compulsory for students to complete a "Reflection Sheet" following the first, second and third training days, signed by themselves and their coach. Students and coaches are encouraged to schedule sessions following each training day in which they can complete these reflections. There is also a "Coaching Template" available; however, this is an optional tool, it is not compulsory to fill out the "Coaching Template".

COACHING SESSIONS

A coaching session is where the student and coach meet up to discuss course content from the previous training day and to catch up on the student's ongoing youth work practice. It is compulsory for students and coaches to complete a reflection following training days one, two and three. It is important that one reflection is submitted corresponding with each training day as evidence of coaching sessions and as a tool for ongoing growth. Reflections should be recorded with the knowledge that they may become available to Corps Officers, Centre Managers, Divisional/Area Youth Officer and the Territorial Youth Department. The goal of coaching is to connect each student with an additional support person who can encourage them in their youth work and help them to apply their learnings practically throughout the Foundations of Youth Work course.

RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENT

- Complete application process, including a police check and sign Code of Conduct.
- Forward application to their Corps Officer/Centre Manager for endorsement.
- Take responsibility for being punctual for training days, including travel to and from when required.
- Attend four training days and make it known if there is any reason they cannot attend.
- Submit a signed reflection corresponding to training days one, two and three.

COACH

- Attend a meeting with the student and their Corps Officer/Centre Manager, when they do not know the student well or at all, prior to the first training day.
- Communicate with student to schedule coaching sessions.
- Submit a signed reflection corresponding to training days one, two and three.
- Take relevant notes from discussions had at coaching sessions.
- Send a copy of notes to the Youth Mission Coordinator.

CORPS OFFICER/CENTRE MANAGER

- Endorse student's application.
- Forward endorsed application to the Divisional/Area Youth Secretary/Officer for endorsement.
- Check in with student regarding course progress throughout the year.

DIVISIONAL/AREA YOUTH SECRETARY/OFFICER

- Endorse student's application and forward to Territorial Youth Department.
- Assist in coach selection.

TERRITORIAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT

- Administrate travel and accommodation for students, when required.
- Host training days.
- Deliver notes post-training days.
- Cover registration fee for MORE Conference.
- Assist with coach selection.
- Assist with any concerns raised throughout the course.