

engage

national certificate in christian youth work

Engage!, the National Certificate in Christian Youth Work, is a course designed for those who are involved in youth work or youth ministry in their spare-time, part-time, gap year or full-time. It combines training days with youth work, study and reflection and can lead through to the nationally accredited Youth Support Worker Level 3 qualification. Engage has been created by the Centre for Youth Ministry to meet the needs of those who are involved in Christian youth work or youth ministry and want to learn more about it. Engage learners currently include those who help out with church youth work in their spare time, those who run regular youth events organised by groups of churches, young adults on gap years with organisations such as Youth for Christ, and even people who are full-time employees with churches or charities.

ACCESSIBLE AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We recognise that many people are put off by the idea of formal learning. Engage is designed to be an easy way into learning, which will encourage people and open future possibilities for them. Engage also serves as an access qualification for the CYM degree course.

There are four types of learning within the full Engage! course and for each Unit this will normally be divided across

- Learning** 5 hours contact learning through a training day where you can meet up with others and a tutor and learn together about young people, about yourself, about God, and about how these can all come together. Training days take place throughout the year in different venues. Up-to-date information about dates is available on the website or from the CYM office;
- Thinking** 10 – 28 hours of private study, using a handbook which will enable you to read more about the work you do, why you do it and how you can do it better;
- Doing** 12 – 24 hours of face to face youth work: actually getting involved in Christian ministry and work with young people, see further notes below;
- Talking** 3 hours with a mentor whose task will not be to give you easy answers, but to ask the right questions

Engage is flexible: learners can undertake the units in any order and can complete the assessed work for units in their own time. Support is provided through the handbooks for each unit, an online learning community and e-mail support for assessments. The course can also be accessed at different levels. Some learners undertake the fully assessed course, others simply attend the training days. Some begin by attending the training days and then go on to complete the assessed work later.

LEARNING THROUGH WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Each learner will need a 'placement' where they can undertake youth work and apply what they are learning. Placements are normally with a church youth club or youth group, a group of churches, a local youth project or Christian youth organisation. The work must be with those aged between 11-25 and be in an informal



context – where young people have chosen voluntarily to come together. For those wishing to gain the Youth Support Worker qualification, the key age range is 13 – 19 years of age.

A variety of different types of work with young people can be used including discipleship, open clubs, youth Alpha, detached youth work, mentoring and working in a church, community-based or Local Authority youth club.

The placement will need to provide someone to ‘sign off’ the learner’s 12 - 24 hours of youth work for each Unit and confirm that they are ‘not un-safe’ to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults. This will involve the placement ensuring that the learner has a current Criminal Records Bureau Enhanced Disclosure.

ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY VALIDATED

Learners can complete the course at OCN Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE A* - C) or can work at Level 3 (equivalent to A Levels) and, if successful, achieve Youth Support Worker Level 3, recognised by the National Youth Agency. Currently Engage is the only Christian youth work course offering academic and professional validation at this level.

LEARNING UNITS

Unit 1	Values	Working with the Core Values of Youth Work
Unit 2	Learning	Facilitating Young People’s Learning, Personal and Social Development
Unit 3	Relationships	Building and Sustaining Relationships with Young People
Unit 4	Groups	Enabling Young People to Work Effectively in Groups
Unit 5	Management	Enabling Young People to Organise and Take Responsibility for Activities, Events & Projects
Unit 6	Practice	Working with Young People to Safeguard their Welfare

COSTS

The normal process is to pay the full amount of **£570** at the start Engage! or **£100** and then **10** monthly standing order payments of **£47.00**

The sum of £100 will be considered as the non-refundable amount as this will cover registration and the first Unit.

For those who may wish to make payments for New Engage! unit by unit the costs will be as follows:

CYM Registration Fee for all learners	£10.00
Followed by:	
Unit Day Training event only	£20.00
Unit Day Training event and Handbook	£30.00
Unit Day, Handbook and Assessment	£80.00
Unit Day, Handbook, Assessment & Certificate	£95.00

To Apply

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