

**DISTRICT YOUTH STRATEGY**

1. Form a District Youth Development Group, reporting to the District Policy Committee (DPC).
2. Create opportunities for the District to hear the voices of young people, understand their needs and respond positively. Encourage Circuits and churches to do the same.
3. Youth work to become a standing item on the agenda of Circuit Meetings, DPC and Synod.
4. Provide resources / guidance for Circuits and churches to engage with young people and develop a youth strategy.
5. Recruit & appoint young people as District Youth Ambassadors to provide an information and networking link between Circuits and District.
6. Grow the District Youth Budget to cover needs for youth ministry, such as suitable training and subsidy for one-off events. Encourage and challenge Circuits and local churches to establish annual youth budgets.
	1. Publish criteria for access to the District Youth Budget.
	2. Publish training and networking opportunities.
	3. Provide Circuits and churches with fundraising support for youth work via the District Fundraising Officer.
7. Continue to encourage attendance at 3Generate and similar events.
8. District Youth Ambassadors to promote and provide opportunities for a co-ordinated District wide attendance and establish networking links.
9. Empower and encourage young people to take an active role in church and society, providing young people led opportunities to engage in challenging injustice.
10. Provide resources and signpost links for churches and Circuits to enable this to happen.
11. Provide advice and examples of how young people can engage in leadership, ministry and mission in their local church.
12. Promote Methodist Leadership Year opportunities.
13. Encourage sharing of faith and learning across the generations, providing opportunities for young people to grow in their discipleship.
14. Share good practice and signpost links regarding intergenerational mission.
15. Provide resource links and opportunities for young people to engage in Bible study and to hear and share testimony of the impact that God can make on us.
16. Encourage young people to link up across the District.
17. Advertise youth events across the District such as the Youth for Christ Gathering.
18. Promote and resource opportunities for young people to visit other young people across the District.
19. Encourage and support those who work with young people (both paid and volunteers).
	1. Publicise and fund training course opportunities.
	2. Set up youth worker networking events.
	3. Create space for youth workers to be involved in youth development planning.
20. The District will explore appointing a District Youth Work Enabler to resource and grow youth work.

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