

**REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**SEPTEMBER SYNOD 2025**

**Youth Strategy Update**

The District Youth Development Group (DYDG) are pleased to report that the District Policy Committee approved the recruitment of a District Youth Enabler position for 12 hours per week. The primary function of this role to help implement the District Youth Strategy. The deadline for applications was the 15th September, with potential interviews on 3rd October 2025.

The District Youth Strategy also encouraged Circuits to develop their own youth strategy and there was a commitment to resource and assist Circuits to do this. The Youth Development Group have produced a Youth Strategy Menu, which is full of ideas and suggestions that Circuits can use and frame for their own context. We would like to encourage Circuits therefore to begin this process of developing their own strategy document and we look forward to seeing the results. The menu document is available by contacting the Susan Eldridge: susan.methodistea@gmail.com

**Youth Confirmation Resources**

The DYDG have produced a wide-ranging document with resource suggestions for youth confirmation / faith exploration with young people. This can be accessed directly from Susan Eldridge: susan.methodistea@gmail.com

**3 Generate**

We are aware that there are a number of groups of young people from across the district who are attending 3Generate this year. It would be great to have a chance for the different groups to meet up and be introduced to each other. If you have a group going this year, please can you let me know; (Nick Witham: nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk).

We are very grateful for the district who has made this event accessible by paying for tickets and travel to this event.

**Youth Section on EA District Website**

It is hoped that a youth section on the EA District Website will be developed shortly that will also contain relevant documents and resources for Circuits to access.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would also be great to be kept informed about any youth work that you have planned.

***Rev Nick Witham***

***Chair of the District Youth Developemt Group***