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WHEN?

Starting in time for the next academic year, we are delighted to be introducing new volunteering placements with Just Youth. The placement will consist of a year working and living with us up in Salford, in and around Greater Manchester. Over the year, you'll work as part of the team—as a youth minister—where you'll be gaining for a whole range of skills and key life experiences as part of a diverse and international community.

WHAT?

From learning how to plan and prepare activities for excitable primary school children in the office to helping to deliver interactive game lessons to competitive secondary school pupils, you will get to know every part of the process. While your work will mainly be with primary school students, you will work with amazing young people from as young as 3 (in nursery) to as old as 19 (in sixth form), but you will also get plenty of opportunities to get involved with the local community as well whether it's getting involved in the local parish or the Spiritan community.

You will get to know our sister charity for refugees and asylum seekers Revive and get the opportunity to work with children with special educational needs, including disabilities, learning difficulties, and communication difficulties, like the wonderful students of St John Vianney.



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WHO?

You will live in a community house with people from all corners of the globe under one roof. For example, we have had community members from England, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Germany, Nigeria, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, and Vietnam of all different ages, vocations (**including priests!**), and skills. You will experience different cultures, languages, and cuisines as part of your daily routine. There isn't a better way to get to know the world!

WHY?

You will experience the highs and lows, smooth sails and rock roads, triumphs and tribulations of youth ministry. It may even help you to discern your future career whether it be in education, social work, or perhaps even religious vocation. It is the experience of a lifetime packed into one busy but exciting year!

BONUS

- As Just Youth is run by the Spiritans, there is also the opportunity for you to spend some time abroad with the Spiritans to discover the work that goes on outside the UK as well!

HOW?

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To start the application process, fill out our form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/justyouth20>
and we'll get back to you asap!

EMAIL: ADMIN@JUSTYOUTH.CO.UK



Volunteers' FAQ

Where will we live?

You'll be living with priests and other volunteers in one of the Spiritan communities in Libermann house. Everyone has their own room with an ensuite bathroom. There is Internet/WiFi throughout the house. The kitchen is fully furnished, this includes a dishwasher. We have a laundry room, two living rooms with one attached to the dining room, where we share meals in the evening during the week.



What's work like?

Work consists of office work and directly working with the young people. There is no typical work day as there are often new things coming up. You shouldn't stress about working with the children, they will love you and if you prepare well you will get your message across. And even if things don't go as planned you'll soon learn how to handle unexpected situations. But there will also always be a person with you that has a lot of experience.



What is suitable clothing?

What we wear is smart casual, like you don't have to wear a suit, but you can if you want to. When we are in school you're not allowed to wear clothing with rips in, anything that is revealing or has slogans that may be offensive. It's recommended to have a pair of fabric trousers. But when we are in office or free time we wear what we are most comfortable in.



Will we have a social life?

Of course! You have what would be considered a normal working week, meaning the weekends and evenings are free. You'll be living near Manchester, which is a lovely city for rummaging through stores or having a night out. You'll also be able to follow your hobbies. For example, I joined a football team here!



Do you have to be Catholic to apply?



No, you don't have to be Catholic to join Just Youth. I'm from an Anglican background. Best thing to do is come with an open mind, to experience new ways of looking at faith. You also don't necessarily need a faith to join as well. If you are questioning if God exists then this is a great opportunity to ask questions about faith

I'm not sure about my faith...



That's absolutely okay; no one here pressures you to be an absolutely devoted Christian. As long as you are open to learn and accept how the people practice their faith here. Also a gap year with us is there for you to find out more about yourself and explore your faith.

Don't worry about it. Personally I wasn't very sure myself before coming but I never felt like that was a problem for anyone. The people here will support you throughout your journey and questioning your faith will only make it stronger in the end. This is the perfect place to explore your faith.



What else should we know?



You might think that this information was more or less helpful, but be aware that even though you might still not see the whole picture or you still are confused about what you will actually do in this gap year, we can reassure you that when you arrive, everything will be clearer and you will be able to comprehend what exactly you will do here. So most importantly do not worry! The people here are there to explain, answer your questions, and support you throughout your year.

It's easy to get overwhelmed by all the information and anecdotes about the gap year, so the best thing to do is not to worry. There's nothing stopping you from having an amazing year! I knew very little about the placement when I applied and I came all the way over from Brazil so, as the English saying goes, don't knock it 'til you try it!





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COVID-19

Though we are now closed, when Just Youth reopens in August, Just Youth will follow the recommendations set out by Public Health England. We are doing everything in our power to ensure that the community and office/working spaces will be safe. For example, we will ensure that there are hand sanitiser stations and anti-bacterial wipes made available. We work closely with our caretaker to ensure all spaces are kept clean and hygienic at all times, regardless of the pandemic. We remain in close contact with the schools we work with so that we can ensure any retreats, workshops, masses, services, or other public-facing events take every precaution necessary to safeguard everybody's health and safety.

We are paying close attention to government guidelines and will ensure that all at Just Youth (staff, volunteers, clergy and community members) are fully up to date. Please email us if you would like to discuss this further.

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