



Give young people in your parish the chance to be part of the largest youth organisation in the Church

The YCW and Impact is an organisation for young people, run by young people.

Our young team of experienced national leaders is **committed** to work with you to address the needs of teenagers and young adults in your parish.

We provide tailor made training, excellent resources and a method for young people which really works.

- Training
- Tools & Resources
- Support & Advice
- Local groups
- Regional & National events
- International visits

IMPACT!

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“Each young person is worth more than all the gold in the world... because they are sons and daughters of God”

Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, Founder of the YCW



See with the eyes of Christ



Judge what we see in the light of the Gospel



Act to transform the reality which contradicts the truth of faith



What does the YCW do?

The Young Christian Workers is an organisation run by young people for young people. Each member of the YCW (16-30) and Impact (13-17) are **agents of transformation** in the world - in their own lives and in the lives of those around them.

YCW Groups

Young adults meet together regularly with a Chaplain or an Adult Companion to review their lives. Using the famous method of See, Judge, Act, they really get to grips with the real situations they are facing, reflect on them in light of the Gospel and commit themselves to take action.



Through this process of reflection and action the YCW helps young people to grow in confidence and responsibility using their skills and talents to the full. They become 'leaders' in their own lives.

Impact Groups

Impact, a programme of the YCW for 13-17 year olds, is now in its second decade. Thousands of young people have taken part since its beginning.

Today groups meet all over the country in parishes and schools, using the same method as the YCW groups.



Resources are supplied to help the young people reflect on their lives, based on specific topics or themes. They judge them in light of the values of the Gospel and then take action to make a difference.

Personal and local

YCW & Impact provides a safe environment for young people to come together to experience a true sense of community and support.



Group members become apostles to one another. Through their action, they also become apostles to others outside of the group. Action may be individual or by the whole group joining together to act on an issue which concerns all of them.

Regional

Groups across a diocese form a region who often come together for events, formation and action. Regional action involves many young people joining together in a common cause to transform a situation in light of the Gospel.



National

Regions and groups from across England and Wales make up the national YCW and Impact. Each year a National Council is held which gives young people the chance to contribute to the running of the organisation; from finances to structures, from communication to planning of events and action. Action on a national level takes place in the form of a national campaign when all members act on a single issue— a powerful force for good.

International

The YCW is present in 64 different countries with over a million members, working with over three million young people a year.

YCW and Impact members from the UK regularly have the opportunity to meet young people from other countries, to join in training events and to take part in cultural exchanges.



Our service to parishes

Training

- We will train young leaders in how to form a YCW/Impact group and use our method and resources.
- We will work with Adult Companions and Chaplains to offer training in how to accompany young people in the YCW method
- We will always offer ongoing support and training to groups.



Resources

A YCW pack is available for young adult groups. The *Impact Pack* is available for 13-17 year olds.



Impact and YCW Chaplains/Companions also receive their own tailor made pack providing resources and guidance on accompanying young people.

Support

YCW HQ (based in London), the national team and regional leaders all provide support to local groups; from information to advice, from group visits to fully planned events.

What now?

Invite us to come and see you!

If you have someone for us to come and work with, we are happy to arrange for someone to visit your parish (or group of parishes).

Contact YCW HQ for more details.