

ALM Youth Ministry Training

Training for becoming a Youth Ministry ALM includes completion of *Youthscape Essentials*, plus an additional session exploring important aspects of Youth Ministry as an Authorised Lay Minister. To book onto a Youthscape Essentials course, contact beth@welcometoslukes.org or youth@blackburn.anglican.org or find out more here: <https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/youthscape-essentials/>

Youthscape Essentials seeks to equip and grow youth leaders, whether voluntary or employed, in three specific ways:

- insight into young people and their lives.
- skills to lead youth ministry.
- development as a leader and disciple of Jesus.

The course takes place over 8-10 sessions and what is covered in the course includes:

Element	Content
Insight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why young people, why youth ministry? - How does youth work make a difference to young people? • Adolescent development - How do young people grow and change as teenagers? • Growing up digital - How are social media and other technologies changing young people's world? • Growing up Gen Z - What different beliefs and values do young people have today? • Family life - What are the experiences of young people at home? • Christian discipleship - How do young people develop and grow in faith? • Gender & sexuality - How do young people express and explore sexuality and gender? • School life - What are the experiences of young people in education? • Emotional health - How do we understand and support young people's wellbeing? • Mission and exploring faith - How do young people explore and understand Christian faith?
Practical Skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building rapport - How do I develop positive relationships with young people? • Engaging young people with the Bible - How can I help young people to explore and love the Bible? • Safeguarding and safety - How can I act responsibly and safely with young people? • Empowering young people to participate - How can I involve young people in the life of the church? • Working with others as a team - How can I work with others to achieve the best outcomes for young people? • Facilitating a session with young people - How do I prepare and lead a youth group activity? • Accommodating young people's different needs - How do I ensure we are open and accessible to all young people? • Managing behaviour - How do I deal with disruption and other challenges? • Telling stories that capture interest - How do I tell stories that might capture interest and spark curiosity? • Knowing you are making a difference - How do I ensure the work I'm doing is making an impact?

Developing Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving - What does it look like to really love a community of young people? • Humble - What does it look like to learn from my mistakes, young people, and others around me? • Open - How can I stay open to God's leadership? • Disciplined - How can I commit to self-discipline in my walk with God? • Forgiving - How can I demonstrate forgiveness to myself and to the young people in my community? • Authentic - How can I show integrity in youth ministry? • Committed - How can I keep going when I face challenges? • Faith-filled - What does it look like to believe God is and can work in this ministry? • Hopeful - How do I dream big and act out of hope? • Courageous - How can I act out of courage instead of fear in youth ministry?
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In addition to the above content, those training as Youth Ministry ALMs will need to also attend the following session:

Date:	Plan
28 th June 2025 10am – 4pm Venue TBC	<p>Meet those who are undertaking the ALM in Youth Ministry from across Blackburn Diocese.</p> <p>Explore and expand on your learning from the Youthscape Essentials course.</p> <p>Consider some practicalities of taking a lead in youth ministry, developing a team of youth leaders and sharing vision within your church.</p> <p>Time for Q&A on all things youth ministry.</p>

As well as the above content there are two opportunities to dig deeper into your calling to ministry with young people and these are:

Date:	Event Details
12 th October 2024 10am – 4pm	<p>YOUTH LEADER CONFERENCE</p> <p>St James' Church in Clitheroe</p>
28 th March 2025 2-9pm	<p>ABIDE: FIRM FOUNDATIONS Youth Event</p> <p>St Michael's CE High School in Chorley</p> <p>Either bring your young people to the event or come and join the team running the event.</p>