

Faith in Action Award **BECOME A FUN DAY VOLUNTEER**

Since 2016, we have been running the CYMfed National Award Scheme called Faith in Action. I am pleased to say that from starting with around 25 young people in 2016, we now have around 2,000 young people who are a part of this award in our Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Of course, as an Archdiocese it is important for these young people to be recognised for their acts of service and faith throughout the year. So, we have two award ceremonies which take place, one on the 24th June and another on the 25th June. We now have two as the numbers have enlarged over the years but this does mean that more help is needed to allow these celebrations to be run.

Can you help us on one of those dates?

I'm sure you may have a few questions about what 'help' that may be and what it might mean being a volunteer. I hope this leaflet can give you more details on this.

What does the layout of the day look like?

10 Arrivals

10.30 - 12.00 Award Ceremony

12.00 - 2.00 Lunch and Fun Day

2.30 Latest Departures



Do I need to have a DBS?

No, if you have one that is always useful but there are many other things you can do to help out with the day without one.

Will I need to manage young peoples behaviour or lead any activities?

No, each group is assisted by an adult and the school/parish are aware that any issues from the young people is their own responsibility.

Do I have to stay the whole day?

No, If you have even just an hour free it can be of some help to us as a team.



Where is this event taking place and when?

Both events are taking place at Animate Youth Ministries, 99 Crab Street, Lowe House, St Helens, WA10 2BE.

Can I bring others with me?

Yes, bring along those who may also want to be a part of this award. A meeting will be taking place on 23rd May 2025 at 11.30 - 1.00 at Lowe House, please email if you would like to know more l.lynch@animateyouth.co.uk.

What's in it for me?

This award is a huge event in our young people's lives, knowing that 2,000 young people have placed their faith into action can be a great thing to witness. Many of a time we can question what our young people are up to and where they all are, they will be here in celebration of their faith. This award brings all different generations together as one, in unity, and it can be just as rewarding for the young people as it is for us as volunteers.

Faith in Action Award **WHAT ROLES CAN I GET INVOLVED IN?**



Activities Co Ordinator

This role is to oversee the outside grounds at Lowe House which are filled with lots of games which the young people are invited to use. This role doesn't mean that you are expected to lead an activity but just be present to make sure everything is okay.

For example, you notice that two young people have spent too long on a game and you may need to ask them to join the queue again and let other people have a go.

Beverages Co Ordinator

This role makes sure that the young people and adults have cordial and hot drinks available to them. Although the young people should help themselves to the jugs and adults to the hot water at times things may need to be restocked or cleaned.

For example, a young person spills their drink on the table and you are at hand to give them some blue roll.



Safety Co Ordinator

This role ensures the safety of the young people, you almost become 'the bodyguard' for the day staying at entrances and exits.

For example, ensuring young people do not try and leave the garden - and others do not try to get in!

Volunteer Co Ordinator

This role is the most relaxed. You can sit with a book or do some work. It is just being present in the area and on hand if anything urgent happens.



For example, a young person slips on the grass. You go and help them and take them to a safe zone in the house less crowded where their staff can offer first aid.



Fancy a bigger challenge? Management Co Ordinator

This role is a bit more hands on. You can help assist young people in activities, communicate to other management through a walkie talkie in case of problems or emergencies. You can check in on all duties making sure they have their own resources at hand and be part of the team that ensures the day runs as smoothly as possible. For this role it might be handy to have a valid DBS if such emergencies occur.

Please do see the details on the other side regarding the meeting taking place on 23rd May 2025 at 11.30 - 1.00, here you can meet other helpers who can support you.

Thank you.