

Waterford & Lismore

New Position of Diocesan Youth Ministry Officer

The Youth Ministry Officer will work under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop and in collaboration with the Diocesan Youth Council, the Diocesan Advisor, the Lourdes Council, Holy Family Mission and others to deliver on the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The role will involve the creation, resourcing, co-ordinating, delivery and support of youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese, working also with schools and parishes with a focus on building up local supports.

Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church and the desire to communicate this to others.• Relevant qualification in catechetical, religious education, youth work or youth ministry• Practical experience and proven ability in working effectively and relating well to young people• Demonstrated skills and experience in training and facilitation• Ability to recruit, support and enable volunteers to work effectively with young people• Demonstrated evidence of ability to develop, compile, deliver and evaluate training programmes• Openness to work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders within and outside the Diocese• Excellent organisational and planning skills• Ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team• Excellent interpersonal and communication skills both oral and written• Full clean driving licence, own transport and insurance• Flexible attitude and willingness to travel nationally and internationally as the work requires• Openness and flexibility to adapt Youth Ministry programmes and activities to meet the changing needs of young people and the Diocese
Special requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This role will involve a significant amount of evening, weekend and overnight work in support of training, residential and pilgrimage programmes• Respect for the teachings of the Catholic Church

A detailed job description is available on www.waterfordlismore.ie. Please send a cover letter and CV to Diocesan Secretary, Bishops House, John's Hill, Waterford or info@waterfordlismore.ie by Friday 12th July 2019.

Salary negotiable

Garda Vetting will apply in respect of this position and mandatory training in diocesan safeguarding practices.

Please note that late applications will not be considered

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position/Title	YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICER
Summary of the Service	To work as part of a team delivering and supporting youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese. To deliver the objectives and actions of the young people theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.
Location	In an office within the diocesan offices, John's Hill, Waterford City
Main Duties of Youth Ministry Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively contribute to the overall delivery and development of youth ministry in the Diocese. • Work collaboratively with Holy Family Mission, parishes, schools, youth and community organisations in understanding and addressing the faith needs of young people • Working to deliver and review on an ongoing basis youth ministry in the diocese • Representing the Diocese on committees or groups as directed by the Bishop • Other duties as may be required from time to time • Reporting directly to the Bishop in liaison with the Diocesan Youth Council
Essential Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church and the desire to communicate this to others. • Familiarity with current directions in the mission of the Church in the area of Youth Ministry • Relevant qualification(s) in catechetical, religious education, youth work or youth ministry • Practical experience and proven ability in working effectively and relating well to young people including training, supporting and enabling volunteers to work effectively with them • Facilitation and/or training skills and experience • Excellent organisational and planning skills • Ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team • A commitment to ongoing personal development • Knowledge of and commitment to Safeguarding • ICT and administrative skills including use of social media and Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint • Full clean driving license, own transport and insurance • Flexible attitude and willingness to travel nationally and internationally as the work requires • Openness and flexibility to adapt Youth Ministry programmes and activities to meet the changing needs of young people and the Diocese

SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS POSITION

The Youth Ministry Officer will work on the planning, developing, delivering and reviewing of youth ministry programmes on an ongoing basis. (S)he will provide opportunities for young people in the Diocese to experience community and belonging and to grow in faith and friendship. The Youth Ministry Officer will be a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and report directly to them on all youth activities.

The youth ministry officer will liaise with those involved in the current youth ministry suite of programmes, which are run with the support of a large body of volunteers and which include:

- **St. JP II Awards:**
- **Alpha:**
- **Holy Family Mission:**
- **Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage:**
- **World Youth Day:**
- **School Retreats:**
- Other youth ministry projects will be developed in line with needs and opportunities that arise.
- The Diocese of Waterford and Lismore has 45 parishes and 85 churches. Its geographical area includes all of County Waterford and parts of County Tipperary.