Help us find a new Bishop: Activity for 11 to 18 year olds

We are inviting you to gather a group of children or young people either in person or online and facilitate discussion by using this suggested exercise and then send us your feedback using the sheet and instructions included.

If you are in a school, please consider how the group consulted might be as representative as possible of your school community.

Instructions for leaders

Working in small groups, give a set of the 9 statements to each group with the sentence starter ‘Our new Bishop should….’ and ask them to discuss these.

Their task is to rank the statement cards in order of importance, putting the one they think is most important for a new Bishop at the top of the diamond and the one they think is least relevant at the bottom of the Diamond and ranking the others in between to form the Diamond shape.

Each person should be encouraged to move the statements around if they have a different view, explaining their reasons for doing so until there is overall agreement.

You can also give them some blank post-its/squares of paper, to add in any other aspects which they feel should have been included (no more than 2).

Stress that there is no right answer or order. This is simply a way of discussing what is important to them. At the end, the shape should resemble a diamond like this:

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  X
 X   X
X   X   X
 X   X
  X
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Take a photo of the final Diamond.
Recording and sending in feedback

To assist you in noting the feedback from this activity, you might want to take some notes about what is said.

We have provided a feedback sheet at the end of the activity.

Here are some questions to help stimulate discussion, if needed, might be:

*Which aspects did you have the most discussion over? Which was hardest to agree about, and why? What was your reason for choosing the one which came top? What was your reason for the one that was least important? Which ones did you add on your blank post-its and why?*

Take a photo of your final diamond arrangement and email it to: vacancyinsee.secretary@rochester.anglican.org by Sunday 13 June, 2021
Our new Bishop should...

Speak up for those who can't speak up for themselves

Help Christians to bring others to know Jesus.

Lead by example in caring for creation and the environment

Show us how we can love and help others in our community

Encourage peace between people and groups here & across the world

Bring new people into churches by their teaching or example

Help Christians to find ways to share their faith with others

Make sure that everyone is treated equally and fairly

Help people to know Jesus better
Help us find a new bishop – Feedback sheet

Thank you for helping us to hear the voices of the children and young people in this process.

Please complete the following form and return it back to us with a photo of your completed ranking to vacancyinsee.secretary@rochester.anglican.org by Sunday 13 June, 2021

Church/School name:

Ages of Children consulted:

Name and Contact details of facilitator in case of questions:

Summary of key discussion points (Insert 5 bullet points)

Is there anything else your children and young people would like us to know?

What else do we need to know?