



Introduction

Innovate Mission is a course for 14-18s to be equipped and inspired to be leaders in your community and church. Innovate is:

- 3 training days across the year (one per term) with other young people and their youth leaders
- 2 practical activities to put your leadership skills into action back in your home church
- 1 celebration at the end of the year to share what we've done, and ask God 'what next?'

Who should come?

Innovate Mission is aimed at 14-18s with the potential to be leaders in their local community and church. By 'potential to be leaders' we mean some (but not necessarily all) of the following things:

- You try to be servant-hearted
- You're humble and teachable
- You try to take your faith seriously, questioning what it means to live it out in your local community and with your whole life
- You're brave enough to try new ways of praying, worshipping and doing mission and sharing the story of your faith with others as a team

If you want to come, ask your youth leaders (paid or volunteer) to attend this event with you. Innovate will be a great day, but we want to give you the tools to serve your local church and community, and your leaders will be able to support you to do this between gatherings.

What will we cover?

Innovate Mission will cover core aspects of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and developing your leadership skills, including:

- **Discipleship** – how do we put into practice the teachings of Jesus Christ with every aspect of our lives?
- **Identity and Calling** – Who am I, and what has God made me for?
- **Listening to God for Mission** – Where is God already at work in my community? What can we as a church contribute?
- **Evangelism** – How do I have better conversations about the big issues in life? How and when do I share my faith with my friends?
- **Understanding the Church** – What are the key aspects of church and why is it important?

Location

The venue for Innovate Mission is St. Matthew's Church, Walsall. Their location can be found at their website: <http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk>

Dates

Innovate gatherings will be between 10am-4pm on the following dates:

- Saturday 22nd September 2018

- Saturday 19th January 2019
- Saturday 22nd June 2019 (includes a celebration event after our training day, finishing around 7pm)

3 Training Gatherings?

To get the most out of Innovate, we're encouraging you to attend all three training days. The dates are set at the start of term for the autumn and spring, and after most exams have finished for the summer term in June. The June day will include a celebration event, and a chance to ask God 'what next?'

2 Practical Activities?

So much of our learning to be disciples of Jesus, and leaders in his church and the world is about putting the things we learn into practice. At the end of the September and January gatherings, we'll give you resources to pray about, develop and lead on a project in your local community, supported by your church. The hope is that you'll be able to do them and be able to share your experience at the next gathering. These shouldn't be huge, complicated undertakings: the simplest things done well are often much more effective. If you have any questions, just email us on rng@lichfield.anglican.org.

How much does it cost?

Innovate Mission costs **£20 per person for all three gatherings, or £8 per gathering if you purchase individual tickets**. Money from tickets will help to cover venue hire, resources and drinks and snacks. If money is a problem, but you still want to come, just email rng@lichfield.anglican.org and we'll work something out.

Expectations

You can expect us to:

- Provide some great training, teaching, and worship
- Give you snacks and drinks throughout the day
- Give you resources and support to do practical activities in your home church

We'd expect you as a young person to:

- Bring a youth leader / vicar / responsible adult with you (so you learn together and explore how to put what you're learning into action)
- Sort out your own lunch (there are shops and a supermarket nearby that could help you out if that's useful to know).

We would expect your church to:

- Send someone with you and your fellow young leaders to learn with you on the day
- Arrange travel to and from Innovate gatherings
- Arrange permission forms for you and your parents / carers as they'll be the ones responsible for you whilst you're there.

Any questions?

Contact us on rng@lichfield.anglican.org if you have any questions / queries, or contact your youth leader.