

YOUTH ALPHA ONLINE PROGRAMME – DERRY YOUTH MINISTRY

Project: Online Youth Alpha Programme

Participant age group: 16 - 18 years

Duration: 8 weeks

Organiser: Derry Diocese Youth Ministry

Communication tools: Zoom and Email

PROJECT:

A once weekly online faith engagement programme (Youth Alpha) running on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm for one hour with an option to join at 6:30 for a warm up quiz and introductions. The programme was a mix of prayer, lessons and discussion following the Alpha template.

The participants also had the opportunity to lead part of the programme at times by delivering content on Zoom and Instagram eg: Good Friday Zoom reflection and Mary's May - the story of Lourdes.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS (Zoom):

The Zoom account is the organisers official account, not a personal account. The account user email is an official diocese email (@derrydiocese.org), set up and managed by the diocese.

4 diocesan leaders (approved and vetted diocese personnel, with @derrydiocese.org email addresses) have access to the Zoom account with admin priviledges.

All Zoom meetings are password protected. Each Zoom meeting is controlled by account admin.

Participation rules:

Participants must not Zoom from a bedroom, must wear suitable clothing, background must be blank (blank wall) and agree to mute or be muted when not speaking. No bad language. Participants have the option to turn camera off and participate by sound only.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS (Email):

Communication by email is only allowed using an @derrydiocese.org email account. All @derrydiocese.org emails are set up approved and managed through the diocesan office.

All email communication to participants must be cc'd to 2 other youth leaders. Emails are encouraged to be used for notification purposes only. Leaders personal email accounts are not allowed to be used or shared for communication with young people.

PERMISSIONS, CONSENT AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT:

All participants and their parents/guardians must complete and sign an application and consent form specifically for this Youth Alpha programme that asks participants to provide email and mobile phone number for communication purposes. It is stated that 'These

details will only be used by the leaders for Youth Alpha programme. Texts and emails may be used to promote Youth Alpha programme events.

Participant details will be managed to comply with GDPR and the Diocese GDPR policy.

ORGANISER SAFEGUARDING PROFILE:

Derry Diocese Youth Ministry is part of the Diocese of Derry. All leaders have been vetted and completed the Diocese Safeguarding awareness programme through the Diocese Safeguarding office.