

a vision for BOCF youth

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For faith to grow it needs to be challenged and questioned: at BOCF we encourage this to happen in an environment of safety and community. Whatever type of group or session we are running, our intention is that it would prompt questions, nurture faith and encourage our young people to use their God-given gifts.

Alongside the planned and programmed aspects of our work, we also aim to foster social connections (through events in the church life and social networking) to further build on the relationships within the group.

Having created that safe environment, we then take those gifts and try to give leadership experience in the body of the church through participation in regular youth services and family services, along with opportunities for peer-leadership.

“Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.”

[1 Peter 3:15b]

...be all you can be in Christ

Whilst faith can be nurtured locally, often wholesale change happens more readily away from the everyday experience of church. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as long as it comes back into the church afterwards.

It is our prayer that through conventions, camps and experience of other churches, our young people will experience new aspects of God and their lives in Him, discovering their gifts and passions and tasting what God has in store for their lives.

These are also a great way to meet other young Christians and to discover what God is doing throughout His church in the UK and beyond.

“Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of His body.”

[1 Corinthians 12:27]

...preach the gospel to the whole world

At BOCF we want to develop young people to be disciples of Jesus, not just Sunday Christians. This means that we must teach our young people to use their gifts to reach their friends and families, and to be willing to serve God in His world. We're looking for pray-ers, worship leaders, preachers, missionaries, pastors, servants, evangelists, prophets and so much more, to impact this community and this world.

“Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!”

[James 2/26]