

## After Confirmation

One of the most important things to consider when planning your Confirmation event is what will happen when your young people (YP) have been Confirmed; decide this as part of your planning *before* your Confirmation programme begins. Confirmation events can sometimes take place with not enough thought being given to the on-going, lifelong discipleship of your YP; it would be good to plan ahead and remember that Confirmation is just part of their journey.

So, in advance of your Confirmation Programme planning, consider some of these things for after Confirmation (note that these are just *some* ideas of what is available, not necessarily a comprehensive list):

- Provide them with suitable daily Bible reading notes and links to apps that they can use as on-going support
- Pete Maidment's book - [Living your Confirmation: Putting promises into action](#) is a useful book to give to YP to support them on the journey.
- Have a 'time away' towards the end of their time together as a group and ensure the 'next thing' is already planned and offered to them – eg. A Christian 'camp' like [Hilfield Youth Camp](#), [Pulse Youth Camp](#) or [Soul Survivor](#) (ends 2019); Youth for Christ and many other youth organisations have events similar to this.
- Integrate them in to your current youth group.
- Create a new on-going group to nurture these YP. If you don't already have a group and need support with this, contact [Lizzie Whitbread](#) (Advisor for work with Children and Young People) who will be able to assist.
- Attend yearly and maybe regular events such as:
  - [The Pulse Trowbridge](#) (monthly event)
  - [New Wine](#)
  - [Spring Harvest](#)
  - [Hilfield Youth Camp](#)
  - [Soul Survivor](#) (ends 2019)
  - [Pulse Youth Camp](#) (different, unrelated yearly event)
- Ask those people who have prayed for the YP during the Confirmation programme if they would like to be trained as mentors for the YP. Pair the YP up with someone they respect and enjoy spending time with – a mature Christian who can 'walk alongside' them (obviously,

Safeguarding issues will need to be taken in to account here). Otherwise, you've given YP their 'road map' as a guide and left them to it!

- Let the YP and parents know... '...at the end of the Confirmation Programme, the participants will...'
- A course for enabling YP to share their faith such as:
  - Youth for Christ's [Lumen](#) (11-14s) or [Mettle](#) (15-18s)
  - Youth for Christ's [Sync Coach](#)
- A leadership development course such as:
  - South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) - [RiseUp](#)
- A good resource - [Soul \[food\]](#) from Birmingham Diocese – they have **Confirmation cards** which encourage the recipients to sign up to texts or emails which are sent to them for 7 days, building them up in their faith – it stops after that period or they can sign up for another 21 day journey called 'lifesteps'. The best way to be in touch is by emailing [here](#) and mention that Salisbury Diocese Confirmation Project suggested you get in touch. Alternatively, look on the website [here](#).

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