

## SURVEY OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORKERS, 2005

Thank you for considering filling in this questionnaire. The data collected will be compared with similar data collected in Jan. 2003 and Feb. 2005 at the Matrix conferences and will help build up a current picture of the Christian youth work scene in the UK. *Please do not fill in this Questionnaire if you have already done so at the Matrix conference 2005.*

### What will happen to this questionnaire ?

Upon receipt each questionnaire will receive a code. This will be written in the boxes (where it says CODE). The part of the questionnaire containing your name and contact details will be removed, and stored separately in two groups, one consisting of those who ticked YES to being contacted again, and one of those who ticked NO. (There is no guarantee that someone will contact you. It will depend upon available resources and other factors). The data from the questionnaire will then be added to a computer. By this time it will be anonymous. The paper questionnaires will be kept for a maximum of three years and then disposed of.

### Who will own the data ?

The copyright of the data will be held by Churches Together in England. This is because someone or some organization needs to own the copyright. Churches Together in England, being the ecumenical body created by the churches in England, is appropriate, and is a suitably registered body.

### What will the data be used for ?

The data will be used to help build up a picture of the Christian youth work community. It will help identify the needs and strengths of the sector. It may help to show how large the sector is, and may help provide information about how resources are being used. In addition, different organizations may be able to show how they meet currently identified needs, and identify other needs. This will help them both sharpen current provision and support, and plan appropriately for future developments. For example, identifying the actual activities that youth workers do with young people will help the Christian youth work community by showing:

- what diversity exists within the sector
- what training needs exist, and ...
- ... if current courses are meeting them,
- how active the church is among young people
- if there any current trends in how youth workers do their jobs
- and by clarifying what is current best practice

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The questionnaire is in four main parts: 1. Your Work; 2. the Young People; 3. Your Training, and 4. Personal.

Unless stated otherwise please tick each applicable box [✓]. Please print any written answers in block letters.

### 1. YOUR WORK.

#### 1. I work for:

- a local church ... which denomination ? .....
- more than one local church of the same denomination .... which denomination ? .....
- more than one local church of different denominations .... which ones ? .....
- a local Churches Together group
- a local project not connected to Churches Together
- regional/ county/ district level for one denomination ... which one ? .....
- regional/ county/ district level for more than denomination ... which ones ? .....
- a national youth organization .... which one ? .....
- national officer (or equivalent) ... which organization (optional - this may identify you) ? .....
- other (please specify) .....

#### 2.a. If you work for one local church, please tell us the size of your church (please include all regular attendees)

- less than 50     51 - 100     101 - 200     201 - 300     301 - 400     401 - 500
- 500 - 1000     1000 +

#### 2.b. If you work for one or more local churches, please tell us the theological tradition that best describes your church(es) ? (as far as you can judge it)

- evangelical     charismatic evangelical     reformed     Anglo-catholic
- liberal     middle-of-the-road     Pentecostal     other (please specify) .....

#### 3. I have worked for this employer for: (in years)

- less than 1     1     2     3     4     5     6     7     8     9     10     10+

#### 4. How would you describe yourself ?

a.  part-time    *Please fill out a separate questionnaire for each part-time Christian youth work job you have*

*If part-time: how many part-time Christian youth work jobs do you have*  1     2     3     4

*how much of a full-time job is it ?*  0.25     0.5     0.75     other (please specify) .....

b.  full-time

c.  paid     volunteer

d.  full-time student    *which course and centre (if appropriate) ?* .....

e.  other (please specify) .....

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Can I as a youth worker, have access to the data ?

Not in its raw form. You may be able to either buy any published reports or negotiate with John Baxter-Brown for limited access. Please email John Baxter-Brown if you want to be informed of progress.

Any questions can be addressed to: **John Baxter-Brown, Executive Officer (Youth), Churches Together in England, 27, Tavistock Square, London. WC1H 9HH, Tel. #: +44 (0) 20 7529 8245, or jbb@cte.org.uk**

## Personal Details

This part of the questionnaire will be detached and coded before any data is entered onto computer.

Name: ..... Did you attend the Matrix in 2003  Yes  No  Unsure  
Did you fill in this questionnaire in 2003  Yes  No  Unsure

Address .....  
.....

Postcode ..... Tel. #: ..... Email .....

I am happy to be contacted again  I am not happy to be contacted

CODE .....

*Thank you for taking the time and trouble to fill this in. Please post or email to John Baxter-Brown at the address above.*

CODE .....

## 5. Your job

- a. What is your job title: .....
- b. Do you have a job description ?  Yes  No  Not sure
- c. Do you have a written contract ?  Yes  No  Not sure
- d. Does your employer pay your expenses ?  Yes  No  Some only
- e. Do you have a budget ?  Yes  No  Not sure If Yes, how much £ .....

## 6. Your salary: how much do you get paid ?

under £10 K  £11 - £15 K  £16 - £20 K  £21 - £25 K  £26 - £30 K  above £30 K

Does your employer contribute to a pension scheme on your behalf?  Yes  No  Unsure

## 7. Are you provided with accommodation ?

Yes  No  I am given assistance with finding accommodation

## 8. Management

- a. Do you have some form of management group ?  Yes  No  Not sure
- b. Do you have a line manager ?  Yes  No  Not sure
- c. If so, who is (s)he ?  
 vicar/ main church leader/ pastor/ minister  member of organization's management group  
 other church leader (please specify)  other .....
- d. How often do you meet ?  
 every week  twice a month  every monthly  every two months  no set pattern  
 only when I ask for a meeting
- e. Do you feel that this is sufficient ?  Yes  No  Not sure
- f. Do you have any form of non-managerial supervision ?  Yes  No
- g. Where do you get your support from ?  
 church leader  support group  management group  peer group  friends  
 other  I do not get support
- h. Have you ever had some form of conflict or misunderstanding or disagreement with a previous employer ?  
 Yes, but readily resolved  Yes, serious but resolved  Yes, resolved only after someone from outside helped us  
 Yes, I left the post  No
- i. Have you ever had some form of conflict or misunderstanding or disagreement with your current employer ?  
 Yes, but readily resolved  Yes, serious but resolved  Yes, resolved only after someone from outside helped us  
 No  Yes, but unresolved  I do not wish to answer this question

## 9. How satisfied are you in your current post ?

Very  Reasonably  Fair  A little  I'm not

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## 2. THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

### 1. What activities do you do as part of your job ? (tick all those that apply)

- |  |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> youth club  | <input type="checkbox"/> camps                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> other residentials       | <input type="checkbox"/> schools work        | <input type="checkbox"/> detached work       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bible studies                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> preaching                              | <input type="checkbox"/> leading church worship   | <input type="checkbox"/> cell groups         | <input type="checkbox"/> other peer projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral care of young people                     | <input type="checkbox"/> mentoring young people                 | <input type="checkbox"/> counselling              | <input type="checkbox"/> training volunteers |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mentoring youth workers                           | <input type="checkbox"/> training full/ part-time youth workers |   | <input type="checkbox"/> fund raising        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> academic research                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> democracy work                         | <input type="checkbox"/> outreach events          | <input type="checkbox"/> consultative work   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> youth worship events                              | <input type="checkbox"/> short term missions                    | <input type="checkbox"/> social action projects   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> running/ helping run a youth congregation/ church | <input type="checkbox"/> work with marginalized young people    |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> global youth work                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> sex and/ or HIV/AIDS education         | <input type="checkbox"/> combating discrimination |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) .....                      |   |   |  |  |

### 2. Do you do any specific work in the areas of:

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> youth offending  | <input type="checkbox"/> youth unemployment             | <input type="checkbox"/> youth homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> excluded pupils   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inter-faith work | <input type="checkbox"/> young asylum seekers/ refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> substance misuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> teenage pregnancy |

### 3. Numbers of young people involved

Please be as accurate as you can; I am aware that a certain amount of guess work and averaging will need to take place. If you have to estimate, try and estimate lower numbers rather than higher ones. If you work primarily in a team context (e.g. a schools work team), divide the answer by the number in the team (e.g. average weekly contact is 1000 young people, with a team of four - answer is 201 - 300).

*Personal contact* here means face to face contact with a young person in a context when you might reasonably be expected to know their name; *impersonal* means contact in a context where it is unreasonable to know their names (e.g. in a school assembly).

#### a. How many young people do you have weekly and personal contact with who come to church based events ?

- |                                       |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 20   | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30   | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 40   | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 - 50    | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76 - 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 150    | <input type="checkbox"/> 151 - 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 - 300 | <input type="checkbox"/> 301 - 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 - 1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 +  |                                   |
| percentage male .....                 |                                    | percentage female .....            |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                   |

#### b. How many young people do you have weekly and personal contact with who do not come to church based activities ? (e.g. in 'secular' youth clubs, detached work, a regular school lesson)

- |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                  |                                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10    | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 20   | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30   | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 40    | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 - 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76 - 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 150 | <input type="checkbox"/> 151 - 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 - 300 | <input type="checkbox"/> 301 - 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 - 1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 +  |                                  |                                   |
| percentage male .....              |                                    | percentage female .....            |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                  |                                   |

#### c. How many young people do you have weekly but impersonal contact with ? (e.g. young people in schools)

- |                                       |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 20   | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30   | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 40   | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 - 50    | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76 - 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 150    | <input type="checkbox"/> 151 - 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 - 300 | <input type="checkbox"/> 301 - 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 - 1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 +  |                                   |
| percentage male .....                 |                                    | percentage female .....            |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                   |

#### d. How many young people do you have contact with in the course of one year (best guess, but under-estimate)

- |                                      |                                       |                                      |                                      |   |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under 100   | <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 250    | <input type="checkbox"/> 251 - 500   | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 - 750   | <input type="checkbox"/> 751 - 1000     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 - 1500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1501 - 2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 - 3 000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3001 - 4000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4001 - 5000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 001 - 10 000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 000 +    |
| percentage male .....                |                                       | percentage female .....              |                                      |   |                                      |

## 4. Age range

What age groups do you usually work with ? (Not everyone uses the same age brackets. Please use the ones that are *closest* to the ones you use. There is also space to write in the age brackets you use).

- |   |                                   |                                 |                                 |                                  |                                  |                               |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> crèche                             | <input type="checkbox"/> toddlers | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 7  | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 - 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> young adult (late teens/ twenties) | <input type="checkbox"/> students | <input type="checkbox"/> adults |                                 |                                  |                                  |                               |

(Your age brackets if different: .....) )

## 5. How would you describe the ethnicity of the young people you primarily work with?

Please tick all that apply, but if you only encounter a few ethnic minority young people (for example, only in a school) only tick the primary ethnic group(s) you work with.

- |                                      |                                      |   |  |                                  |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UK White    | <input type="checkbox"/> UK Black    | <input type="checkbox"/> Afro-Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> African | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Other | <input type="checkbox"/> White Other    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese         | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other       |   |  |                                  |                                    |

## 3. TRAINING

### 1. What general (non-specific youth work) qualifications do you have ? (tick all that apply)

- |   |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma          | What in ? ..... | Where from ? .....                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate      | What in ? ..... | Where from ? .....                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors degree | What in ? ..... | Where from ? .....                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PGCE             |                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters degree   | What in ? ..... | Where from ? .....                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate        | What in ? ..... | Where from ? .....                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other            | .....           | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |

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### 2. Youth work qualifications.

Do you have a specific youth work qualification ?  Yes  No

*If Yes, is it*

a JNC accredited qualification ?  Yes  No  Not sure

recognized part-time youth work qualification ? Please add title of qualification .....

a Youth Ministry higher education qualification (e.g. Dip. HE, or BA/ MA in Christian youth work)

Please add title of qualification .....

Other (please specify) .....

### 3. Current training

Are you currently undergoing further study or training ?  Yes  No

*If Yes, are you*

working towards a 'part-time youth work qualification' ? Please add title of qualification .....

working towards a higher education qualification ? Please add title of qualification .....

other (please specify) .....

*If No, are you thinking about it ?*  Yes  No

### 4. PERSONAL

#### 1. How many previous voluntary Christian youth work jobs have you had ?

none  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

#### 2. How many previous paid Christian youth work jobs have you had ?

none  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

#### 3. How many previous voluntary non-Christian youth work jobs have you had (if any)?

none  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

#### 4. How many non-Christian youth work jobs have you had (if any) ?

none  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

#### 5. Did you have another career before entering Christian youth work ?

Yes  No

*If Yes, what was it ?* .....

#### 6. Are you ordained ?

Yes  No

*If No, are you officially recognized by your denomination (e.g. a Reader, lay preacher)*

Yes  No *If Yes, please specify how* .....

#### 7. Gender

Are you  male  female

#### 8. Your age:

under 20  21- 30  31 - 40  41 - 50  51 - 65  Retired

#### 9. How would you describe your ethnicity ?

UK White  UK Black  Afro-Caribbean  Asian-Caribbean  African  Pakistani  
 Bangladeshi  Black Other  White Other  Chinese  Indian  Jewish  
 Arab  Other

#### 9. Marital state

single  married  divorced  living together  widowed  separated

#### 10. Dependant children

Do you have any dependent children (i.e. living at home) ?  Yes  No

#### 11. Please state

a. your postal town ..... and, b. your county/ authority .....

12. Are you a member of AMAZE ?  Yes  No  Not sure

***Thank you for your time and trouble.***

*If there is anything else you wish to add, please write it on a separate piece of paper and send it in with the completed questionnaire.*