

Müllers

Church Partnerships
Supporting your church's Youth Ministry



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Partner with us to change a generation.



At Müllers, we believe that God is at work today, bringing hope and wholeness to those in need, and is calling his Church to join in. That's why we passionately pursue our mission of, **"Strengthening the Church to meet the needs of the vulnerable."** As part of this, we love to partner with Churches who want to serve and minister to children and young people of their local community. Become a Müllers partner to resource your church's work with under 18s and see your community and congregations flourish.



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Müllers Partnership: How does it work?

- Express your interest in partnering with Müllers to us and be assigned a Partnership Representative.
- Meet with the Partnership Representative to see how the partnership might benefit your church and the Bristol region.
- Nominate a Partnership Enabler and a Youth Ministry Leader from your church to sign the Partnership Agreement.
- Direct your church staff / volunteer teams to receive the free training, resources, consultation, coaching, advice service and prayer support on offer from Müllers.
- Commission your salaried youth worker (if applicable) to be part of Müllers' "Catalyst Collective" for weekly training and support.
- Invite Müllers to speak at your church each year.
- Meet with your Partnership Representative twice-a-year for catch ups, plus an annual review of the partnership.



Benefits of being a Müllers' Partner Church


Müllers long to see children and young people experience the hope and wholeness on offer in Christ. We believe the local church is best placed to offer this. Müllers Partner Churches will see their ministry with young people strengthened by;

- Weekly professional development and pastoral support for youth workers via Müllers' "Catalyst Collective"
- Monthly coaching sessions for your designated youth leader
- Strategic review of your approach to youth ministry (11-18s)
- On hand youth ministry advice, including recruitment
- Consistent prayer support from our prayer team
- Linking with another Müllers' Partner church for support and prayer
- Exclusive discounts to youth ministry resources such as RaiseUpFaith.com and Paraklesis: the Association of Children's, Youth and Families Ministers.

We asked Christian Youth Leaders in Bristol
"What support do you need?"

75%

Value a space away from their employer church to worship & pray



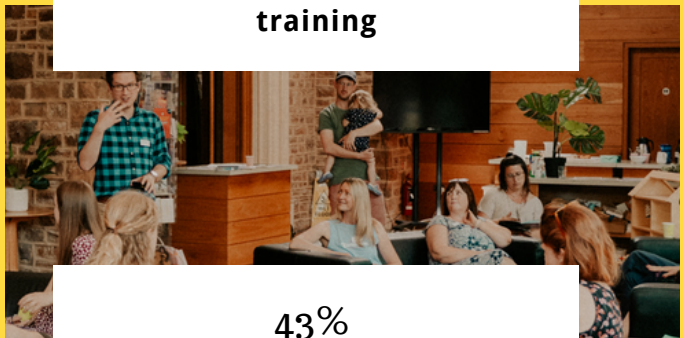
67%

Need a space to discuss youth ministry with others



43%

Need regular youth ministry training



43%

Want a strategic, city-wide approach to youth work



What is Müllers' Catalyst Collective?

Youth ministry is tough and fewer young people are engaging with churches.

- 38% of Anglican churches have no 0-16's ¹
- Only 16% of Bristol churches believe they are best placed to make a difference for young people ²
- 59% of churches say a lack of volunteers is a challenge in delivering youth ministry ³

Müllers' "Catalyst Collective" seeks to address the issues of decreasing numbers of young people, unsupported youth workers, low resources, staff retention, and low church confidence in delivering fruitful youth ministry.

As part of the partnership, Müllers' Church Partners who employ a youth worker for 21 hours a week or more agree to tithe their time to the city, joining the Catalyst Collective for 3.5 hours a week.

Members of the Collective are:

- Provided with free monthly training
- Put in teams with other youth workers for mutual support
- Coaches to up to 4 volunteer youth leaders around the city
- Placed with under-resourced churches in areas of deprivation to catalyse youth ministry provision.

Catalyst Collective Timetable

- Week 1 - Training, Prayer and Fellowship with wider Collective at Müllers HQ
- Week 2 - At placement church, planning and delivering youth ministry
- Week 3 - Online meet-up with wider Collective plus ministry at placement church
- Week 4 - At placement church, planning and delivering youth ministry
- Each week - Deliver 30 min coaching session with volunteer youth leader

1 (General Synod, 2020),
2 (Good Faith Partnership, 2021),
3 (SWYM, 2022)

What might Müllers' "Catalyst Collective" do?




Open up relationship with Schools

By offering mentoring services or extracurricular activities, the Collective can catalyse the credibility, trust, and relationship between church and school.




Facilitate Outreach Youth Clubs

By helping to run a church youth club, the Collective can provide a safe fun space for the Church to welcome teens, whilst simultaneously modelling quality youthwork.




Develop Youth Bible Study groups

The Collective can support churches to put on weekly Bible study groups, spurring on teens in their personal discipleship, helping them become life-long followers of Jesus.



Enable Detached Youth Work

Through training and modelling to existing volunteers, the Collective can develop a church's approach to meeting teenagers out-and-about in their local community.



Retain youth workers in local roles

Being a part of the Catalyst Collective will provide support, friendship, and ongoing development opportunities combatting the reasons many youth workers leave the profession.



Healthier and United Church

The Collective provides the opportunities for partner churches to resource and support one another in mission and ministry, for youth ministry and beyond.

92% of Bristol Youth workers say they would be interested in helping other churches reach out to young people.

75% of Church youth workers say Müllers support has positively impacted their work with young people in Bristol.



Partnership FAQs

● **What is the role of the Partnerships Enabler and nominated Youth Ministry Leader?**

The Partnership Enabler is the church's point-of-contact with Müllers. They and the Youth Ministry Leader meet Müllers twice a year to pray and review the partnership. Both also attend an annual meet-up of Müllers partners for updates, prayer and to share best practice. Additionally, the Partnership Enabler represents Müllers to their church community and advocates for the partnership within their congregations. The Youth Ministry Leader, whether salaried or volunteer, accesses the training, support and resources Müllers provide to help them deliver their role.

● **What is the expected of Partnership Churches?**

There is no fee for partner churches. Those who feel led to donate to the work of Müllers will be able to do so. We ask that partners;

- Donate 3.5 hours of their salaried Youth Worker (where applicable) to the Catalyst Collective (where worker is contracted for 21 hrs/wk or more).
- Invite Müllers to speak / preach in their services to update the congregations of the work of the partnership and the Trust
- Complete an annual impact assessment with Müllers
- Have an up-to-date safeguarding policy in place
- Maintain good communication with Müllers
- Pray for the work of Müllers

● **Where will the Catalyst Collective be deployed?**

Youth workers who form part of the Catalyst Collective will be placed with other Müllers' Partner Churches in areas of deprivation around Bristol. This will be with churches that are already showing intentional investment in youth ministry, now matter how small. Whilst we don't yet know specifics of geography, the heart is for it to be a vehicle to support churches with lower resources to catalyse sustainable youth ministry in their local setting

What might partnership achieve?

In becoming a Müllers' Partner, your church can;

- Resource and nourish it's youth ministry, seeing young people becoming life-long disciples of Jesus
- Establish foundations for growth, reversing the trend of young people disengaging from Church, and connecting with new families
- Create pathways to serve, resource and benefit from other churches around the city
- Raise vision in your congregations, increasing the number of volunteers
- Provide your youth leader (paid or voluntary) with a community of like-minded people, developing skills and reducing loneliness, leading to increased retention rates
- Spiritually refresh your youth leader through regular theological input, discipleship, prayer and worship
- Benefit from regional and national resources to support your church's youth ministry.



In 2022/2023 Müllers trained
78 leaders
in youth & children's ministry
across Bristol



92%
say accessing the support from
Müllers Y&C Network has made
them a better youth/children's
worker



How do we become a Müllers' Partner?

- **We would love to partner together to see young people of the Bristol region experience hope and wholeness.**
 - Read through this booklet to get a better understanding of what partnerships looks like
 - Visit www.mullers.org/faith to read our Statement of Faith
 - Contact us if you have any further questions, or, if you're ready to become a partner, be assigned a Partnership Representative. To do this, you can visit www.mullers.org/churchpartnerships, email us via admin@mullers.org or call us on 0117 924 5001
 - Nominate a Partnership Enabler from your church's leadership team and a Youth Ministry Leader (salaried or volunteer) to meet with the Partnership Representative to discuss the unique context of your church and how it might benefit from being a Müllers Partner
 - Empower your Partnership Enabler to sign an informal agreement listing the terms you have already read about in this booklet
 - Use the resources, support and training to grow your church, your youth leader and other churches because of your Müllers Partnership

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