

YOUNG LIONS ACADEMY



INFORMATION
BOOKLET



We are so excited about the potential that Young Lions Academy has to transform the development of young leaders across AoG GB!

Our Youth Alive vision is to see a dynamic expression of Youth Ministry in every AoG Church, and we exist to support you to experience this in your unique context. An essential feature of this vision is to create spaces for young people to be disciplined in the way of Jesus and equipped to lead both in the Church, and outside.

This is where Young Lions Academy comes in; a programme that will work alongside our brilliant Young Lions weekends, equipping you to develop the young leaders within your church over the course of the year.

Outside of the excellent content, the genius of the programme is the ability of the local leader to contextualise it to their setting, and be part of a community that supports both the leader, and the participants throughout.

We are so excited to partner with you in this. God is awakening a generation, and He is going to use some incredible Gen Z and Gen Alpha leaders to do it!

Stewart Elman
Youth Alive Director



WHAT IS YOUNG LIONS ACADEMY?

When I was 15, my youth pastor invited me to join a young leaders course he was organising. The aim was to help my friends and I grow deeper in our faith, serve in our local church, and have an influence beyond its walls. I was shocked to be chosen, but over the following years, I was intentionally developed and given opportunities to apply what I was learning. This young leaders course was transformative for me, helping me realise that God could and wanted to use me. Because of this experience, when I became a youth pastor, running a similar program became central to my work.

We have run our Young Lions weekends for over 20 years and recognised a gap in what happens between these weekends. Young Lions Academy seeks to fill that gap. We have put together a high-quality two-year program to support you in running a young leaders course in your church. It is aimed at young people ages 15-19 who have leadership potential. We provide **20 sessions of video content, discussion outlines, and a resource pack** to help you get a young leaders course up and running. Additionally, **we offer leader support by pairing you with one of our team members.** The aim of this program is to develop young people in your church with leadership potential, giving them opportunities to serve in your local church.

One of my favourite verse in the bible is from Psalm 145:4 which says,

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

I believe we have a responsibility to share the goodness of God with the generations to come, preparing them to live, serve and lead in the world they find themselves in.

Will you take the intentional step to begin pouring into the generations coming through so that the church of the future is as strong as it can be?

I look forward to walking the journey with you!



Hannah Williamson
Youth Lions Lead

YEAR ONE TEACHING

The focus of year 1 is helping the Young Lions Academy delegate to develop in character and faith. We want them to have a good understanding that building your character is essential to Christian leadership and have tools to develop their character.

We offer video content and discussion questions around the following topics;

INTRODUCTION TO YOUNG LIONS ACADEMY

Session 1: Developing in character -
'simple but not easy'

Session 2: Why you matter

Session 3: Becoming the person God has made you to be

Session 4: Leading and living with consistency and longevity.

SELF LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Session 5: Leading yourself before others

Session 6: Discipleship - following Christ in all contexts

Session 7: Living a spirit led life

PUTTING YOUR LEARNINGS INTO PRACTICE

Session 8: Understanding how to view the world through a correct theological lens.

Session 9: Being someone who takes initiative

Session 10: Living a missional lifestyle



"WHEN MY YOUTH PASTOR ASKED ME TO DO A YOUNG LEADERS COURSE. I WASN'T REALLY SURE WHAT TO EXPECT BUT IT WAS SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE! TO KNOW SOMEONE BELIEVED I COULD BE A LEADER AND HAVE INFLUENCE ENCOURAGED ME TO INVEST IN MY POTENTIAL. I GOT TO GROW IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, OTHER PEOPLE AND MY LEADERSHIP. I LEARNT SO MANY HELPFUL PRINCIPLES ABOUT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP THAT I STILL APPLY TODAY!"

YEAR TWO TEACHING

Our Year Two content is all about a Young Lions Academy delegate developing their understanding of leadership and building their leadership skills that they can use when leading others.

We offer video content and discussion questions around the following topics;

GROWING YOU AS A LEADER

- Session 1:** Leading yourself before others
- Session 2:** Small habits that make all the difference
- Session 3:** The nature of hard work and bringing your best.
- Session 4:** How to engage the big questions without pulling your faith apart

GROWING OTHERS ON THEIR FAITH JOURNEY

- Session 5:** How to create spaces for others to grow in faith
- Session 6:** How to unpack scripture and teach
- Session 7:** How to equip others to get more done

GROWING IN LEADERSHIP

- Session 8:** Creating spaces to encounter the Holy Spirit
- Session 9:** Principles of good communication
- Session 10:** Equip students with practical tools to thrive as a part of or when leading a team

"I'VE BEEN RUNNING YOUNG LIONS ACADEMY FOR THREE YEARS NOW AND THE POSITIVE, FAITH-FILLED IMPACT I'VE SEEN HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE BLESSING, NOT ONLY TO THE CHURCH, BUT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. THE DELEGATES I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO LEAD HAVE LEARNT HOW TO SERVE DILIGENTLY, DEVELOPED A HUNGER FOR A JESUS CENTRED LIFE AND GROWN TO UNDERSTAND RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THAT THEY ARE CALLED TO BE LEADERS AMONGST THEIR GENERATION."



SERVING AND LEADING WITHIN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Young Lions Academy exists to serve you and your local church and so our heart is for you to be able to create opportunities for your Young Lions delegates to serve and lead right where they are based.

We will give you resources, training and ideas as to how you can effectively get young people involved and serving both within your church and even outside the walls of your church.

Many of our delegates are serving in areas such as kids departments, worship teams, welcome teams, social action projects and more.

Some churches have found creative ways to give their delegates opportunities to serve and lead.



"LEADING A YOUNG LEADER'S ACADEMY HAS BEEN INVALUABLE FOR US AS A CHURCH. YEAR AFTER YEAR IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE BLESSING TO HEAR THE YOUNG LEADERS SHARE HOW MUCH INVESTMENT INTO THEIR LIVES AND LEADERSHIP HAS MEANT TO THEM. MANY PEOPLE FROM OUR CHURCH CONGREGATION HAVE ALSO TOLD US ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS HOW BLESSED THEY HAVE BEEN BY THE YOUNG LEADERS AND WE HAVE SEEN HOW WHEN YOU INVEST INTO THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN AN INTENTIONAL WAY, THE WHOLE CHURCH IS HEALTHIER AND BENEFITS."



HOW WILL WE SUPPORT YOU?

We are committed to serving and supporting you on the journey of setting up Young Lions Academy in your church. We will do this in the following ways....

- Giving you a 'point person' who will be in touch to talk you through how to set things up and will be available for you to chat to throughout the process.
- Upon sign up you will receive a 'Resource Hub' which includes blogs, video teaching and outlines to help you set up a Young Lions Academy programme.
 - 10 year 1 teaching videos and discussion questions.
 - 10 year 2 teaching videos and discussion questions.

It may be that you only have a few young people able to take part in the Young Lions Academy programme. We may be able to partner you with another local church so that you can run the programme together.

Get in touch if this is something we can work through.



WHAT IS THE COST?

YEAR 1 CONTENT:

£250 per church (20x video content & discussion sheets + resource hub for youth pastors & ongoing support)

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL DELEGATE PACKS:

£20 per delegate (includes a welcome pack, Young Lions T-shirt and journal & other goodies)

ONGOING USE OF CONTENT: £50 yearly subscription

HOW TO SIGN UP

Head to the [AOG website](#) to sign up or Scan the QR code below.

Once you have registered, all the content will be made accessible to you and we will be in touch!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TODAY!





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