

Church of Ireland in Lower Shankill, Belfast

St Michael's, St Stephen's & St Luke's Parishes

Media and Youth Ministry Internship

Information about the Parish

The Church of Ireland in the Lower Shankill area of Belfast consists of two parishes, St Michael's and St Stephen & St Luke's. While attendance numbers on a Sunday are small and the age profile is older, the congregations are very supportive of youth and children's ministry. We have several church and community focused ministries which we are keen to develop. These include our youth fellowship, weekly drop in for Year 8-10 and Sunday services. With existing students and an expected increase of students in the area, the Parishes work in partnership with The Hub Belfast to run a student lunch.

The Parishes encourage everyone who works or volunteers with us to explore their gifts and talents and we provide opportunities to develop and grow.

Details about the Role

The internship will focus on supporting ministry for young people aged 11-18. The intern will be expected to contribute to the discipleship of the young people and co-lead activities for this age group. This will be an exciting opportunity to build relationships with the young people connected with the Parish and to connect new young people. In addition, the internship will focus on developing and using media skills to support the Parish ministries. All relevant training and support will be provided.

The intern would assist in leading three main weekly activities: a youth after school drop in, a youth fellowship night and a Sunday service. In addition, the intern would assist in many aspects of the media provision within the Parish. This would include updates to social media, developing and maintaining websites, live streaming services and developing video content.

The internship is for 18 hours per week, beginning in September 2021 and running until July 2022. Expenses will be covered during the internship. This will be paid with a monthly amount of £100. No accommodation is provided. The intern will be managed by the Parish Development Officer, Heather Carson and will also have regular contact with the Rector. In addition, the intern will be supported by the Diocesan Youth Officer.

Opportunities will be made available for the intern to access training as part of their commitment. This could include a course like the OCN Level 2 / Level 3 in Youth Work Practice or qualifications in Food Hygiene, First Aid. This will be determined in partnership with the intern depending on their interests and existing qualifications. In addition, the intern will be supported to have a range of experiences to enhance their experience of ministry and given the opportunity to explore a range of different responsibilities.

Who are we looking for?

The Parish is looking for someone with a personal Christian faith who is willing to grow. The Parish would seek for the individual to become part of the Parish community for the year. The individual should have an interest in working with young people and exploring ministry. If you have existing media skills this would be of real interest: for example, experience in live streaming services, website development and maintenance or running social media accounts.

If you are interested, please submit a CV by email to h.carson@hotmail.com by 4th June at 5pm.

