



URBAN SAINTS



**EVERYTHING
YOU NEED
TO DISCIPLE
YOUNG PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE.**

Who we are

Purposeful

Youth work matters - but Christian youth leaders are often carrying that calling alone. At Urban Saints, we exist because we long to see young people everywhere walking with Jesus. That is our vision. And we pursue it by walking with those who walk with young people - equipping and supporting Christian youth leaders as they disciple the next generation.

Faithful foundations

In 1906, Albert Kestin asked some boys why they were playing instead of going to church. Their response, "It's boring, Sir!" led him to form what became Crusaders, now known as Urban Saints. Since then, we have supported hundreds of

thousands of young people. For more than a century, leaders shaped by prayer, Scripture, and a deep love for Jesus have invested in young people, helping them encounter Christ and grow in faith.

Today... and tomorrow...

Today, that legacy continues - but the landscape has changed. Youth leaders now serve in schools, churches, safeguarding settings, wellbeing conversations, digital spaces, and everyday discipleship. Our mission is clear: to equip youth leaders with everything they need to disciple young people everywhere, so that more young people can know Jesus for themselves.



Pray with us by signing up to our monthly newsletter.
urbansaints.org/prayer

TOGETHER, LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE UK, SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE CAN ENCOUNTER JESUS.

Crusaders to Urban Saints

'let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...' Hebrews 12:1-2

For over one hundred years, young people encountered Jesus through Crusaders, disciples by leaders whose faithfulness helped shape their lives. We pick up their baton...

“ Being ‘dragged’ along to Guildford Crusaders aged 13 changed my life, career and personality. The mission of Crusaders doesn’t change – that’s good and exciting. ”

Former Crusader

A legacy of faith for the next generation

Crusaders' legacy is Urban Saints' ministry today, equipping leaders to disciple young people. Through training that fits real-life ministry, trusted resources grounded in Scripture, and a supportive community that reminds leaders they are not alone, we walk alongside them - encouraging, equipping, and strengthening them for the vital work God has called them to do.



Training

Westbrook Academy is the home of all our training

Are you a youth leader, paid or volunteer? Our training can help strengthen your passion, build your confidence, and equip you with the tools to disciple young people well.

Our passion is to see youth leaders thriving as they disciple young people – and many of our courses serve church leaders and others in ministry.



Training that fits real life

Westbrook Academy's training is:

- **Practical** – tools you can use straight away
- **Accessible** – online and easy to join
- **Flexible** – training that adapts to your life

You can access our high-quality materials, recognised accreditation, and one-to-one support shaped around your schedule.

Choose from Webinars, Short Courses and Accredited Courses - options to suit you. For flexibility without compromise, try our self-paced learning options.

Accrediting partners include Perth Bible College (Australia), Churches in Communities International, and the Skills and Education Group.

Equipping you to walk with them

Will you take your next step in learning how to disciple young people better?
urbansaints.org/training



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It has strengthened my ability to support young people in faith-based settings and opened the door to new opportunities for growth and involvement within my own church community. ”

Codie - Contemporary Youth Ministry Course

Resources

Practical tools to help you disciple young people.

Schools Resources

For youth leaders, chaplains, and volunteers as they build relationships within school communities. From lunchtime clubs and Christian Unions to assemblies and classroom sessions, they offer practical ways to specifically serve in schools.

Youth Group Support Resources

We can help make it easier to plan, lead, and disciple with confidence. You'll find the practical help you need to lead well and help young people grow in faith.

Leadership Development Resources

To develop leaders who make a difference. Leadership is more than running programmes or managing teams – it's about vision, integrity, and walking alongside young people in ways that point them to Jesus.

Additional Needs Resources

Supporting young people with additional needs begins with understanding, compassion, and the right tools. Our resources will help you recognise different needs, remove barriers, and create spaces where every young person can thrive.

Safeguarding Resources

Safeguarding is the foundation of trust in any youth ministry. These will help you understand good practice, feel confident in your responsibilities, and create safe space for every young person.

Wellbeing Resources

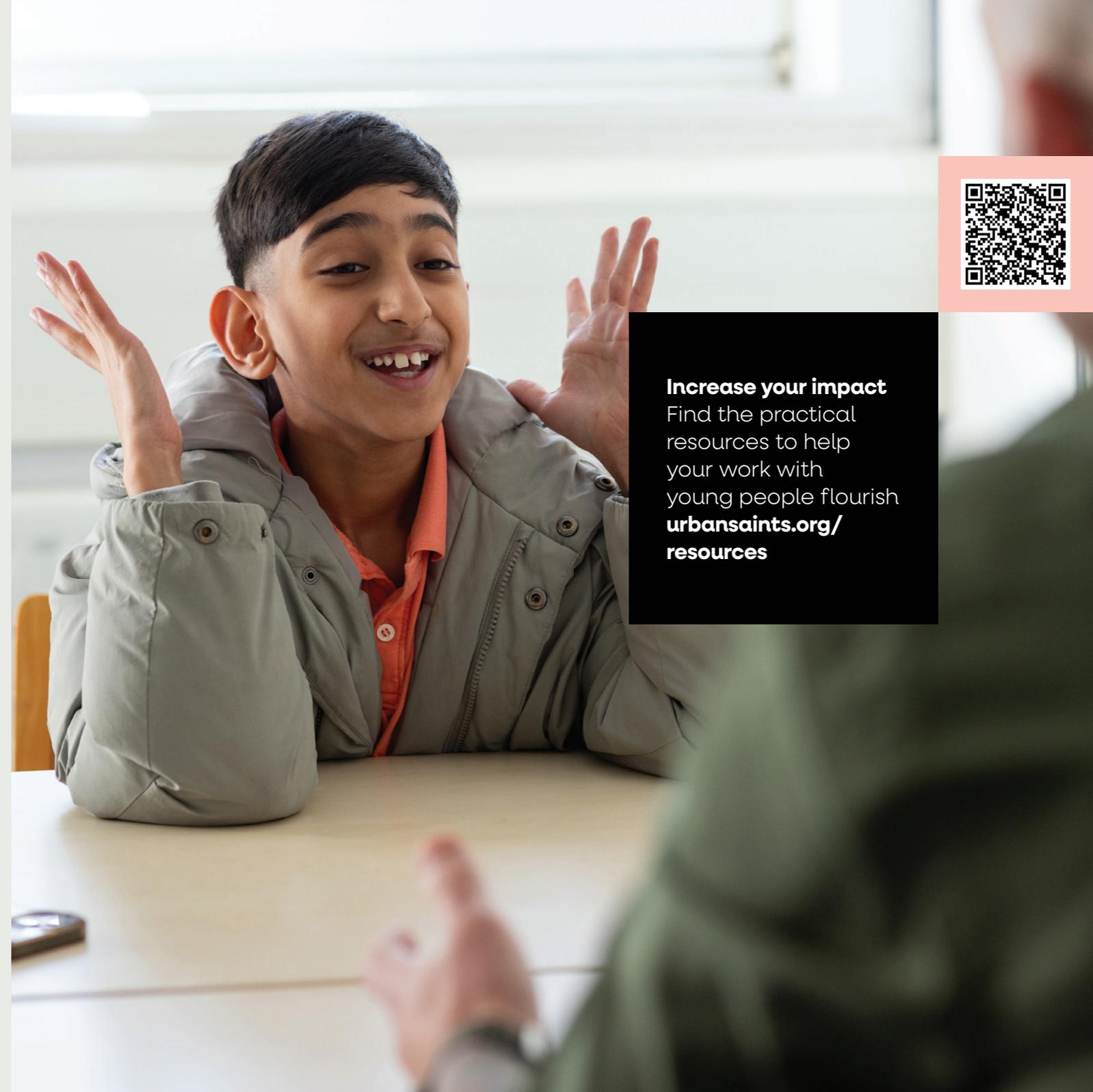
Tools to help you stay grounded, healthy, and able to lead well. Caring for young people is meaningful – but demanding. You'll find reflective tools, gentle guidance, and practical ideas that support your emotional, spiritual, and physical wellbeing.

Digital Resources

Our digital discipleship tools, like the 'Walk with them' podcast, support youth leaders in the realities of everyday ministry. They offer practical help, clear guidance, and thoughtful, issue-based content. Subscribe to the podcast at urbansaints.org/resources.

Energize

Web-based discipleship materials for transforming young lives. Thousands of engaging and adaptable biblical sessions, training articles and support resources for young people of all ages. Available for every leader and helper in your church or group.



Increase your impact
Find the practical resources to help your work with young people flourish
urbansaints.org/resources

Community

You don't have to lead alone

Youth ministry is stronger when leaders walk together. Youth work is deeply rewarding but can feel isolating at times. Community creates space for honesty, encouragement, and increasing knowledge by sharing experience. In community, youth leaders aren't alone.

The Urban Saints community is about connection that supports real ministry, builds confidence, and helps leaders keep going.

'For two are better than one... if either of them falls down, one can help the other up' Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Connect with your community:

Youth Leaders' Connect – a private Facebook group bringing anyone involved in youth work together. Ask honest questions, share ideas, talk about the highs and lows, and pray for one another.

Zoom Drop Ins – A relaxed online space to talk youth work together, connecting around the month's chosen topic. Lunchtime or evening, with time for conversation, shared experiences, and prayer. There's no sign up or prep – just join the call when it suits you.

Meet ups – Youth workers come together locally – in person – for a time of connection, practical training from experienced practitioners, access to relevant resources, and time to connect over food.

New Spaces for Shared Ministry – We are also developing focused communities for leaders serving in safeguarding, digital ministry, and schools. These spaces will offer practical support, shared insight and connection with others who understand their context, helping leaders feel encouraged and equipped.



Join our community:

Let's support and encourage one another
**[urbansaints.org/
community](https://urbansaints.org/community)**





Westbrook Centre

Built for groups, shaped by purpose.

Westbrook Centre is a residential and day-visit venue set within 18 acres of woodland near Ryde on the Isle of Wight. Since 1948 we've welcomed youth groups, churches, schools, and organisations for residential stays, conferences, activity days, and events.

Westbrook Centre is a safe, welcoming environment for everyone. Staying in the main house or camping on site, groups share access to meeting spaces, dining areas, and activities.

It's a place where leaders and young people spend time, grow in confidence, build lasting memories and encounter God, together.

Why choose Westbrook Centre

- **Space that works** – indoor and outdoor areas flex around your programme.
- **Activities on site** – from bushcraft and archery to campfires and ecology walks.
- **Food done well** – catered or self-catered, with dietary needs supported.
- **Easy to reach** – close to Ryde with strong mainland travel links.

“ Westbrook Centre has given us the space to build connection, explore faith, and grow together. ”

Isle of Wight Youth for Christ



Explore your group's residential urbansaints.org/westbrook-centre



Walk with Us

Help equip youth leaders

Urban Saints supports those who walk with young people every day. By joining in, you help ensure that youth leaders across the UK have the training, resources, and community they need to disciple young people with confidence and care.

Pray - to see young people follow Jesus

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” – James 5:16 (NIV)

As we pray, young people across the UK and Ireland have the opportunity for a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

You can receive prayer points each month to pray that young people encounter Jesus.

Giving helps make disciples

Your generosity helps provide youth leaders with practical training, trusted resources, and a supportive community – so young people can be disciplined wherever they are.

Every gift helps leaders feel less isolated, better supported, and more confident in the work they are called to do.

It's easy to give at urbansaints.org/donate



“ Living in a small community, and in a small organisation, it is easy to feel isolated and exhausted! The chaplaincy course has been a real 'lifeline' and the schools' webinar, inspiring. Connecting with others and having encouraging sessions with tutors has blessed me. Thank you. Please keep doing what you are doing. ”

Clare

For information on how you can leave a lasting gift in your will, please visit urbansaints.org/legacy





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