



transforming church
for all ages

Facilitation Day answer sheets

Part of the Church

1 In what ways can children and young people celebrate their faith with the rest of your church? For example testimony, worship, baptism, communion?

2 Do you, as a church, pray for/with children? How do you help and enable them to develop their own prayer lives?

3 "As a church community we must learn to do only those things in separate age groups which we cannot, in all conscience, do together." Do you agree with this statement? How does your church community relate to this? Areas to consider could be: mission, bible study, prayer, etc.

4 Do you, and if so in what ways, teach the children and young people with their parents? For example, Messy Church events and experiences?



5 What part do children and young people play in the experiences of gathered worship in your church? What examples of whole church learning and teaching do you have?

6 How are the promises made during a dedication service worked out in your church?

7 What knowledge does the leadership team have of the children and young people's work? How often do they visit the specific activities, engaging and supporting the ministry?

8 What voice do children and young people have in the governance and leadership of your church? How has your church come to this position?



Faith Development

1 What would you look for in someone requesting baptism? Is this the same whatever the age of the candidate, or would it change for children and young people?

2 What do you understand of children and young people's spirituality?

3 What ways do you enable learning? What different learning styles do you use?

4 What provision is there for pastoral care for the children and young people?



5 "It takes a whole church to raise a child". Do you agree with this statement? Whose responsibility is it to support and nurture children and young people?

6 How do you support parents in their role (those of both church and never-churched children) and in what way do we help parents understand their child's spirituality?

7 Where is the place for children to reflect on what they see, hear or are taught, within the life of the church and what they experience outside of the church community?

8 How do you help integrate your young disciples into the on on-going life of the church community?



Outreach

1 How are you equipping children and young people to share their faith?

2 When was the last time the children and young people were asked for their thoughts and views of the ministry delivered by the church for their peers - specifically in regards to whether they would be happy to invite them to it? How was this done?

3 What voice, input and opportunity for involvement do children and young people have into the evangelism delivered in and through the church?

4 How are you connecting with and reaching out to the children and young people who do not come from a 'Christian home'?



5 What percentage of the ministry amongst children and young people is discipleship-focused (ie, about discipling those who are already part of the church) and what is mission-focused (ie, reaching out to those who are not part)?

6 How accessible is the ministry delivered amongst children and young people to never-churched children and young people?

7 Can you list the schools within your community? What links are there between them and your church?

8 What community events, activities and gatherings take place that you are aware of? How are you currently engaging in these, or could you in the future?



Vision and next steps

1 Do you have a vision/strategy for your ministry amongst children and young people? Who sets/inputs into it?

2 What percentage of the minister's time is given to the children and young people?

3 What percentage of the church's budget is allocated for your ministry amongst children and young people? How is this allocated, and by whom?

4 What training/equipping occurs for your children and young people's leaders?

5 What training/equipping occurs for your children and young people themselves?



- 6 In what ways does your community express itself in relation to children and young people, and engage them as:
- a A prophetic community
 - b An inclusive community
 - c A sacrificial community
 - d A missional community
 - e A worshipping community

- 7 In what ways are children and young people encouraged to express themselves as part of:
- a A prophetic community
 - b An inclusive community
 - c A sacrificial community
 - d A missional community
 - e A worshipping community

- 8 How are children and young people part of the on-going vision in your church?

