

You can do youthwork

Youth and children's work adviser **Ben Mizen** gives us his top 10 tips on how to reach young people

1 TIME

Young people and teenagers need time to process things. Without an investment of time, relationships won't happen.



2 YOUTHWORK MAGAZINE

The monthly magazine and its online presence gives you resources to work with young people.



3 LISTENING

The only way to find out what's important in the lives of young people is to listen to them.

4 YOU

You're not perfect and you won't have all the answers, but if you are willing and able to be real, God can use you to reach young people. Your age is no barrier.



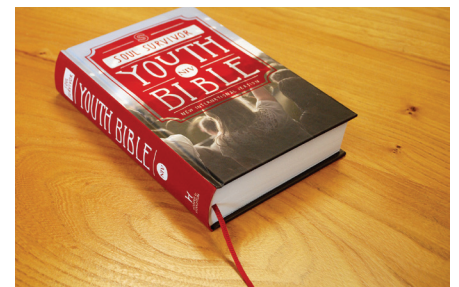
5 SMARTPHONE

Useful for keeping in touch, being able to record short videos, updating your Facebook group, and calling parents if there is a problem on a trip.



8 YOUTH BIBLE

A version written in plain English that will resonate with the lives of your young people.



6 GAMES

Board games such as Jenga might seem old hat, but they allow you to spend time with young people and get to know them better.



7 THE INTERNET

There are lots of resources online that can help you to engage effectively. Youth Alpha, Scripture Union and Roots on the Web are all good examples.

9 HOSPITALITY

It is often better to meet in people's homes than in a cluttered or tatty church hall. It can be easier to prepare tasty food at home too.

10 BEING JESUS-CENTRED

Don't be ashamed about the reason why you are engaging with young people. Be upfront about your faith, rather than being covert and then worrying later about how to introduce faith into your encounters.