

# aurora

certificate in children's ministry

Aurora Children is a children's ministry training course designed for those involved in Christian children's work, and is made up of three modules:  
Children's Ministry and the Children's Leader, Understanding Children and Children's Ministry Practice, and Managing the Ministry.

It is ideal for anyone who can commit to a number of training sessions over 8 months, in order to develop their practice, gain new skills and grow in confidence.

Running from September to May each year, the Derbyshire course is facilitated by Valley CIDS and the Diocese of Derby. The teaching schedule includes three Saturdays (two of which take place at Cliff College) and monthly Tuesday evenings based at the Holmebrook Family Centre in Chesterfield.

Students complete a portfolio of learning to gain the Aurora Certificate in Children's Ministry, and may also work towards the Cliff College Certificate in Children's Ministry by completing a number of written assignments.

Cost £200 per student

For more details and to book a place, visit [www.auroratraining.org.uk/derby](http://www.auroratraining.org.uk/derby)

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Subjects covered include

## module 1 Children's Ministry and the Children's Leader

### What is Children's Ministry?

- Children today and their context
- Children's spirituality and formation
  - Authentic spirituality, spiritual formation and discipleship
- Why am I involved in Children's Ministry?
- Gifts and skills of a Children's Leader
- Personal growth, support and pastoral care

## module 2 Understanding Children

- Theology of the child
- Child development
- Faith development
- Learning styles
- Practical approaches to Children's Ministry
  - Messy Church / Fresh Expressions
  - Creative prayer
  - Schools work: Collective worship / assemblies
- Positive tools for managing challenging behaviour
- Children with special needs

## module 3 Managing the Ministry

- Children and Young People in the church
  - All-age worship, Baptisms
  - Communion, Confirmation and other rites of passage
  - Working with the church leadership
  - Transitioning to young people's ministry
- Programme planning
  - Resources, aims, objectives and involving children
- Making teams work
- Recruitment, supervision and training
- Schools work: Making connections, building relationships
- Safeguarding and other policies

