



# CATALYST

Fully funded, dynamic training  
for Children's and Youth Ministry

**FEBRUARY-OCTOBER 2024**

Online learning across 5 sessions, plus an  
in person 3 day conference at the Hayes  
Conference Centre in Swanwick,...





This new year, take up the challenge to deepen your knowledge, hone your skills and follow God's call for ministry and mission with children and young people. Catalyst is a dynamic training course which aims to equip and inspire you. This course will help you if you are a volunteer in a toddler group, helping at a youth club, doing a few Sunday morning sessions a month or running an outreach programme as a paid worker. You will learn from experts in the fields of children and youth ministry whilst being supported by your Diocese. And did we mention that the Church of England fully funds every aspect of the Catalyst, so you won't need to pay a thing.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

Catalyst is for new or experienced volunteers or those who are in a paid capacity but would like further training. It is also for people wondering if they are being called to paid children's or youth ministry, as there are opportunities for further study.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

At its heart, Catalyst will help you develop approaches with children and young people that fosters a holistic and lively relationship with Jesus. Weaved through the sessions and the conference are the core topics of: cultural awareness, discipleship, self-knowledge, self-reflection, theology, biblical studies, play, informal learning, mission and evangelism, and safeguarding. Check out the Catalyst website <https://catalyst30k.org> to see an overview of the sessions.

## WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

**Five Group Sessions:** There are five monthly group sessions where you will meet, for about 2 hours, with other Catalyst participants from your Diocese. Before each group session, you will engage with topic content through the Catalyst platform from the comfort of your own home. It should take you about an hour to complete. This means that you will be familiar with the topic before meeting as a group, and then you can engage with the themes by drawing on your own experience.

**Conference:** In June (Fri 28th - Sun 30th), you and all Catalyst participants from other Dioceses are invited to the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick for a three-day conference. As well as connecting with people on the course from across the country this will offer the chance to hear and learn from experts in the fields of children and youth ministry.

**Graduation:** You will be invited to celebrate the completion of the course at an event in October.

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For more information, check out the Catalyst website

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