



CYWC Summary Minutes

September-December 2024

News

- Welcome to Samantha Sheehan who became the Convenor at GA 2024 (although she has been apart of the committee for a number of years)
- Makaton Awareness and 'Know and Grow' Training Course continues to be supported by the CYWC. Look out for more sessions in the coming year. 'Know and Grow' making the Christian Faith accessible through Makaton Signs and Symbols.
- Update from the CYDO+ Team and the various activities that have been happening.
- URC Children—excitement for the first Children's Workers Conference which was a huge success. Keynote given by Jenny Mills, with workshops and time of worship together.
- Have you seen the fetching URC Children Hoodies—want your own? Get in touch with [Ruth](#) to order your own.
- The URC CYW have been supporting Greenbelt and hosting the Youth Venue (Den and Engine) for the past three years. This coming year is the last year of our commitment. It has been a great experience. Want to join the team one last time? Get in touch to volunteer.
- BE PROUD—the under 26 reps to General Assembly once again shone in their active participation, asking challenging questions and voicing their support and participating in the whole life of the URC.



- We were joined by Sharon Barr from the Safeguarding committee. A number of joined up pieces of work completed.
- Have you seen the Safeguarding Training matrix? Do you know the level of training you need? And how often you need to update? Check out the matrix for all the answers [here](#).

Looking forward

- Church Commissioned Children's and Youth Workers. Lots of work has been happening in the background on preparing a paper for Assembly Exec in Feb 2025 and hopefully moving forward to GA July 2025.

THANK YOU

- HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CYDO+ TEAM AND ALL THEY DO!
- GRATEFUL THANKS and FAREWELL to Derek as he steps down from the committee for his many years service and even longer championing of Pilots.

Challenges

- As with the whole church, we continue to challenge ourselves to hear the voices of children and young people as we respond to the changing world, listening to God at work within and through them.
- It is a joy to be joined by our Youth Moderator and Moderator Elect, as well as the Equality and Diversity rep at each of our meetings.
- With the launch of URC Children at GA 2023 we continue to grapple with how we are, as a committee, hearing the voices of children and would like to challenge you to do the same in your context (be it local, synod or denominational).



Resources

- Advent resource —5000 packs distributed. Extra free resources are available <https://urc.org.uk/your-faith/children-young-people/children-youth-work/advent-pack-2024/>.



- Prayer Prompt cards still available from Church House or CYDO+ team.



- Dates of the All Church mailing changing to April (to include YA round up) and September.
- Lots of Holiday Club grants/reports received. Next year's theme is The Clubhouse.

- Go with Greta to Transcarpathia planned for publication in 2025. And Go with Greta to Jamaica is planned for 2026.



- New resource: Guide for hosting a school visit to your church—produced by CMN and Roots. Available on Roots, CMN and URC websites: bit.ly/CMN-School-Visits



- Keep and eye out for new resources around Baptism and Communion.

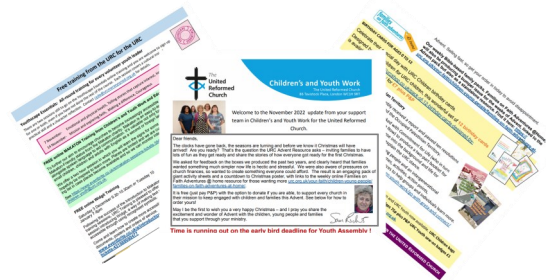
- Check out the new Disability Awareness Conversation Starter resource on the [E&L Hub](#).



Disability Awareness for All

- Don't forget to check out the latest FACT/FAYR on the website and extra resources on the YouTube page <https://urc.org.uk/your-faith/children-young-people/faith-adventures-for-children-together/>.

- For all the latest news and resources sign up to the Bi-Monthly newsletter direct to your inbox. <https://bit.ly/URCCYWbimonthly>



URC YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2025
7-9 March 2025

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All are welcome

Here's a taste of Youth Assembly 2024 <https://bit.ly/URCYA2024>

Book: <https://linktr.ee/URCYouthAssembly> or contact children.youth@urc.org.uk

£120 early bird until 1 December
£150 from 2 December until 2 February 2025

The United Reformed Church Youth

Worship - Bible study, music, prayer spaces, late night communion

Youth Decides - discussion on issues that matter to us leading to action and engaging the wider church

Workshops - grow your skills and thinking while exploring the theme

Entertainment - campfire, karaoke, sports, games and more

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