



INTERNSHIP

A YEAR TO CHANGE LIVES, DEVELOP
YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND
GROW IN YOUR FAITH

For young people aged 18-25

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Welcome

Ykids was founded out of a passion to see the lives of children and young people transformed by the love of Jesus. Growing up in broken and dysfunctional family myself, I discovered the love of Jesus at 15 and it turned my world upside down.

As a young Christian trying to find my way I met a pastor who believed in me. He gave me the opportunity to lead, make mistakes and try again. He gave me wings. Ever since, I have understood the value of giving young people the opportunity to lead, experiment, and try new things in an environment that believes in them and encourages them to grow.

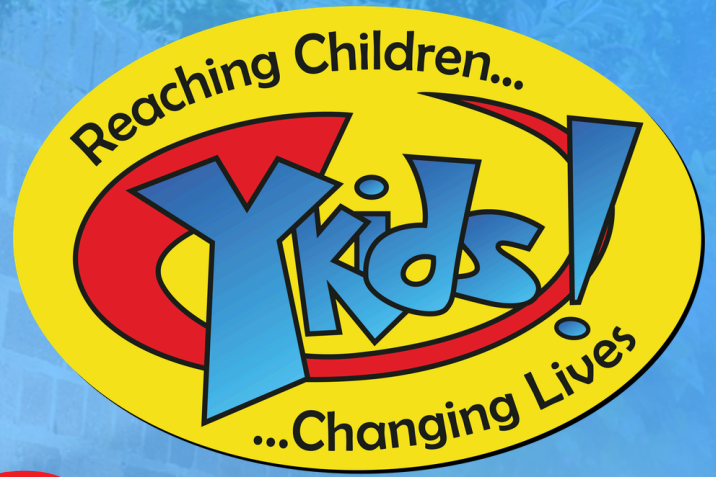
Ykids has been running an intern programme now for over 15 years and many of our interns have gone on to be youth workers, teachers and pastors. One was even called to open her own cafe, which, after a number of years, she did!

So if you are serious about wanting to give a year of your life to serving others, growing in faith and skills, and discovering the heart of God - why not give it a try and see where He takes you?



2 **Claire Morgans CEO**

Who Are Ykids?



Our mission is to bring hope, love, joy and opportunities to the lives of children and young people to help them discover that they can have life and purpose in God's kingdom.



Scan or click to check out our website!



**YFaith?
Year at a
glance**

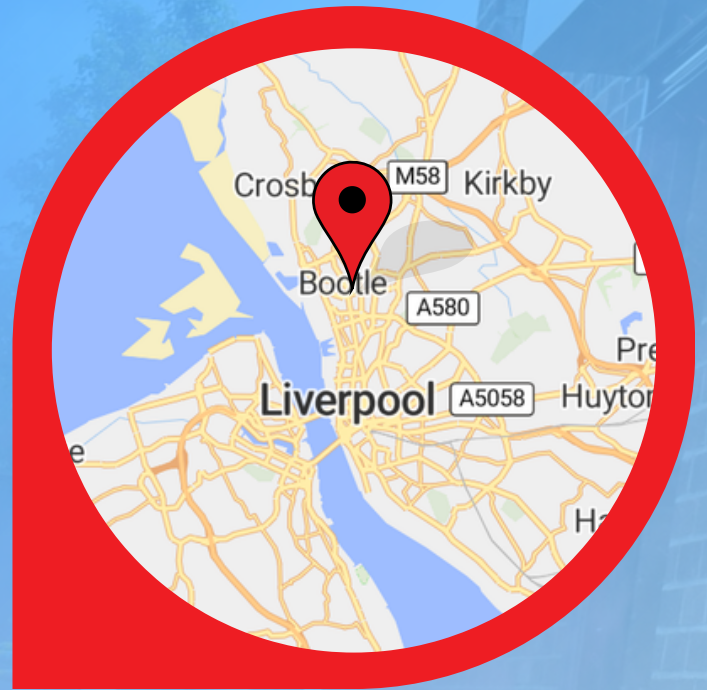


**Check out our
digital content
here**



Who Are Ykids?

Ykids is a charity based in Bootle, seeking to improve the lives of children and young people living in some of Merseyside's poorest communities. Our mission is to raise 'World Changers'; young people who, despite their circumstances, have become emotionally resilient, have self-belief and a hope for their future.



The need in our local area is huge. We are ranked in the bottom 1 and 2% of most deprived communities in the UK, with high levels of gang-related crime, drug use, violence and poverty. Literacy and attainment are poor, with 87% of children failing to gain the national standard for Maths and English at GCSE.

Faith Work

- Families Work
- Training
- Schools Work
- Community Events
- Wellbeing
- Kingsley & Co

Youth & Childrens Work



What is a Ykids Internship?

An internship with Ykids is an opportunity to serve God, grow in faith and develop your leadership skills. Ykids offers a huge variety of faith based and community opportunities from small group work to large scale events, schools work to mission and outreach. No two weeks are ever the same!

We work over 2 main sites, our main base which is a former library and Kingsley & Co, a Steampunk Explorer themed Children's bookshop - our literacy project in the local shopping centre. We also use many other venues across Bootle and the City.

Ykids is fast paced and fun, and because we do so many things there is a place for everyone to use their knowledge, develop new skills and access opportunities to try things out in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. We expect you to make mistakes - that is how we learn!

So if you are passionate about children and young people coming to know Jesus, and real and lasting community transformation, this could be the year for you!

How does the internship work?

Dates: Early Sept to mid/late August.

Cost: Free - in fact we give you pocket money and cover all your transport, training and uniform costs!

Full time: This is a year out for you to focus on your faith, Spiritual & professional development and calling.

Holidays: 20 days holiday and bank holidays

For more information about what our internship offers see page 13

A Typical Year at Ykids

- September** Team residential, training and term planning.
- October** Term 1: Groups start, schools work, outreach, half term events and trips.
- November** Groups and activities and the Bootle Children's Literary Festival (bi-annually).
- December** Christmas events, parties and activities. Christmas Outreach, schools work, family faith event.
- January** Team training, regrouping, planning.
- February** Term 2: All groups and activities start up again, half term events.
- March** Groups and activities and outreach events
- April** Easter holiday programme & events, Easter family faith event.
- May** Term 3 activities and events.
- June** Groups and activities, year 6 Transition workshops at Liverpool Cathedral, the Believe Awards.
- July** Group programmes finish, summer programme begins.
- August** Faith camps, full summer programme.

And so much more...



The Curriculum

The curriculum is designed to enable Interns to grow in their faith and confidence, develop knowledge and skills, and broaden experiences. Here is a rough guide to what might be achieved each term, however each programme is tailored to the individual, so we can encourage those who are just starting out but also challenge those who have some experience.

Term 1: Faith	Term 1: Professional
<p>Attend Youth leaders meetings: YLG's, MNL leadership team.</p> <p>Attend all faith events (prayer breakfasts, family – Easter & Christmas services etc).</p>	<p>Attend all staff meetings (Monday mornings, AGM's etc).</p> <p>Go away on a staff training residential and receive training.</p> <p>Fundraising & bid writing training. Attend specific training courses.</p> <p>Learn how to open and lock up the Ykids building, complete induction training and read Ykids company policies.</p>
<p>Co-create Instagram/ digital content for YFaith. Learn how to plan, create, edit and upload content.</p>	<p>Be staff on a Youth & Children's delivery programme.</p>
<p>Plan faith provision for groups (as part of a team) and lead small group Bible studies (one evangelistic group and one discipleship group).</p>	<p>Plan and deliver school assemblies at Christmas as part of a team.</p>
<p>Host/preach or share at and be part of the leadership planning team for our monthly outreach evangelistic event for over 70 young people (MNL).</p>	<p>Work shifts at our magical children's book/ coffee shop (Kingsley & Co) in Bootle Strand.</p>
<p>Plan a prayer & praise evening for Equip (alongside a team).</p>	<p>Be staff on our families work projects – Calm & Create, Book Club, parent training.</p>
<p>By the end of term, you will lead a group of staff in a Bible devotion and prayer session (Monday morning prayer).</p>	<p>By the end of the term you will be given responsibility over an aspect of a Youth and Children's project.</p>

The Curriculum

Throughout the course of the year you will commit time to developing both in a faith based and professional capacity. Opportunities outlined in the curriculum for each term will build on prior and newly gained experience that prepares you for end of term goals and achievements. Both aspects of training equip you in championing change within the community.

Term 2: Faith	Term 2: Professional
Attend a young leadership training programme – Follow First MCYC (March).	Plan & deliver 3+ Ykids sessions.
Go to churches to preach and share about YFaith / Ykids to raise money for faith work.	Be competent in evaluating sessions and uploading all data onto our data processing software.
Plan, lead, host at MNL event and plan, lead, host the MNL leadership team meeting.	Lead a consultation with young people to identify a need for a future Ykids project.
Work alongside Faith staff on YFaith Instagram and be part of the team planning, creation, editing and uploading of Instagram / digital content for YFaith.	Plan a Ykids project alongside a staff member & continue to staff youth & children’s work projects.
Faith mentoring 1-1 with 1 or 2 individuals from our current faith groups.	Mentoring with 1-1 with an individual from the local high school we work with.
By the end of the term, you will be a young person representative that leads young people volunteer team for MNL.	By the end of the term, you will have received all the relevant professional development and training to create, plan, deliver and lead a staff team on a Ykids youth & children’s or families work project.

The Curriculum

The Ykids internship is bespoke to each intern. There is a broad programme which the curriculum highlights but it is down to the individual intern to choose their path. Previous interns have focused on such things as: children's work, film and media, and much more. The programme is designed to help you discover your giftings and grow in those areas.

Term 3: Faith	Term 3: Professional
Attend a training conference for leaders/ youth ministry.	Continue to work as staff member as part of the Ykids / Yfaith teams on projects with your preferred age group – responsibility tailored towards your next steps once you finish the internship.
Be part of planning and attend a Faith residential with Ykids young people. Attend an external faith residential as Ykids staff (e.g. MCYC Juniors/Inters/ Camp Ab).	Have planned for, applied for and secured a place for relevant 'next steps' leaving Ykids internship August 2025.
Attend work experience away days with other faith organisations and ministries across the city.	Write and submit a funding bid. Write a risk-assessment for a session, event or trip.
Independent digital content creation for YFaith Instagram &/ YouTube.	Have attended a school residential as Ykids staff (either term 2 or 3).
Co-write and design a faith impact report.	Create, write, plan and deliver a youth and children's work project and lead a staff team. Complete all relevant risk assessments (including planning trips etc) and complete and record feedback throughout the term using lamplight and complete an evaluation at the end of your project.
By the end of the term, you will plan and lead the year 6 transition workshops in the Cathedral alongside a staff member. By the end of the term, you will be a young person representative for faith work across the city and regionally.	By the end of the term, you will plan and deliver a speech at your internship celebration evening. By the end of the term you will have created, delivered and lead a staff team on your own Ykids project.

The Arts Award

Interns here at Ykids have the option to complete their Arts Award while on their internship. The Arts Award is the equivalent of an A Level and is worth 16 UCAS points. Arts Award takes children and young people on a creative journey, exploring the arts world, discovering their potential as artists, developing leadership skills – and gaining a recognised qualification along the way.

Open to anyone aged 25 or under, this unique set of arts qualifications builds skills essential for success in the 21st century: Creativity and communication, along with problem-solving, reflective-thinking and confidence.

Young people can achieve Arts Award in any art form, from music to mime, poetry to pottery, dance to drumming.

**Head to the
Arts Award
website
for more
information**



Stories From Previous Interns



Freya

The YKids internship has given me such a wide variety of experiences and has pushed me out of my comfort zone in the best way possible, helping me to grow.

NEXT: Studying at Nazarene Bible College.



Annie

My experience of the YKids internship has helped me grow in confidence, gain great relationships and explore my calling in faith.

NEXT: 6 month Discipleship Training Studies with YWAM Australia (Byron Bay).

YKids offers a faith internship programme, for 18-25 year olds, and this year we recruited 4 new interns aged 18-19 yrs. Throughout the year they followed a curriculum that focused on developing them both spiritually and professionally in youth and children's work.

Here is what they had to say about their experience with us and an update on what they are going on to do next:



Oliver

The internship is such an enjoyable experience, you get to participate in a professional environment, exposing you to the working world however you never feel alone or unsupported. It's fun whilst being routed in faith; I've drawn closer to God and it has given me the confidence to share Jesus with young people and the community.

NEXT: Studying at YKids to complete the 'Time to Shine' programme with the Rank Foundation.



Aaron

The YKids internship has helped me grow in confidence and gain more experience in youth work and learn about leadership skills, helping me come out of my comfort zone.

NEXT: Starting a career as a teaching assistant.

Stories From Previous Interns

Ruby is now completing her Rank Aspire programme with us at Ykids for this year! (2025-2026)

This year we have been incredibly blessed to have Ruby complete the Ykids internship with us. Read her story about how the Internship has not only grown her faith but also prepared her for the next stage of her life.

“I began my journey as a young person accessing the work of Ykids. I came to faith through a small faith focus group, and from there, with the support of Ykids, my faith journey has flourished especially after being blessed with the opportunity to complete my faith internship.

I have been given so many amazing opportunities this year, from leading worship at our youth events to preaching at a regional 24/7 prayer event and having the opportunity to introduce young people to Jesus and guide them in experiencing the same love that saved me has been incredible”.

“Having the opportunity to work alongside an organisation who are so passionate about seeing the heart of God reach our community has been an unforgettable experience; this experience has left me hungry and excited to continue that. Throughout this year, I feel I have taken such big steps in my faith journey, I feel so close to God and am excited to see the plans he has for me.

This year has been a priceless experience, from creating long lasting memories to growing in my faith journey, I cant thank Ykids enough for this opportunity”.



You'll Have Our Support

We believe in supporting our Interns to thrive and have a life changing year. That is why along with our Internship being free we include these benefits.



£50 a week pocket money



1 Year bus pass



Accommodation contacts



Training opportunities



Staff Residentials & wellbeing days

A Year Like No Other!



'At YKids I have made new friends!'



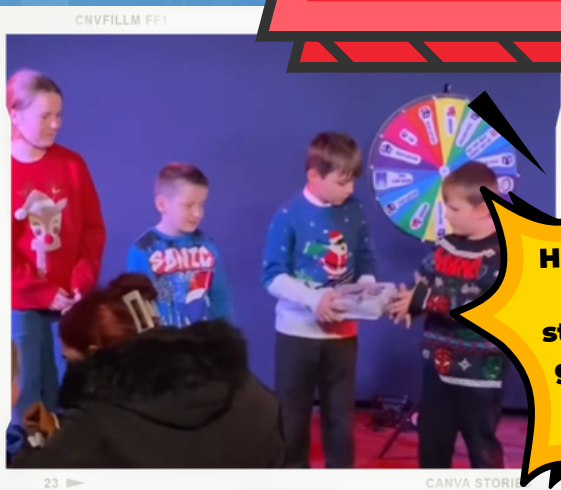
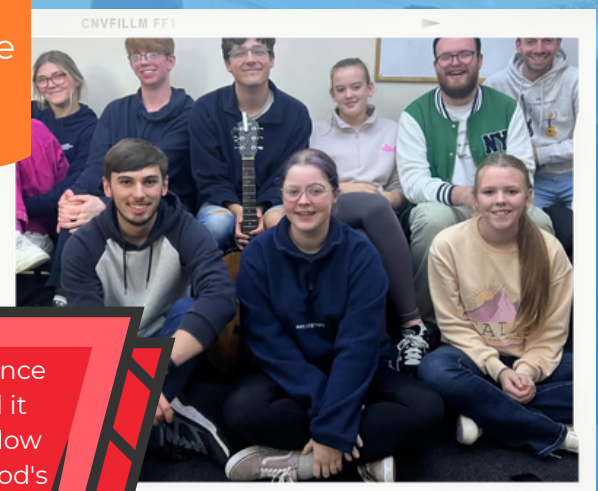
I finally had the courage to tell my story to others. I felt like I could inspire and motivate.



'At YKids God is explained in a way that we understand and we are free to talk about our own ideas and ask questions'.



Volunteering at MNL was a great experience and a fun one too. I was doing tech and it gave me such joy to watch the havoc below me, where the kids actually listened to God's word and had a great time too!



Here I feel as though I can be me and not be judged. I struggled not having a youth group for a while so I am so glad I found Ykids.



Closing Message From Intern Leads

We hope you have enjoyed reading through the Internship prospectus and that it gives you a good idea of what an Internship with Ykids might look like.

Of all the incredible things we do at Ykids, leading the internship programme is such an honour and privilege which brings us so much joy. We have seen some amazing young people journey through the internship programme. We have seen them grow not only in skills and confidence, but also in their relationship with Jesus. Being a part of young people discovering what God has in store for them is a true blessing for us. If you are considering applying for the Ykids internship we encourage you to do so. We have seen time and time again that when we step out in faith God always meets us and walks with us through life's greatest adventure. A life following the call of God on our lives.

Many Blessings,

**Ykids Intern Leads:
Neil & Carys**



Application



**Scan or click to
complete
Internship
application form**

Or head to our website to apply
Ykids.co.uk/faith

Or for any enquires regarding the Ykids Internship Programme or if you would like to talk in more detail before applying email us at carysveale@ykids.co.uk or neilhayes@ykids.co.uk

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