

## Could you make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable young people (16-25) across Sussex?

We are currently looking for volunteer chaplains to help run informal weekly chaplaincy evenings, centred around a meal, to support young people living at several YMCA supported housing projects which are all part of YMCA DownsLink Group. These residents are young and homeless or unable to live at home for a variety of reasons. Our work is challenging but our YMCAs are places where young people can get support and encouragement to turn their lives around.

Could you be a volunteer chaplain and add real value to the work we do? You do not need a qualification for this! We are looking for people of faith who are kind, good listeners, non-judgemental, with a sense of humour and a love of young people. You would work in a small team, and have some training and support. Young people tell us that chaplaincy evenings make the hostels 'feel more like home'. We have chaplaincy teams in the following locations: Brighton and Hove, Crawley, Horsham, Worthing and Eastbourne. You can find out more about the chaplaincy service <a href="here">here</a>.

Chaplaincy takes place on Wednesday evenings in Brighton, Hove and Worthing, on Thursday evenings in Horsham, Monday evenings in Eastbourne and Tuesday evenings in Crawley. We would ask for a commitment of one evening (in the same location) every 2-3 weeks.

If you are unable to volunteer but could support chaplaincy financially as an individual or a church, please do get in touch! £20 provides a chaplaincy meal for 8-10 young people.

**Interested?** For Brighton, Hove and Eastbourne please contact Lucy McGrath, Lead Chaplain on 01273 222563 or <a href="mailto:lucy.mcgrath@ymcadlg.org">lucy.mcgrath@ymcadlg.org</a>
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