

## **Wales Synod Policy for Synod Youth Work Strategy**

### **A. Background**

The Wales Synod is committed to encouraging the ministry and discipleship of the whole people of God. Within this, it recognises the importance of providing support and encouragement to specific groups and in particular, in line with connexional policy expressed through the youth participation strategy, young people.

### **B. Wales Synod Policy**

B1 To assist local churches and circuits to empower, encourage and enable young people in their own faith journeys through engagement with the Methodist Church and the EDEV initiative.

B2 To support both existing and new Youth Work within in the Synod.

B3 To provide opportunities for young people from differing groups and circuits within the synod to get to know each other and offer mutual support.

B4 To encourage projects within the Synod that reach young people who do not yet have a positive relationship with God.

B5 To work with the connexional team on the effective implementation of the youth participation strategy within Wales.

B6 To undertake these tasks ecumenically wherever practicable.

### **C. Implementation**

This policy requires engagement with young people, youth workers and the wider church. The Synod Youth Enabler will be primarily responsible for developing work directly with the young people in the Synod. This will be achieved initially through the development of web site/forum leading to a Youth Synod Meeting and the development of a longer term action plan. The SYE will also work with the staff of the Wales Training Network to develop a programme of support for youth workers within the Synod and other initiatives to the enable engagement of young people in the life of the Synod. This work will be overseen through a small Synod Task Group comprising of workers, young people, a member of SPC and staff of the WTN.