

Examples of ways to Start a YCW Section

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PHASE ONE

A. By a new chaplain

1. Identify a chaplain (priest, religious or adult companion).
2. Explain YCW and role of chaplain, who and how to contact.
3. The chaplain makes contact with young people over a period of time and draws up a list.
4. Chaplain invites young people to a 1st Meeting.

B. By a leader

1. A local YCW leader makes contact with young people in the area/parish..
2. He/she proposes an activity together.
3. After this he/she proposes a meeting.
4. Meeting to review the activity and talk about young peoples' concerns.
5. The YCW leader and group look for a chaplain in collaboration with the regional chaplain.

C. From a YCW Event

1. A group of YCWs (local group, regional team, national committee) organise an event and invite young people.
2. Someone presents the YCW, the Review of Life & Friendship Chart and "How to Start" .
3. A follow-up plan is discussed and agreed
4. A leader is appointed to follow up each group within two weeks.

who then follows nos. 2 or 3 onward in B

D. From an Action

1. YCWs involve some young people in a survey or action they have planned (eg an Action Campaign)
2. They meet with them to review and celebrate the results.
3. They propose to start a new group with those who were involved in the action.
4. They propose a meeting.
5. Meeting to review the activity and talk about young peoples' concerns. .
6. The YCW leader and group look for a chaplain in collaboration with the regional chaplain.

PHASE TWO

Key Elements:

- Personal contact with the young people
- Introduction of the YCW and its method in a simple way
- Young peoples' ownership and responsibility for the group
- Good support and guidance from a chaplain/adult companion
- Contact with other YCWs

1. Explain Review of life and Friendship Chart to chaplain
2. The group does a simple Review of Life.
3. Group has contact with other YCWs in the area or nationally.
- 4 Group chooses a group leader.
5. Training for the group leader
6. Training for the chaplain.