

SUPPORTING CELLS...

CELEBRATIONS

Vibrant Youth Services for around 150 young people from across the city.



PEER LEADER TRAINING

To equip and encourage the Cell leaders (16-19s) of today and the future!



RESIDENTIALS

Time away for building faith, friendships and having fun together.



DEMONSTRATE DAYS

Opportunities for young people to express their faith practically and make a difference to communities.



MISSION

Providing opportunities both locally and abroad, with training and ongoing support.



YOUTH WORKER NETWORK

Encourages friendship, support and informal training, for youth workers across the city.



LYCN started in 1999 after an intensive time of prayer for the City of Leeds. LYCN was born out of a heart for unity, integration and the belief that the church could achieve more if it worked together. LYCN has a vision to bring young people together to worship, pray, work and play, and to promote the one body of Christ to the future generations. This vision began with one cell and now there are over 30 cells made up of young people aged 11-20. LYCN is a thriving and significant work amongst young people and it enriches the ongoing youth work in Leeds.

LYCN's work falls broadly into two main areas:

- **DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT-** Working with churches to help them start their own youth work, supporting churches who only have a few young people and supporting the existing Cells.
- **SERVICE PROVISION-** LYCN organises many opportunities for young people (See overleaf).

LYCN THE VISION!

Some of the fun!!



WE AIM TO SEE

A RELEVANT, CHRIST CENTRED YOUTH WORK,

WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE,

OF EVERY YOUNG PERSON

IN LEEDS!

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COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

The Council of reference is made up of churches who formally support the vision of LYCN. Every year there will be an open meeting for churches to attend; this gives them the chance to participate in discussion about the future direction of LYCN.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team is responsible for keeping LYCN's work in line with the vision and values of the network. They ensure LYCN serves the broader picture of what God is doing in the City. They also ensure the legal, financial and child protection procedures are all in place and kept up-to-date.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Management Team is made up of volunteers and three paid workers and their main aims are to:

- Empower the Cell Coordinators to outwork the vision
- Facilitate all of the Network's events and activities
- Ensure good youth work practice
- Relate to churches and other organisations, communicating what God is doing through Cells
- Encourage and support existing cells and establish new ones
- Provide necessary support for the cross-church Cells

CHURCHES

LYCN is the sum of its many parts and is not independent from the input of the church. LYCN interfaces with churches on several levels, with both cell coordinators coming from local churches and Cell members encouraged to be active in the broader expression of Church in the city. The links between LYCN and local Churches means that young people's needs are served effectively.

CELL COORDINATORS

Cell Coordinators are the people who oversee the Cells. They take overall responsibility for their Cell group and feed back to each other at regular Coordinators meetings.

PEER LEADERS

Cells are led by peer leaders, who are young people who have attended a Cell group and where appropriate, take on leadership. The idea is that young leaders are more able to relate and make their faith relevant to their peers.

YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people who attend Cells are the most important people in the Network. Here is one person's experience of Cell; 'I started going to Cell because I wasn't sure what to believe, everyone has different views. I listened to the prayers, the readings and the people's stories and realised how much God related to my life, this set something inside me alight. Cell made me realise I wasn't alone, other people were learning too.'

DEVELOPING CELLS

The focus of LYCN's work is to develop Cell groups across the city. A Cell group consists of 6-12 young people who usually meet once a week, often in homes or sometimes in a comfy church room or schools! Each Cell meeting consists of the four W's: **WELCOME**- an ice breaker to make everyone feel at home! **WORSHIP**- a time to reflect and respond to God, **WORD**- time to see what God has to say through the Bible and **WORLD**- a time where the group can put their faith into action and make a difference to the world!

Each Cell is different as they are made up of young people from many diverse backgrounds. However each Cell is encouraged to take hold of 5 key values:

- Jesus at the Centre
- Cell as a community of care
- Every member involved in ministry
- Every member growing in their own faith
- Every member responsible for making God known

Just as cells **GROW**, divide and **MULTIPLY**, this is also our vision for the Cell groups. We feel that if we can **DISCIPLE** young people successfully through their teens - to a mature faith, then this will

STRENGTHEN the church in Leeds. We would love to work with you in this!

