

Increasing the number and diversity of people engaging with the possibility of a Ministerial Vocation in the Church of England.

Successful delivery of the Church's <u>Vision and Strategy</u> will require a broad and increasing range of people within the church to consider whether God is calling them to a ministerial vocation. It will also need us to understand the ministerial needs of the wider church and to work to sustain strong pipelines of people in all stages of discernment and training. We aim to do this through:

- Encouraging a culture of vocation across the church through the provision of resources for dioceses, clergy and worshipping communities;
- Promoting wider participation and greater diversity around age, gender, disability, ethnic heritage and social background;
- Running the Ministry Experience Scheme (a nationally co-ordinated and subsidised programme allowing young people to live in community and experience the tasks, challenges and joys of church-based ministry, including ministry among children and young people, for a year);
- Sharing inspiring stories and excellent practice;
- Supporting dioceses with long term people planning and collating the national picture of ministry deployment patterns and demand;
- Playing our part in the governance process of using central funding to support local missional deployment plans.

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