



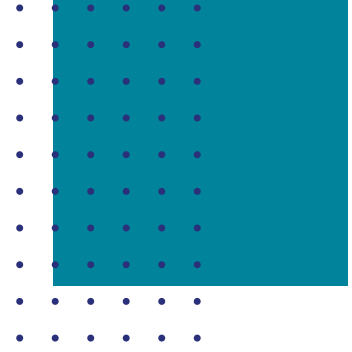
SERVING THE LOCAL SCHOOL

A network by the Growing Faith Foundation

2024-25 information



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THE GROWING FAITH FOUNDATION.

Growing Faith is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England.

It involves churches, schools and households working together to help children, young people and families have life in all its fullness.

The Growing Faith Foundation seeks to benefit children and young people, helping them create the world they want to live in, specifically through the lens of the Christian faith.

Every Diocese has appointed one or more Growing Faith Champions to take forward the Growing Faith mission locally. Nationally, the Foundation is also developing work in four main areas: Networks, Learning Hubs, Programmes and Research.

We hope this brochure encourages you to join the Mental Health and Trauma Awareness network, and inspires you get involved in the Growing Faith movement more broadly.

GROWING FAITH NETWORKS

There are AMAZING people all over the country working for the culture change we long to see. We're passionate about connecting people, and facilitating peer support and collaborative learning.

We offer networks for different people working within and between the school-church-home spheres and we'd love you to join us!



Our networks...

- prioritise the voices of children and young people, and look at all our work through the lens of Growing Faith
- have a shared ownership and focus
- have high quality resourcing and facilitation
- promote long term commitment and creating a movement
- address issues of equality, diversity and inclusion at every stage of their work
- have clear logistics and a focus on specific context and grassroots experience
- create safe spaces; they are highly relational and seek to learn and grow in wisdom, understanding and love.



SERVING THE LOCAL SCHOOL: WHO ARE WE?

We are a network of people from churches, parishes and dioceses would like to serve our local schools. Some of us already work with our schools, some of us are in the process of making links, some of us are new to this.

The purpose of this network is to:

- Provide peer support for people who are working in their local schools
- To equip and empower churches who want to serve their local school
- To share stories, ideas, resources and encouragement
- To broaden horizons of what is possible
- To build relationships and regional support.



Sign up here!

AIMS OF THE NETWORK

We hope that:

- We will gather regularly and build long-term, supportive relationships
- We will understand the Growing Faith commitment and how and where we are contributing, and that this knowledge will help us in our work
- We will share our knowledge, experience, resources and skills for the common good of the group, and ultimately the benefit of the children and young people we serve
- We will learn together from experts in the field, and from each other
- We will work increasingly in collaboration to support the spiritual flourishing of children and young people
- We will serve our local schools more effectively and build meaningful, long-term relationships with staff, pupils and families

This network is aligned with the Growing Faith Foundation's values:

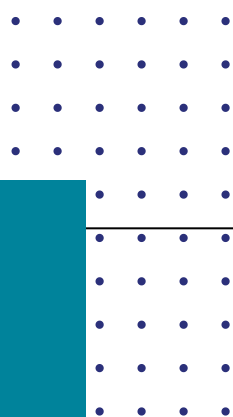
We change the culture for the better

We lead by example

We prioritise relationships

We recognise and embrace the diversity of the body of Christ

We create safe spaces of welcome and belonging

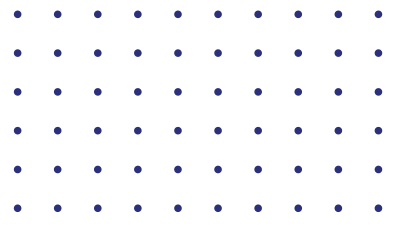


STRUCTURE OF THE NETWORK

2024-25 comprises 6 hour-long meetings per year, which take place over Zoom. These are facilitated by the Growing Faith Foundation.

These national input sessions include peer support conversations within a diocesan group and hosted by a diocesan facilitator.

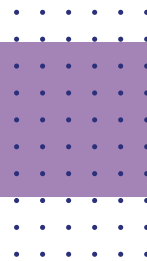




NETWORK SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Date	Theme
Tuesday 30th April 2024 1:00-3:00	What are schools currently facing?
Tuesday 25th June 1:00-3:00	The importance of relationships and building trust
Tuesday 24th September 1:00-3:00	What is the school already doing? Joining in with curriculum, seasons and traditions How can the church support diversity, equity and inclusion
Tuesday 26th November 1:00-3:00	Chaplaincy
Tuesday 21st January 1:00-3:00	SIAMS and Christian Vision
Tuesday 25th March 1:00-3:00	SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Partnering with other organisations

OTHER CURRENT NETWORKS



Read on to find out more about some of the other Growing Faith Networks.

If you would like any further information, please visit the Growing Faith Foundation website, or contact Hannah Persaud (Growing Faith Networks Lead):

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Toddler Leaders and Champions

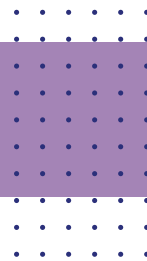
This network is for people who run toddler groups, as well as leaders in their church. Come and be encouraged, equipped and inspired to see Growing Faith in this precious ministry.



Parachurch Organisations

A big and vibrant network of parachurch colleagues from all over the country, from some of the most well-known national charities through to our amazing small and mighty local organisations. Collaborating to effect culture change together – all welcome!

OTHER CURRENT NETWORKS



Mental Health and Trauma Awareness

A network which platforms the significant expertise and resourcing of colleagues in parachurch organisations and dioceses, combined with the opportunity to consider it all in the light of your own context. A brilliant opportunity to improve the way we value and work with others. Do join us!



Chaplains in Education

Focussing on the most pressing concerns of our chaplains, and the unique role they play in Growing Faith, this network seeks to support and empower colleagues through both national gatherings and small group peer support groups.



Ordinands for Growing Faith

Are you an ordinand? We meet at lunchtime once a month to explore our ministry and studies through the lens of Growing Faith.



The Growing Faith Foundation

Email: growingfaith@churchofengland.org

Or visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/growing-faith-foundation>