



Aims and Objectives

Our Aim:

As lead professionals in Catholic Youth Ministry in England and Wales, CYMFed exists to:

- a) enable us to work together better,
- b) act as an advocate for young people and those working with them in the field of Catholic Youth Ministry,
- c) collaborate on national projects and
- d) promote and offer direction to Catholic Youth Ministry, based on best practice.

Our Objectives:

1. To develop, sustain and promote a national vision and strategy by

- providing a regular forum for ideas, national vision and strategy to be shared, promoted, developed and evaluated;
- producing supporting documents, research and resources;
- reflecting on and being nourished by common themes from scripture, church teaching, magisterial and other theological writing in a form which is accessible and easily understood and
- liaising with other groups and agencies.

2. To take a lead on events, initiatives and projects such as

- National Youth Sunday;
- World Youth Day and
- other national events and pilgrimages.

3. To shape and promote quality training and formation by

- supporting induction training and on-going development;
- developing systems of appraisal and professional development and
- developing national standards.

4. To represent Catholic youth ministry

- to the government and the voluntary sector and
- to ecumenical and interreligious communities.

5. To work with the Bishops' Conference

- through membership of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis
- by working with the Bishop for Youth and or his delegate who sits on the Board of CYMFed

6. To source appropriate finance and funding to resource the work of CYMFed