

## ***A New Discipleship Year Hub in Colchester***

Dear local church leader,

From September at St John's Church we are planning to develop as a New Wine Discipleship Year Hub.

The Discipleship Year is all about growing as disciples of Jesus for a life of adventure with him. During this year those who take part will be equipped, empowered and encouraged to grow as a disciple of Jesus. The aim is that by the end of each year everyone who takes part in the year will be a 'disciple-making disciple' serving Jesus and his Kingdom with the whole of their life for the rest of their life.

The Discipleship Year is for those aged 18-24 in your church. It will take them on a life-changing journey of discovery and adventure. They'll be inspired, get some practical 'hands on' Kingdom experience in your church, make life-long friendships and have a lot of fun in the process!

The SJC training hub will invest eight hours each week in teaching, training and equipping those taking part to grow as a disciple of Jesus. Alongside this they'll be mentored, coached and invested in by local church leaders. For more info visit <https://www.new-wine.org/mission-areas/discipleship-year>

The teaching will cover several core subjects including growing a deep life with God, identity in Christ, the Kingdom of God & the ministry of Jesus, understanding and applying the Bible today, evangelism, leadership, character development and calling among others! They'll learn from some inspirational and experienced leaders from different spheres of life, including those involved in church leadership and the marketplace locally.

In turn they'll be serving in your church and/or Christian organisation where they get to put into practice all that they are learning. This could be in any number of different areas including youth and children's work, social justice, worship, creative media, family ministry and evangelism. These placements are a minimum of 12hrs per week including a Sunday. Typically, they will find their own accommodation and find part time employment to cover living expenses. However, some placement churches/organisations provide accommodation and some financial support with fees and living costs.

Below we have outlined what we suggest it would cost your church to have a New Wine Discipleship Year young adult being part of a local NWDY hub a SJC:

£1,480 - all fees, split £980 for intern to pay and £500 for church/organisation to pay, consideration can be taken by the church/organisation to assist with the fees if needed.

£2,200 - £200/m honoraria for intern. Interns are expected to find their own part time work in addition to the internship.

It is understood that accommodation and reimbursement for actual travel costs will usually be provided in addition to the subsistence allowance.

£1,320 - to support their travel costs and if the host family needs financial support etc.) Claimed as "expenses".

£5,000 - TOTAL

If you would like to express your interest or know more about having a NWDY young adult at your church and as part of our SJC hub then please contact me at [andy.sachs@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:andy.sachs@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Andy

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