



Youth Ministry Scholarships – 2026 Intake

Are you passionate about working with children and young people? Do you want to study theology and gain hands-on ministry experience in a supportive and growing team? The Diocese of Liverpool is offering fully funded BA scholarships to study Theology and Youth Work at Emmanuel Theological College, alongside a practical placement in one of our Youth and Children's Hubs in Liverpool, Wigan, St Helens and Warrington.

We're looking for people who are:

- Committed Christians who are actively involved in church life
- Eager to study theology in the context of youth and children's ministry
- Excited to apply what they learn in schools, churches, and communities
- Relational, positive, and strong communicators
- Organised, creative, and passionate about helping young people grow in faith
- We are looking for candidates who are UK-based only

What's on offer:

- A fully funded 3-year BA degree at Emmanuel Theological College (accredited by Durham University)
- A practical placement in the Youth and Children's Hub in either Liverpool, Warrington, Wigan or St Helens
- A £500 monthly maintenance grant
- Travel expenses covered for placement-related travel (Not including commute)
- Ongoing support from experienced leaders, fellow students, and diocesan staff
- A vibrant learning community at Emmanuel and within your placement Hub

About the Hubs

The Liverpool Diocese has a bold vision to reach, disciple, and resource children, young people, and families to be life-long followers of Jesus. In 2025, the diocese received a significant investment to grow its work with 0 – 18s. Our Youth and Children's Hubs partner with local church clusters (deaneries) to develop new, creative, and sustainable ministry.

Each Hub will look slightly different depending on the context but will be made up of at least one experienced Youth and Children's Lead, two Scholarship Students as well as gifted and called lay people. The Hub teams will support existing work with children and families, start new and creative projects to connect with young people, host small discipleship groups for teenagers and work with others to build a growing ministry to 0-18s.

The team will support existing ministries, launch new outreach initiatives, lead small discipleship groups, and help grow a strong and welcoming church community for children and young people.

What you'll do

As a Scholarship Student, you'll gain hands-on experience in ministry while developing leadership and practical skills. Activities include:

- Leading groups and worship communities
- Mentoring and connecting with young people
- Collaborating with your Hub team and other church leaders
- Being part of a formation group at Emmanuel with dedicated support

If you have a particular passion — like sports ministry, music outreach, or creative arts — we'll do our best to shape your role to reflect your gifts and interests.

You won't be on your own. You'll be supported by your Hub Lead, a wider diocesan network, and your Emmanuel tutor.

Study and Weekly Rhythm

The scholarship has two components: academic study and practical placement.

Academic Study:

- Delivered by **Emmanuel Theological College** (Durham University accredited)
- One full teaching day per week (Mondays, term time)
- Additional time for independent study

Placement:

- Based in the **Wigan, Warrington, St Helens, Liverpool South, Toxteth and Wavertree, or West Derby Hubs**
- A mix of direct youth/children's work, planning, team time, and study
- Flexibility around evenings/weekends as part of your rhythm

Example Weekly Schedule:

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Church – leading sessions	Off	
Monday	Emmanuel College	Emmanuel College	
Tuesday	Hub Team Day	Hub Team Day	

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday	Off	Study	Mentoring
Thursday	Off	School Worship	Youth Club
Friday	Study	Study	
Saturday	Off	Off	Off

Funding

- Tuition fees for the 3-year BA are fully covered by the Liverpool Diocese
- £500 monthly grant for living expenses
- Travel costs for placement-related journeys
- Grants are paid monthly via standing order on the 15th of each month

Key Dates

- Induction: Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Commencement Eucharist: Saturday 5th September
- Start of placement and study: Monday 7th September

Placements follow general school term patterns, with breaks at Christmas, Easter, and summer. One week of your summer holiday will be used for either a holiday club or a Christian festival.

How to Apply

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact: Yana Rusina 0-18s Project Assistant on Yana.Rusina@liverpool.anglican.org

To apply, send the following to Yana:

- A **1-page CV**
- A **covering letter**, telling us:
 - A bit about your journey with Jesus
 - Your hopes for the future
 - Why you're passionate about youth and children's ministry
 - Which Hub you'd prefer to be based in: **Wigan, Warrington, St Helens, Liverpool South, Toxteth and Wavertree, or West Derby**

Deadline: January 31st 2026

Interviews: February 26th 2026

Successful candidates will be required to complete a satisfactory DBS check and undergo Safeguarding Training.

Let us walk alongside you as you grow in faith, study deeply, and make a real difference in the lives of young people across the Liverpool Diocese.