Mission **Grant**

The Wessex URC Youth support young people participating in mission-based projects/trips through their Mission Grant.

To find out if you can apply for a grant, read the criteria below:

- Projects should be mission based, meeting one or more of the points in the URC 'Vision 2020' statement (see overleaf).
- Individuals applying must be associated to a URC within the Synod.
- Individuals applying should be aged 11-25.
- Applicants have not been given a Mission Grant within the last 3 years.

When applying, applicants should include the following:

- Who you are - name, age and a bit about you.
- What the project involves.
- Who will benefit.
- How much money you must raise.
- How are you fundraising, including other grants you have applied for.

You should be willing to feed back once the project has taken place by attending a future Youth gathering or sending a write up of your experience.

Members of Wessex URC Youth will consider applications and if a grant is awarded:

- **Individual applications -** will be up to a maximum of £250, and no more than half of how much money an individual has to raise. Grants will not be awarded for a further 3 years to individuals.

- **Church/Project Group applications (3 or more individuals) -** will be up to the maximum 10% of the total amount to be raised. Further applications are considered from new individuals in subsequent years.

Please send your application to **development@urcwessex.org.uk**

The United Reformed Church Wessex Synod

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Statement 1: Spirituality and prayer
We will grow in our practice of prayer and spirituality, nurturing strength for our witness to Jesus Christ, and developing our discernment of where God is and what God is calling us to do by reading and studying the Bible and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Statement 2: Identity
The URC will be a Church where every local congregation will be able to say who they are, what they do and why they do it.

Statement 3: Christian Ecumenical Partnerships
We will be more confident in our identity, valuing the treasures of our tradition, discerning when to seek ecumenical partnerships, and when and how to seek the further unity of the Church.

Statement 4: Community partnerships
We will be a Church that is more active in the life of local neighbourhoods.

Statement 5: Hospitality and diversity
We will be a Church committed to becoming even more welcoming and hospitable, and embracing all people equally.

Statement 6: Evangelism
We will be more confident to engage in evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God with friends, families and strangers, through story and action.

Statement 7: Church growth
We will be a growing Church with an increasing membership.

Statement 8: Global partnerships
We will be a Church that is an active partner in God's global mission with other Churches around the world.

Statement 9: Justice and peace
We will be a Church committed to peacemaking and reconciliation that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice.

Statement 10: The integrity of creation
We will be a Church that has taken significant steps to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain and renew the life of the earth.