

CREATING AN EFFECTIVE

SVP FAMILY NETWORK



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP Adult Groups

Is there an adult SVP group in the local parish? The Mini Vinnies can learn so much from our adult members and can see how they can help support their work from their school or parish group as well as invite them to events they are planning as part of their Mini Vinnies' mission.

Youth Team support in creating strong networks

- The Youth Team can help you find out if there are other Mini Vinnies' groups in your area.
- After consent is given to exchange contact details from both parties, the Youth Team will link you up with another Vincentian Coordinator.
- Keep in touch with one another to support, share ideas and plan collaborative projects.

Young Vincentian Development Officers (YVDOs)

Who is your Young Vincentian Development Officer (YVDO) for your diocese? Our YVDOs often visit schools to share more about the SVP with the Mini Vinnies and talk about their volunteering experiences. They also have a wealth of information about local projects that the children could get involved in as Mini Vinnies.

Tips when making links

- All correspondence should go through the schools and not between the children directly, ensuring that no personal details are shared.
- Meeting other Mini Vinnies groups should be planned between the two Vincentian Coordinators. This is to ensure risk assessments are in place and safeguarding procedures are adhered to. The children should not meet each other outside of their organised meeting setting without appropriate adult supervision.

Mini Vinnies, Youth SVP and SVP 1833

Contact other local Catholic primary and secondary schools or universities to see if they have an SVP group.

If you are in an Academy Trust, find out if there are other Mini Vinnies and Youth SVP groups to collaborate with.

Ideas of how to strengthen your link with other groups

- Send termly updates to another Mini Vinnies' group.
- Write letters to share project information.
- Create prayer cards to send to other Mini Vinnies groups.
- Arrange a joint fundraiser.
- Invite another Mini Vinnies group to your school/parish for a Mini Vinnies meeting.
- Collaborate at a Mass or SVP gathering to bring the family together.

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