

# **FUNDRAISING**

# **Resources & Preparation needed:**

- A3 paper and Pens
- Youth SVP Prayer book
- Youth SVP prayer cards
- Fundraising Event Template (Page 2)

# Aims:

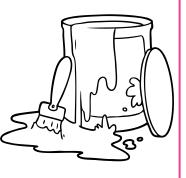
- An introduction to Fundraising
- The opportunity to develop event planning skills

## **Opening Prayer:**

Invite one of the young people to read a prayer from the prayer book(Shop)

#### **Reflection:**

A story from an SVP Conference. Read it and then take a few moments as a group to explore what you as a group could learn in the work and help you will give.



At the beginning of the Ukraine Refugee crisis many of our members signed themselves up for the Homes for Ukraine scheme. They were willing to open their homes to an individual or family escaping war. Far more members signed up to this than were ever called on and in fact a fair amount of work had to take place to manage the disappointment of some. One of the initiatives which helped was for those members in especially rural locations who weren't picked on to host were able to offer mini breaks and holidays to those who were living elsewhere in England and Wales for example.

On one of the early zoom working group meetings a member was very pleased to share the news that she was chosen to host a lady and her two children. The members were all pleased for her although with a little jealousy. She told us about how she and her husband had held their own zoom call earlier that day. The mother had great English, but her children struggled, the mum translated many words of welcome and encouragement, but they were met with shyness and fear from the children. In a moment of inspiration, the husband went off screen quickly and returned with a Dulux colour sheet, he held up paint swatches and asked the mother to see what colour they might like their temporary bedroom painting while they are on holiday?

The children spoke for the first time, they argued over colours and agreed that the room should be a very happy shade of green.

### Activity:

The SVP relies on fundraising to be able to provide practical help to those in need. However, as SVP we are also challenged to consider how people can contribute in ways other than money, as many people won't be able to contribute financially due to their own circumstances but may wish to help in other ways. It's also a good idea to think about how fundraising events could also promote a sense of community.

Your challenge is to come up with a fundraising idea that you could do in your school or in your Parish that creates a sense of community. You can use the template provided and if you are struggling for ideas you may wish to have a look through the fundraising pack <u>linked here</u>.

#### Before you finish:

Invite all the young people to pray together the prayer from their prayer cards

