

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 Youth SVP 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 own youth conference.



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 work of the SVP with students. They also have a wealth of information about local projects that the students and staff could get involved in as Youth SVP.



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.

Youth Team support in creating strong networks

- The Youth Team can help you find out if there are other Youth SVP 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.

Tips when making links

- All correspondence should go through the schools and not between the students directly, ensuring that no personal details are shared.
- Meeting other Youth SVP 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 students should not meet each other outside of their organised meeting setting without appropriate adult supervision.

Ideas of how to strengthen your link with other groups

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



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