

# WHAT IS HORIZONS?

Ministry with youth can be an incredibly fulfilling experience. Helping youth to be transformed into dedicated followers of Jesus Christ is a great calling. Being adequately prepared to lead is a huge responsibility that can seem overwhelming for many youth leaders. They may even feel they lack the necessary skills to do the task properly.

**HORIZONS** is an online training programme for volunteer youth leaders who want to develop their skills and learn more about working with youth. We want to help youth leaders by encouraging them and by providing informative material that they can utilise while reflecting upon their own specific ministry setting. **HORIZONS** is created for leaders engaging with youth in a globalised and ever-changing world.

# WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

\* Each participant who chooses to enrol in the on-line **HORIZONS** training programme is accompanied through the course by an experienced locally based mentor. This helps ensure that the course meets the specific needs of the youth worker.

\* The learning units are designed to assist volunteer youth leaders to have a better grasp of contemporary youth related issues and to develop strategic leadership thinking.

\* A key objective is to help youth leaders develop their own style and character as Christian leaders.

\* The programme is self paced and can be completed in a reasonable period of time.

# HOW IS HORIZONS STRUCTURED?

The **HORIZONS Training Programme** consists of four units. Each unit contains six modules focusing on major youth related topics.

**UNIT 1**  
**FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORK**  
Defining Youth  
Value of Youth Ministry  
Purpose and Goal of Youth Work  
Understanding Youth Culture  
Principles and Values of Youth Ministry  
Models of Youth Ministry

**UNIT 2**  
**UNDERSTANDING YOUTH**  
Moving from Childhood to Adulthood  
Adolescent Development  
How Youth Develop Morally  
How Youth Understand Faith  
Problems Youth Face  
Risk Taking Behaviour

**UNIT 3**  
**LEADERSHIP AND YOUTH MINISTRY**  
The Calling of a Youth Worker  
Discovering Spiritual Gifts  
Character of a Leader  
Building Teams  
Ministry in the "Middle"  
Sustainability in Youth Ministry

**UNIT 4**  
**MINISTRY WITH YOUTH**  
Programming and Planning  
Missional Youth Ministry  
Youth and Evangelism  
Working with Groups  
Caring for Youth  
Safe Practise

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The course is currently available in English, Russian, and Arabic with other languages in development.