2026

Focus. YOUTH

GUIDE

For young people, parents, carers & youth leaders



Focus Youth is...

...the dedicated space at Focus for young people aged 11-17 (who will be in school years 7-13 on 1 September 2026).

Focus Youth creates space for young people to build friendships, encounter and worship God and have an epic time together!

For four days a year we get to pause from our normal routines and allow God to prepare us for the 361 days we are in our separate schools, towns and churches.



The Theme

ALL IN

This year, the theme for Focus Youth is ALL IN. We will be looking at how we can be ALL IN for Jesus in our individual lives and collectively as the church...

ALL IN with our lives

ALL IN for Jesus' good news

ALL IN for His church

JESUS REPLIED: "'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF."

MATTHEW 22:37-39

The Venues

Youth Centre

Our largest venue is our multipurpose Youth Centre! We've got skate ramps, basketball hoops, gaming spaces, a football cage and plenty of space for catching up with mates across the four days! This is where those aged 11-15 meet for their morning and evening sessions. In the afternoons we open the space up for everyone aged 11-17 to hang out.

Common Room

The Common Room is our bespoke venue for those aged 16-17 (going into years 12 and 13 in September 2026). In the mornings, come along and grab some breakfast and a coffee. We'll be digging into different relevant topics and discussing them with new friends from different churches. This space also hosts afternoon seminars and chilled-out After Hours fun - think board games and pampering!

The Common Room will kick off the event with a gathering for 16-17 year olds at 5pm on Thursday to eat together and get to know one another.

The Hub

The Hub is our venue for young people with additional needs. We're here to ensure that no young person lacks the support they need to have an incredible time at Focus Youth. We have a dedicated team who look out for young people in The Hub and across the different youth venues. The Hub will be open during all the main sessions and is close to both the Common Room and the Youth Centre, so young people are free to move between the Hub and their age group venue, depending on what is best for them.

The Main Programme

Mornings

Youth Centre - 11-15s arrive to worship, play hilarious games together and head to a Silent Lab. Our 'Silent Labs' are three different seminar streams played through silent disco headphones, so you can pick your topic of choice and tune in. The Youth Centre activities will round off the morning!

Common Room - 16-17s will have time to worship, hear from God, listen to different speakers, and journey through the theme with their small group.

Afternoons

We have a load of activities on offer during the afternoons. The inflatable arena will be waiting for you, along with the basketball court, skate ramps, gaming zone, prayer and journaling space, and of course, the world-famous Bridge The Gap football tournament! If you're feeling hungry for more through the afternoons, there are seminars (Labs) to equip and inspire young people and youth leaders.

Evenings

11-15s gather together in the Youth Centre to worship, hear from some fantastic speakers and have time to pray together and connect with God.

16-17s will head to the Big Top to join the adult evening sessions, and can either sit with their church or meet up and sit with the Common Room team.

After Hours

Whether you want a chilled space to hang out with mates or let loose at an epic party, After Hours is the place to be. We take over the Youth Centre and Common Room to offer the opportunity for you to make the most of your time with your mates.

The Extras

The Pillar

Our friends at The Pillar UK join us at Focus Youth to facilitate calm and refreshing spaces so that those feeling overwhelmed in the main sessions can take a moment to reset without missing out on the programme.

Base Team

If you find yourself disconnected from what's going on in the main sessions, the Base Team are around to check in with you. You'll find them hanging out on the grass in front of the Youth Centre - so whether you want to take a moment to kick a football around, or you need someone to come alongside you for a chat, they are there for you.

Afternoon Labs

Youth Labs run at 2pm and 4pm each day. Youth Labs are hosted in the Common Room but are open to all young people aged 11-17. Come along to hear inspiring stories, dive into helpful topics or take part in a workshop.

At 4pm in The Hub we will have a Lab stream to equip our Youth Pastors.

Football

Bridge the Gap will be running their Youth Football tournaments at the Sports Ground on Friday (for 11-13yr olds) and Saturday (14-17 yr olds) from 1:30-5pm.

The Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday		3-4pm: Drop-In A chance for young people and their parents, carers and youth leaders to visit the Focus Youth venues and get orientated	7:30-9:15pm: Evening Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Big Top 9:30-10:30pm: After Hours Youth Centre & Common Room
Friday	9am: Bible Live The Hub 10:30am-12:30pm: Morning Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Common Room	2-5pm: Pop-Ups Youth Centre 2pm & 4pm: Youth Labs Common Room 4pm: Youth Leader Labs The Hub	7:30-9:15pm: Evening Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Big Top 9:30-10:30pm: After Hours Youth Centre & Common Room
Saturday	9am: Bible Live The Hub 10:30am-12:30pm: Morning Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Common Room	2-5pm: Pop-Ups Youth Centre 2pm & 4pm: Youth Labs Common Room 4pm: Youth Leader Labs The Hub	7:30-9:15pm: Evening Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Big Top NO After Hours: Community Pitch Night
Sunday	9am: Bible Live The Hub 10:30am-12:30pm: Morning Session Youth Centre, The Hub & Common Room	2-5pm: Pop-Ups Youth Centre 2pm & 4pm: Youth Labs Common Room 4pm: Youth Leader Labs The Hub	7:30-9:15pm: Evening Session 11-17s in the Big Top, The Hub in Collective Venue 9:30-10:30pm: After Hours Youth Centre & Common Room

What Else?

On top of the Youth programme, Focus has loads of activities going on across the site for all ages, including...

The Paddock

The Paddock is right in the heart of the site and is a great place to hang out. There's food trucks, a Marketplace and cafes.



Focus Active

Between 1pm and 5pm every day, anyone is welcome to borrow sports equipment from the Focus Active team. They have footballs, cricket sets, volleyballs, frisbees and more (!) that can be borrowed to be used on the Focus Active field.



Focus Fun Fair

The Focus Fun Fair is back! The Info Hut sells wristbands for £12, which entitle you to unlimited rides throughout Focus, or individual ride tokens for £4.

Fun Fair Opening Times
Thursday: 1 - 7pm
Friday: 1 - 6pm, 10 - 11pm
Saturday: 1 - 6pm, 10 - 11pm

FAQs

Are parents and carers allowed in the Youth Centre?

Parents will not be able to attend the Focus Youth programme. However, if there are any special circumstances you'd like to chat to us about, please contact the Focus team.

Can Youth Leaders come into the Youth Centre?

Only Youth Leaders who are signed up as members of the Focus Youth Team are allowed to join the programme with their youth group. Youth leaders, please get in touch to find out how you can get involved!

My young person doesn't know anyone else, will they be ok?

We will have dedicated members of the Youth Team who will be looking out for those who come along to Focus Youth without friends. We want to make sure everyone feels like they belong.

The Leadership Team



Focus Youth 2026 is led by:

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