Residential Youth Work

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Session Aims

★ Create a sense of ‘Yes, I can do that!’

★ Explore the impact of residential work.

★ Look at the practicalities from concept to reality

Hopes & Fears

Using the post-it notes write down all the hopes and fears you have about residential work.

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Residentials are...

★ A great time to build relationships

★ Great at getting a group mixing

★ An opportunity to explore a bigger theme

★ A place where faith really grows

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Practicalities

★ Approval from PCC/Church leadership

★ Is there scope to work in partnership?

(with other churches or organisations)

★ Decide what type of residential you want to run

★ Who's it for?

★ Plan ahead

Practicalities - Leaders

★ Ensure all leaders are CRB checked

★ Leaders & Young People must not share rooms

★ Ensure you have appropriate ratios

Practicalities - Ratios

Indoor Ratios

Age of children	Leader to Child Ratio
0-2	1:3
2-3	1:4
3-8	1:8
8 & up	2:20

Practicalities - Ratios

Outdoor Ratios

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Different Types of Residential

- ★ ‘In House’ - *Run by you & your team*
- ★ SU/Venture Camps - *Run by external organisations*
- ★ The Oakes - *Sheffield based, Christian youth residentials*
- ★ Soul Survivor
- ★ Church-based Sleepover

Budgeting

★ What's your 'break-even' attendance number?

★ How much will your centre cost to hire?

★ Activity cost

★ Food cost (£3 per person per day)

★ Travel Costs

★ Free leader places

Sample Budget

Centre Hire	£610 (weekend)
Leaders Food	£36 (4 leaders)
Food	£9 per person
Activities	£5 per person
Travel	£10 per person
Total per person	£78

(break even of 12 young people)

Venues

There are lots of residential centres available. You may consider...

★ Distance - How far away is the centre?

★ How many can it sleep/size of the dorms

★ Flat Rate or Variable Cost?

★ Available Activities?

★ Visit the venue

Finding A Venue

★ Ask other youth leaders/church members

★ Talk to the Scouts/Guides!

★ Google

★ youthworkresource.com

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The Menu

★ It doesn't need to be complicated

★ Are there people who can come as your 'chefs'?

★ Online shopping is great

Sample Menu

Breakfasts - cereal, toast, fruit juice etc.
Lunches - D.I.Y Sandwiches, crisps, fruit, chocolate bars
Friday Night - Pizza & Chips, Swiss roll & custard
Saturday Night - Lasagne (ready-prepared), garlic bread & salad, cheesecake/gateux

Promotion

★ Basic information & booking form

★ Early bird rate?

★ By hand, e-mail, Facebook & Web!

★ Set a ‘book in by’ date

★ Be prepared to pester young people!

Key Information To Include

- ★ Kit List for the weekend
- ★ Where & When
- ★ Cost
- ★ Who to contact
- ★ Basic activities

Key Information To Get

★ Name, D.O.B, Address, Gender

★ Emergency Contact Details

★ Allergies

★ Dietary Requirements

★ Parental Permission

★ Photo Permission

The Programme

★ Time will go quickly...the 1st night always runs late!

★ Include some free time

★ Include the young people

★ Activities

Theme/Teaching

★ Is there an ongoing theme throughout the weekend?

★ Who will do the teaching?

★ Who's it aimed at?

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Debrief

★ Arrange a time to get feedback after the residential from leaders and young people

★ You could include young people's feedback as part of the residential

Questions?

Any questions/comments?

For Notes etc.

To access the presentation, notes from today, a residential guide and list of residential centres head to:

www.youthworkresource.com/residentials

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