



Youth Handbook

6. Guideline on How to Connect with Schools and Churches

* before going out and connecting it is important to already have sites to volunteer at, an Executive team and a form of communication ready

6.1. Connecting with Churches

- Adult conferences

The easiest way to connect churches in and around your community is through your adult conferences. Ask them to help you set up an announcement either before or after mass talking about the youth conference and asking for young people to come out and volunteer.

- Bulletin Board or Newsletter

Create a poster with the events you have planned and a way to contact the Exec if they are interested in volunteering. Ask the church if you are able to put the poster up as well as whether they are able to add this to their weekly newsletter or their website. This poster should **POP** remember that you are trying to attract young volunteers so we want to capture their attention and entice them to come out to these events.

- Youth Groups

Some churches have youth groups set up, this is a wonderful asset if you are able to connect with them. Ask them if you are able to have a small time to present what our Society is about and the places they are able to volunteer at.

6.2. Connecting with Schools

- Clubs

This is only applicable if you attend the school - you can start a club within your school and ask other students to help out and volunteer.

- Announcements

Ask the school if they are able to make an announcement about the start of this youth conference and the places and times the group is going to volunteer in as well as how to contact the group.

- Volunteer Hours

Entice the students by making them aware that they can get volunteer hours by coming out as well as the opportunity to win the Emmanuel Bailly Scholarship.

- Posters

Some schools may have a bulletin board for students so ask the school if you are able to put a poster up - include site locations, times, and how to sign up.

* this is a lay-Catholic organization so although we do not discriminate against religion, the school you are approaching may be hesitant to allow the group to advertise volunteer opportunities because of this. Just thank them for their time and move on to the next school.

6.3. Signing Up

It is important for volunteers to sign up for events as we do not want the sites to feel overwhelmed with the number of volunteers that attend. There are usually a maximum number of volunteers that sites prefer to have at a time. Do not turn away volunteers if they do show up without signing up - just kindly remind them to sign up for any future events.



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6.4. How to Present to a Class or a Congregation

(15. min or less)

1. Introduce yourself/yourselves and your position within the Society
2. Introduce the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.
 - serving the poor with love, respect, justice and joy
3. That you are looking for new members/volunteers
4. Introduce sites your group plans to volunteer in and when they will be held.
5. Tell them how to get in touch with your group
 - Facebook, Email, etc.
 - Also tell them that they have to sign up to volunteer

(30 min. or more)

1. Introduce yourself/yourselves and your position within the Society
2. Introduce the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
 - serving the poor with love, respect, justice and joy
3. Talk about the History
 - the fact that it was founded by young people
4. Talk about Poverty and the Effects of Poverty
 - How Poverty can happen to anyone at any time
 - Just one change in the family dynamic (sickness, loss of a job) can lead to poverty
 - Villa Piletti Game
5. Talk about the difference between Charity and Social Justice
 - Charity - Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day
 - Social Justice - Teach a man how to fish and he will be able to feed himself for life
6. Talk about Potential Solutions
 - How can they get involved and change their community
 - Discuss potential BIG ideas that they have
7. Talk about your youth conference and the good works you plan on doing.
 - Sites you have planned to go to on a monthly or weekly basis
 - describe what they are
 - Times on when the group is going to the sites
 - BIG projects planned for the future
8. Talk to them about benefits that they can get by being members of the Society and volunteering with us.
 - volunteer hours
 - being a part of an International Organization
 - scholarships
 - good for their resume
9. Invite them out to an event
10. Question and Answer