

# ENGAGE!

Youth Mentoring

If you can truly grasp your worth, you will be of greater worth to others

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Please note that while we will always do our best to help, all services are subject to mentor availability.



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## OFF-SITE MENTORING, UNDER 18s

There is some capacity for experienced Engage! mentors to work off-site with young people of secondary school age with permission from a parent or guardian. This is usually after a relationship has been established in school or where on-site mentoring cannot take place.

It has helped me through the last few years, I am much more confident.

Student, Aged 16

## MENTORING FOR 18-24s

Need a fresh perspective? Get in touch with our Engage! team for a chat over coffee, a pint or a walk!

You made such a huge difference and impact during a really difficult period.

18-24yr old

## Volunteers

Join our Engage! Team

## Parents

Find out How a Mentor could Support your Child

## Schools

Enquire about Free On-Site Mentors

## 18-24s

Informal Support available

## ABOUT US

Engage! Youth Mentoring is an independent project under the wider umbrella of registered charity, Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust. We have been recruiting and training volunteer mentors from the community since 2015. By facilitating their placement at primary and secondary schools in the local area, hundreds of students have since had the chance to speak to one of our mentors; some for a few weeks, others for many months.

**If they had not put me in touch with you, I know I would definitely not be in the better place that I am now.**

Student, Aged 13

## VISION, VALUES & INCLUSION

Engage! has its roots in the Christian faith, extending a welcome and connecting people from all backgrounds and beliefs. We believe positive relationships provide the best context, through listening and supporting, for communicating a sense of value and empowering young people. While there is sometimes no substitute for professional services, a mentor can be an early alternative with the focus on developing long term resilience and life skills through the relationship itself.

**Just a quick email to say a huge thank you already for the obvious positive impact you have had.**

Local school

## INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is no direct cost to the school to have an Engage! mentor placed with you, nor do they require training or supervision. Consider the small indirect cost of staff time for the initial set-up and the ongoing communication with the mentor. A good relationship with the school is a key factor for a volunteer remaining with you! Engage! mentors usually take two students on a long-term basis and do the mentoring on-site. They are vetted through application, attend our mentoring training and are supervised by us throughout their placements. Each will have the required police check, child safeguarding qualification, and come with references. Contact us if you are interested in becoming one of our partners.

**An absolutely fantastic and vital resource.**

Local school

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

If your child is selected through school to work with Engage!\* an allocated mentor will spend time each week getting to know them with a view to addressing any concerns and supporting them effectively. Sessions are 1:1 taken during lesson times and last an average of 45mins. Mentors are encouraged to keep sessions informal and enjoyable. Although sessions are confidential, you may contact us with questions, queries and general updates.

\*If your child is not at school, or your child's school is not yet one of our partners, contact us directly to see if we can help.

## VOLUNTEERING FOR ENGAGE!

Interested in becoming part of our team? Whether you are a university student, a retired professional, a grandparent or all three, you will have something unique to offer. Following application, we provide two short training sessions (approx. 3 hours each) and child safeguarding training, all free of charge. Once placed, your time commitment is about 2-3 hours a week for a minimum of 6 months. You may still take holidays in this time - it's important the mentoring fits around you and that you enjoy it! We have a small number of young mentors and many more who are retired or semi-retired. Each bring with them different aspects of life and professional experience as well as a good dose of humour!

**Mentoring is my favourite afternoon of the week!**

Mentor

**Building relationships and seeing the students adopt a new positive attitude has been very rewarding for me.**

Mentor