

## SKILLS REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

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Effective ministry requires competency in a range of skills. Skills can be coached through information, discussion, recommended reading/study and observation followed by reflection.

Listed below are some “essential skills”. While they are by no means the only skills leaders and key leaders need, they do provide a useful checklist to work through and its recommended they become competent in these before focussing on other skills.

<b>1. Self-Care</b>	Able to maintain healthy practices contributing to longevity
<b>2. Time Management</b>	Able to effectively manage time
<b>3. Duty of Care</b>	Able to follow safe and ethical practice in dealing with young people
<b>4. Administration</b>	Able to collate and utilise maintain useful contact information.
<b>5. Strategic Planning</b>	Able to establish effective goals and strategies and then measure progress
<b>6. Event Management</b>	Able to plan events and meet deadlines
<b>7. Decision Making</b>	Able to consult and assess information before making important decisions
<b>8. Change Management</b>	Able to implement acceptable change through careful preparation
<b>9. Delegation</b>	Able to effectively delegate responsibility and monitor progress
<b>10. Motivate</b>	Able to effectively motivate others to serve and achieve objectives
<b>11. Conflict Resolution</b>	Able to resolve conflict and maintain relationship
<b>12. Developing Teams</b>	Able to build and lead a team effectively, generating loyalty and unity
<b>13. Relationship Building</b>	Able to build rapport and trust in relating to young people
<b>14. Listening</b>	Able to practice basic listening skills to build empathy and understanding
<b>15. Pastoral Care</b>	Able to help someone resolve a problem and implement change
<b>16. Discipline</b>	Able to implement appropriate strategies for discipline
<b>17. Preaching</b>	Able to structure and present an effective message
<b>18. Preparing a Bible Study</b>	Able to prepare a Bible study to engage youth and encourage application
<b>19. Leading a Bible Study</b>	Able to lead a Bible study and encourage meaningful participation
<b>20. Leading Games</b>	Able to prepare and lead games and debrief outcomes
<b>21. Managing Finances</b>	Able to develop a budget and follow good financial practice
<b>22. Prayer Ministry</b>	Able to pray for others with a sensitivity to what God is doing and saying.