

# FIRST Training Curriculum

## Training for emerging leaders: Curriculum Year 1 & Year 2

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### I. Leadership Dynamics

- The Call to Lead: What is a call, how do we know God is calling us and why is it important?
- Leading Where You Are: Identifying ways in which we can start to exercise leadership now.
- Christian Leadership: The qualities and attributes of an effective Christian leader
- The Responsibilities of Leadership: An outline of what our attitude and approach is to those we lead.

### II. Leadership Skills

- Leading Ourselves: Developing the self-discipline and personal management skills necessary to be an effective leader
- Learning to Listen: The importance of really listening to young people and the skills necessary to do it well.
- Organising Events: Guidelines for planning, running and assessing effective activities.
- Asking Questions: Knowing how to encourage those we lead to share more deeply about their life.

### III. Self Awareness

- Discovering your Gifts: Finding areas where God has gifted us and ways we can use those gifts in youth ministry.
- Personal Wholeness: Identifying the areas of our lives we need God to be working in in order to make us whole.
- Understanding your Personality: Understand the way that God has “wired” each of us and learn to appreciate who we each are.
- Personal Pitfalls: Identifying the factors most likely to cause us to give up on leadership and even on our faith, as well as strategies to overcome these pitfalls.

### IV. Personal devotion

- Studying the Bible: Principles and suggestions for personal Bible reading and study.
- Learning to Pray: Guidelines for developing an effective personal prayer life
- Sharing Your Faith: Knowing the gospel and developing a lifestyle through which we share it sensitively and effectively with others through what we say and do
- Hearing God’s Voice: How to listen for God and recognise when He’s speaking to us and guiding us.