



# Workshop Youth Groups 101



# Youth Groups 101

- Getting Started
- Keeping it Going



# Getting Started

What are some of the essential things that need to be looked at before starting a youth group?



# Getting Started

## Defining Needs

- why do you want a youth group?
- finding out
- needs vs wants



# Getting Started

## Purpose of Group

- A clearly defined and articulated purpose
  - displays what the group is about and why it exists.
- Defined in consultation with key stakeholders.
  - “St Anne’s youth group exists in order to provide the young people of the parish with creative and life giving opportunities to deepen their relationship with God in fellowship with others”
- Focus



# Getting Started

## Finding Adult Support

- Choosing the right volunteers
- Be specific
- What numbers of adult leaders are required
- Training opportunities



# Getting Started

## Identifying Resources

- Generate ideas
- Finding resources
- Looking Locally and beyond
- Take advantage of the wider community
- Collection and surveying



# Getting Started

## Budgeting and Finance

- Develop a Budget
- Accountability
- Fundraising
- Keeping it in Perspective



# Getting Started

## Developing a Calendar

- Timelines
- Consultation
- Production and Promotion
- Reminders



# Getting Started

## Planning a Meeting

- What's the Process
- Planning your Meeting
- Things you may wish to include
  - Games
  - Prayer
  - Songs
  - Guest Speakers



# Getting Started

## Promotions and Recruitment

- In Person
- Back to Basics
- Get Technical
- Pictures Speak a Thousand Words
- Tell us a Story
- See it in Print
- Follow Up



# Getting Started

## Legislative Requirements

- Suitability Card

- [www.childcomm.qld.gov.au](http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au)

- Workplace Health and Safety
- Privacy Act 1988



## Discussion

Which aspects in 'Getting Started' have you already established?

Which aspects will you need to clarify into the future?



# Keeping it Going

How do we maintain the focus  
and success of a group?



# Keeping it Going

Life Span of a Group

Tuckman's Model of Group Development

- Forming
- Storming
- Norming
- Performing
- Adjourning



# Keeping it Going

## Handling Conflict

- Group Principles
- Mediation
- Win – Win
- Focus on Behaviour
- Keeping it Together



# Keeping it Going

## Evaluation

- Not Time Consuming
  - What
  - So What
  - Now What
- After events and programs and on a year basis



# Keeping it Going

## Safety and Care

- First Aid
- Parental Consent
- Duty of Care
- Contingency Skills
- Referral and References



# Keeping it Going





## Discussion

What are things that you could do to keep your youth group going?

