

# Working with Young People

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## Young people today.....



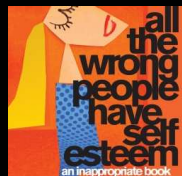
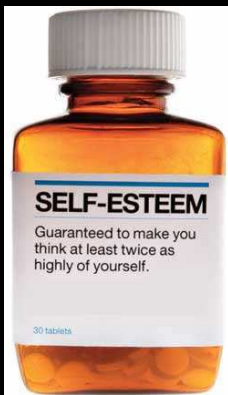
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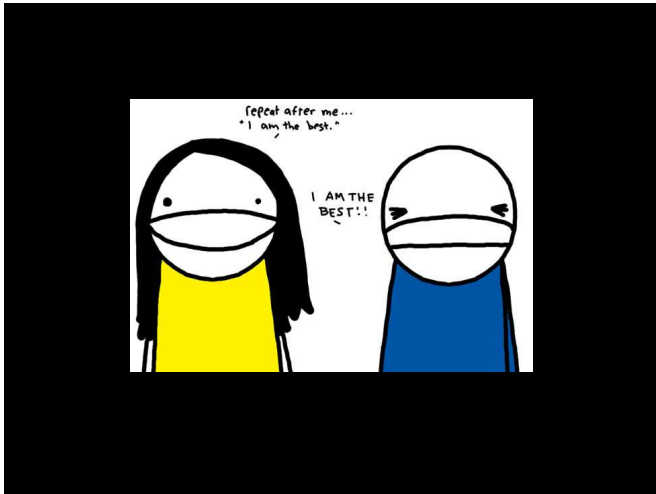
## Issues facing young people today

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- Bullying
- Money
- Low ambition
- Peer pressure
- Health
- Abuse
- Media
- Self Harm
- Relationships
- Gang Crime
- Housing
- Mental health
- Sex and Sexuality
- Drugs
- Education

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## Connecting with young people in our churches

## Connecting with young people outside our churches (and sometimes literally!)

### Connecting with young people in our churches

- church attendance
- participants not consumers
- opportunities to serve

### Connecting with young people outside our churches

- understand where young people are coming from
- what does your building mean?
- is your presence or your programme they want?

### What is our hope for young people?

Young people with a sense of value

Young people with a desire to make a difference

Young people with a desire to lead and inspire

Young people with a vibrant and strong faith that will see them through life

### Support

- Training (The Key, CCC, tailor made)
- Resources
- Residentials
- Sounding board

Conversation with a young person:

Do you believe in God?

**Yes**

Do you believe in a God who can change the course of events on earth?

**No, just the ordinary one**