



CONNECT – National Youth Leaders Conference



This is a Youth Leaders Conference for Presbyterian Youth Leaders. A time for networking, worship, celebrating, and up-skilling. There are full meetings, workshops, activities, small groups, an art space and an 'expo' area for displays and resources. It is held during the first weekend of the July school holidays

It is for people who are youth leaders in Presbyterian & Uniting churches around New Zealand. Ministers, Elders, Volunteers, or Employed Youth Leaders are all encouraged to attend. Recent years there have also been international guests through the Global Mission Office. Approximately 200 attend.

Such an event is expensive to present, and some leaders struggle to be able to afford the registration fees and travel costs to get there. It is our hope that money we raise will be available to help with the running of the event, and maybe to assist leaders who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend.

WHEN: The 1st weekend of the July school holidays.

WHERE: Moving around the main centres of Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland. Biannually Connect will happen as a 'regional roadshow' moving amongst regional areas.

THE MESSAGE CONNECT HAS FOR YOUTH LEADERS IS:

Be Connected - there's a whole tribe of youth leaders out there who are doing similar things in similar places. Connect is an opportunity for youth leaders to catch up with other youth leaders and youth workers in the Presbyterian network from around the country.

Be Refreshed - They come to Connect and be refreshed, refuelled, encouraged and inspired through worship, new and challenging ideas, speakers, fun, great people and relaxing in a fantastic corner of God's fabulous creation.

Be Appreciated - At Connect there is a big thank you to you for everything youth leaders do for the young people in their patch. Let's encourage them to be a part of a weekend which will be all about saying thank YOU for what they do.