

Transformers

is an initiative of Kids Friendly Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to develop young leaders who will transform our churches, communities, societies and world.

We believe that every child has the potential to be a leader and leadership skills can be taught and developed.

The first Transformers RUYL camp was piloted at Glentui Camp and was hosted by St Andrew's/St James' of the Christchurch Presbytery.

Transformers aims to instil leadership principles using Jesus as our role model leader in children age 10 to 13 years.

Students from the age of 10 and upwards start making crucial decisions about their life. This is also a time when many are transitioning from primary school to intermediate or intermediate to high school and it is in times of transition that churches often lose members. If we're serious about our future church, we must be serious about investing in these future leaders.

Our dream is to run Transformers camps in Presbyteries all over New Zealand and encourage and equip churches to develop leadership skills in their young people.

Transformers GOALS:

- ☑ To develop young leaders who will transform our churches and our societies.
- ☑ To equip and mobilize our church's young people to think and act like authentic, life-giving leaders.
- ☑ To equip and mobilize our churches to raise young leaders.

LEADERSHIP AND CHILDREN

We believe:



- ☺ Children develop leadership by pursuing a "purpose/gift" in life and using it to serve others and God. It's about service not superiority, disposition not position.
- ☺ Every child has the potential to be a leader, because every child has a strength or gift that they can contribute.
- ☺ Leadership grows from a healthy view of oneself within a context and/or community. The more children and young people feel they belong and are valued, the more confident and willing they are to share their gifts.
- ☺ Leadership can be nurtured and developed.
- ☺ Most churches fail to recognise the potential of children as leaders.
- ☺ We need to be intentional about developing leadership capacity in our children by encouraging and providing opportunities for them to identify their gifts and strengths and use them in our churches and communities.
- ☺ Jesus is our greatest role model leader.

Transformers VISION:

- ★ We see camps that create learning environments that contagiously affect students to think and act like life-giving leaders with Jesus as their role model.
- ★ From these camps, we see young leaders emerging in our churches ready to share their gifts and share their opinions to transform their churches and communities.
- ★ We see churches getting excited by the vision and partnering with us to run leadership training Transformer camps in their regions and to mentor young leaders and create opportunities for them to contribute to their churches and communities.
- ★ We see hundreds of young leaders from lots of our churches serving and solving leadership problems and transforming our churches in the process.

We will accomplish our vision by:

- ➔ Providing children with training that inspires them to catch the vision of what it means to be a life-giving leader (TRANSFORMER) and realise it in their own churches and communities.
- ➔ Partnering with churches to develop and mentor young leaders returning to the churches.
- ➔ Partnering with Presbyteries and churches to run Transformers camps in their regions.
- ➔ Nurturing a culture within our partner churches that values children and youth as leaders.

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE?

Potential Transformers:

We need you to invite children to participate in this exciting event. Participants must be active and committed members of your church.

Mentors:

We require children to be accompanied by an adult who will mentor and encourage your Transformers when they return to your church.

Teenage Leaders:

We need enthusiastic teenagers (14+) who love kids to be team leaders at camp.

What they say?

"It was magic. I am transformed" Rev Glenn Livingstone, Christchurch

"This is the best camp ever" Keegan Ferguson, Geraldine

"I want to be a Transformer leader and inspire others" Tim Hyslop, Geraldine

What else?

- ✓ Churches/Presbyteries are encouraged to part-sponsor participants by offering them a "scholarship" of 50% of the camp fee.



HOW WE WILL GROW

Transformers:

We will help children evolve and develop their leadership in a Christian context with Jesus as our model leader by teaching practical leadership skills and attributes including:

- ☺ Self esteem
- ☺ Communication
- ☺ Group dynamics
- ☺ Innovation and creativity
- ☺ Problem-solving
- ☺ Identifying and developing gifts
- ☺ Service
- ☺ Inspiration

HOSTING a Transformers Camp

If your Presbytery or Church would like to host a Transformers RUYL camp contact Kids Friendly.

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A Camp for Young Leaders age 10 - 13