

Recruiting and keeping volunteers

Our children's ministry is dependent on volunteers. This workshop will explore how to recruit the right volunteers, share your vision, motivate and train them.



What else?

Are there any other topics you would like to explore?

Is there anyone in particular you would like to hear/learn from at your region's Kids Friendly connections?

Registration:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Registrations close: _____

We will send you details of arrival and departure times, venue and what to bring closer to the time.

Kids Friendly Connections in your region

When: _____

Where: _____

Cost: Thanks to (Presbyterian Foundation) funding we are able to offer this at the affordable price of \$100 per person. This includes your accommodation and food. You will be responsible for your own transport costs. Kids Friendly encourages participants to seek sponsorship for this unique training and networking opportunity from their churches.



What to bring:

Your openness, creativity, enthusiasm and things to share from your ministry that work well for you.

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Kids Friendly Connections

A Regional Training & Networking Event



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

What is Kids Friendly Connections?

Kids Friendly Connections is a two day live-in networking and training event for those who minister to children. An opportunity to join like-minded leaders in your region for a time of:

- ☺ **Networking** – meet others who love to minister to and with children.
- ☺ **Upskilling** – through training workshops designed specifically to address your needs.
- ☺ **Sharing** – an opportunity to share your and others knowledge, passion, experience, challenges, resources etc
- ☺ **Showcasing** – local “experts” will share their knowledge and resources.
- ☺ **Resourcing** – learn about many Kids Friendly and other helpful children’s ministry resources.
- ☺ **Nurturing** – we want to thank you and bless you by offering you a nurturing getaway with comfortable accommodation in a great location with wonderful people and delicious food.
- ☺ **Inspiration** – we want you to leave feeling inspired and recharged.
- ☺ **Spiritual feeding** – there will be personal time and space for you to reflect on your faith and calling.

Training needs:

Please assist us to identify needs by answering the following questions:

What are the key challenges you face in your children’s ministry?

What are some of the successes of your ministry?

Do you have strengths, resources or expertise that you would like to share? Please give details.

Which of these Kids Friendly workshops interest you?

Help there’s a child in my church – worshipping with children

Explores reasons for including children in some part of the all age worship service and introduces creative ways to engage, involve and value children in worship.

A Kids Friendly Sunday

Explores how Kids Friendly churches welcome children, engage and involve children in all age worship (for part of the service) and provide a Kids Friendly Sunday School.

Building Bridges – connecting with community

Explores why “We”, God’s church, should reach out to children and families in our communities and introduces some ideas and opportunities for effective outreach. A response to Jesus’ call to “Go” into our communities and serve.

Partnering with parents

“Parents are the primary faith teachers, mentor and role models for their own children with church as reinforcement – not replacement – of the parent’s duties.”

Explores how we, “the church” can:

- Influence parents’ beliefs about their role as spiritual nurturer
- Facilitate parents to teach and practice faith in their homes
- Support parents by offering a Kids Friendly church.

Faith@Home

Experience this fun and interactive workshop for parents, so you can use it in your church to inspire them to share their faith with their children.

Tell us another one

This workshop explores creative storytelling techniques including puppetry for sharing the good news of Jesus with children.