

# DISCOVERY STUDENT GAP YEAR PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM FOR 2015-16

One of the key elements of Discovery Gap Year is the care taken by the Diocese to match you with a suitable placement parish. This form is used to help that process and we ask that you would fill it in so that in considering your application we can learn a bit about you.

Please complete all sections of the form, preferably online, print, sign and return it to the address listed at the end. With only a limited number of workers each year, it may be that the information contained here alters slightly over time.

Personal Details	
Surname	
First Name	
Contact Address	
Postcode	
Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
Date of Birth	

**Education**

Post 16 education (List Qualifications/Expected Grades)

School(s) since age of 11 (List Qualifications)

**Employment/Work Experience**

Please list any employment or work experience you have been in, including part-time work

Date From:	Date To:	Position Held:	Name, Address, telephone number of employer
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**Church Information**

How long have you been a Christian?

What church do you currently attend?

How long have you attended this church?

If you have attended anywhere else in the past, please give details:

Have you been baptised? Yes No

Date:

Have you been confirmed? Yes No

Date:

What areas and ministries have you been in at church (past and present)

What was the reaction of you Church leader when you discussed applying to the Discovery Gap Year scheme?

What is your parents/guardians opinion towards your interest in the Discovery Gap Year scheme?

Who else have you consulted within the church and what was their initial reaction?

How would you describe your faith?

What do you think it means to be called by God? Do you know what God is calling you to?

**Motivation & Life Experience**

Why have you applied to join the Discovery Gap Year now?

What are your feelings about the aims of the Discovery Gap Year? (given in booklet)

What areas of the Discovery Gap Year could be most challenging and rewarding for you?

What strengths and gifts could you bring to the scheme?

What areas do you think you may need support in?

What skills, hobbies or interests do you have that will helpful to the scheme?

**Ministry Interest**



Are there any particular areas of church life and ministry that you would like to experience during the Discovery Gap Year? Why?

Are there any areas of church life and ministry that you would prefer not to do on the Discovery Gap Year? Why?

Please tick which of the following may be of particular interest during the gap year.

Study & theology  
Children's Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Deanery & Diocese  
Mission work  
Worship and music  
Leading services  
Teaching groups  
Other... please specify

Spirituality  
Quiet days  
Evangelism  
Social responsibility  
Communications  
Schools Ministry  
Outreach events  
Pastoral Care  
Chaplaincy

**Other Information**

Have you ever lived away from home? Yes No

Are there any relationship issues or considerations to be taken into account (family/romantic/friendship)?

Do you have access to a car? Yes No

Do you have access to a bike? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted or cautioned with respect to a criminal offence?  
Yes No

If YES, please give details:

(Because of the nature of the project, for which you are applying, this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4(2) of the **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974** by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. This means you are therefore not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are "spent" under provisions of the Act. In the event of employment, failure to disclose such convictions could lead to disciplinary action being taken. Any information given will be treated in the strictest confidence and used solely in relation to this application).

Do you have a CRB enhanced disclosure? Yes No  
Note: you will be required to undertake a new CRB disclosure on entry to the Encounter scheme

## References

We ask for three references to support your application to the Discovery Gap Year. One needs to be the leader of the church that you are part of. The other two can be any other credible referees e.g. a teacher/form tutor, your youth leader or another valued church member. Each referee will be asked to complete a reference form and give feedback about your suitability for the Discovery Gap Year.

Current Church Leader

Name:

Church:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Referee 2

Name:

Church/School/Organisation:

Relationship:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Referee 3	Name:  Church/School/Organisation:  Relationship:  Address:  Postcode:  Tel:  Email:
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**Declaration**

All information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date:

Please return the form to:  
Ben Mizen  
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Diocese of Portsmouth  
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Wharf Road  
Portsmouth  
PO2 8HB

Should you have any questions, you can  
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