

Participation and Listening

with

Children and Young People



Questions

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Download '*Getting Started*' with ideas of how to listen to Children and Young People to use with the above topics.

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Community

community

- What communities are you a part of?
- Eg. Nursery, school, family, gang, town, youth group
- What is the best thing about being with other people?
- What is the most important thing about being with other people?
- What can be difficult about being with other people?
- Are there any issues or concerns in the communities that you are a part of? *e.g. nursery, school, family, gang, town, youth group*
- What does the Church do for the communities you are a part of?
- What difference could the Church make in the communities you are a part of?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

School Life

- What is the best thing about school?
- What is the most important thing about school?
- Do you have Collective Worship (assembly) at your school?
- How would you change Collective Worship?
- How does Collective Worship make a difference in your school and your life?
- How does Religious Education (RE) make a difference in your school and your life?
- What does your school do for your community?
- What more could it do?
- What does the Church do in your school?
- What difference could the Church make in your school?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

The Church

- What does the word “Church” mean to you?
- Where do you do “God things”?
- What sort of “God things” do you do?
- If you go to Church, what part do you play?
- What difference does Church make?
- What does Church do for:
 - Children
 - Young People
 - Families
 - Community
 - School
- What is the best bit about Church?
- What would make Church better?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

God's World

- What is the most amazing thing about God's World?
- What do you think God thinks about the world today?
- Do you think God would like to change anything in the world today?
- Do you have any issues or concerns about the world?
- What damages God's World?
- What do you do to look after God's World?:
- What more could you do to look after God's World?
- What could the Church do to look after God's World?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

The People of God's World

- What countries have you visited?
- Have you met people from other countries?
- What do you know about other countries?
- Where do the things you use come from?
- How are you the same as people from other countries?
- How are you different?
- How do the things you do impact on people from other countries?
(these may be both negative and positive)
- What could you do to make a difference to people from other countries?
- What does your church do for people from other countries?
- What more could your church do for people from other countries?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

My Life

- What is the best thing about being you?
- What do you like to do? What do you not like doing?
- What things are you doing this week?
- Is there anything you would like to change about your life now?
- How can God be part of the things you are doing in your life now?
- How can a Church service be relevant to what you are doing in your life now?
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- What would you like to do in your life in the future?
- How can God help you to do the things you wish to do in the future?
- Is there anything the Church can do to make you life better?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

Gifts

- What's the best present you have ever received?
- What gift would you have given to Jesus if you were in the stable that first Christmas?
- What gifts or talents has God given you?
- What makes you, you?
- In what way are you a gift to other people?
- In what way are you a gift to the communities you are part of?
- In what way are you a gift to the Church?
- Are there more ways you could use your gifts or talents in Church?
- What would you like to tell other people about God's gifts?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

Dream Church

- Imagine your DREAM CHURCH ...
- What does it look like?
- What would be in it?
- Where will the Church be?
- What would it be built of?
- Who uses the building and why do they use it?
- When are the services?
- What happens in the services and who does what?
- How does the Church show that God is there?
- How do the people tell others about God?
- What does your dream church feel like?
- What is your favourite thing about your dream church?
- What is the most important thing about your dream church?
- How does your dream church show a glimpse of what heaven is like?
- If God is everywhere, why do we go to **Church**?

What Now?

- What has been the best thing about looking at these topics?
- What has been the most important thing for you in these topics?
- Is there anything you would have changed about the topics and the things we asked you?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your church, your community, your school, the diocese as a result of the things you have told us?
- What would you like to be able to do in the future in your church, school, community, diocese?
- What could your church, school community, the diocese do for you?
- Is there anything else you would like to see happen?
- Is there anything else you would like to say?
- Write a prayer for your school, your church, your community or the diocese

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