

# How do I join an SVP 1833 Conference?



Check the map on [www.svp1833.org.uk](http://www.svp1833.org.uk) in [Where is my nearest SVP 1833 Conference?](#) to see if there is a Conference near you. Contact them direct or contact the Young Adult Development Officer (YADO) – details below, who will put you in touch.

If there isn't a Conference near you contact the YADO, who will arrange to meet with you and any others interested and help you to set one up.

## How to set up an SVP 1833 Conference

You need 3 things to set up an SVP 1833 Conference:

### *A spiritual adviser*

It is your Conference, run by yourselves, but you will need support initially from a spiritual adviser. This could be a chaplain (in a university or college), or an experienced SVP member, who can help with finding activities, arranging CRB checks, etc.

### *Challenging activities*

SVP 1833 members help people in need in their local community, bringing them the love and compassion of Christ. Any person-to-person response to any form of need can be SVP work. Look at [What we do](#) (on the SVP 1833 Home-page) to see what other Conferences are doing. The YADO can also help to research appropriate activities in your area.

### *A place to meet together*

SVP 1833 members meet regularly as friends to reflect on the spiritual aspect of their activities and to share their experiences.

You also have the support of a wide range of resources and lots of opportunities to meet members of other Conferences at regional and national events.

## So, what next? Follow these steps . . .

1. Contact the Young Adult Development Officer (YADO) and together identify someone who will be the spiritual adviser.
2. Arrange a meeting with the YADO who will discuss with you how an SVP 1833 Conference could work in your setting and will highlight the resources available.
3. With the help of the YADO research some suitable SVP activities in your area and make provisional arrangements to get involved.
4. Arrange a suitable time for the YADO to return to give a presentation on SVP 1833 in your setting. Arrange for a follow-up meeting to take place as soon as possible for those interested and contact the venues for the chosen activities.

## Once my SVP 1833 Conference is set up... what then?

1. Together with the spiritual adviser arrange a regular time and place for the members to meet.
2. Elect a president and any other officers required.
3. Register your SVP 1833 Conference with SVP National Office. (Contact details: SVP, 5th Floor, 291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG. Tel: 020 7407 4644 Email: [info@svp.org.uk](mailto:info@svp.org.uk)) You will then receive a Starter Pack (including a Minute book, Books of prayers to be used at meetings, books of spiritual reflections and several other resources.)
4. The YADO will arrange for your local Central Council (SVP at diocese level) to give your new Conference a start-up grant to help with expenses.
5. The Central Council will also help your members to obtain CRB checks through its direct link with the diocese.

*Get involved, make new friends,  
and turn concern into action !*

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