

Learn, Live, Love

Learn (Formation)– this is an opportunity for members to learn more about those they serve, to learn more about the faith, and to learn more about themselves; growing in self-knowledge and self confidence.

Live (Practice) – members are encouraged and challenged through Spiritual reflections and discussions to transform the information given into practical actions.

Love (Service)- loving is the root of putting our faith into action. It is an opportunity to respond to the issues seen, thought about and discussed whilst at the same time developing as spirituality well-formed and informed human beings.

How do I start a group?

You need to get together a committed group of your friends or other young people in your school, parish or community. You will also need a trusted and committed person over 18 who will be your Coordinator for safeguarding purposes. Then contact us by phone or email and we will send a local volunteer known as a Young Vincentian Development Officer (YVDO) who will meet with your group and the Coordinator and then commission your group.

"CHARITY IS THE CEMENT WHICH BINDS COMMUNITIES TO GOD AND PERSONS TO ONE ANOTHER" ST VINCENT DE PAUL

What do I get when I join?

When you join the programme, you will receive a Starter Pack. This pack contains a Starter Manual, 3 leaders' handbooks, 20 badges, 20 members' handbooks and lots of other supporting documentation. That is not all you get though, you will also receive invites to events along with extra resources that will be sent out throughout the year.

What is next?

After you have been a member of a B-Attitude Group, you do not have to leave the SVP behind. You can join svp1833. The svp1833 programme is for 18 – 35year olds. You can start a group in your Parish, College or University.



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YOUR GUIDE TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED

"GO TO THE POOR, YOU WILL FIND GOD" ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Who should we help?

There is a lot of poverty, homelessness and loneliness in your local communities and that is where YOU should start. As a B-Attitude group, you will find out where there is need in your local community and you will decide how to go about tackling and solving the need.

You will make a real difference to people who need your help and You will learn about some of the problems that are around you and the role you can play to make a difference.

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY BUILT ON A HILL-TOP CANNOT BE HIDDEN." MATTHEW 5 -14

Vision

The Vision of the SVP is inspired by **Christ's** message to **love** our neighbour as ourselves and our Mission is to seek and find those in need, to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can. We follow the example of St Vincent de Paul by keeping **Christ** at the centre of everything we do and seeing **Him** in everyone we meet.

FAITH
HOPE
CHARITY

"To serve those who are poor is to go to God, and you should see God in them." St Vincent de Paul

Homelessness

All over our towns and cities there are many people facing homelessness. Homelessness is complex. It can be a result of individual circumstances e.g. relationship breakdown, bereavement, mental health issues and is often exacerbated by wider social and economic factors e.g. eviction, job loss, or lack of access to much needed physical or mental health care.

The SVP has advice and support centres, supported accommodation and houses of multiple occupation to help those in need. You can help by distributing Vinnie Packs, volunteering in a soup kitchen or for a soup run or by simply raising awareness.

WHAT DOES THE SVP DO?

Befriending

SVP members in their local communities, work in varied ways to give people a sense of belonging by visiting them in their homes, care homes and hospitals. As well as offering friendship and support, our members give practical help such as food, clothes, furniture or financial help when this is needed.

"We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4 :19

Conferences

The SVP has a unique network of conferences all over the country. Our members meet, **Pray**, discuss the need in their local areas, come up with ways in which they can meet it and then they just simply act. Members grow spiritually together while putting their faith into **Action**. Find your local conference to get involved or help them with their projects.

Twinnage

Twinnage is the way through which SVP groups in developed countries provide support to SVP groups in developing countries. Twinnage involves mutual prayer support, correspondence and regular financial support. SVP groups in England and Wales can currently twin with SVP groups in India, Sudan, South Sudan, Grenada, Guyana and Romania.

Vinnie Camps

There are 7 children's Vinnie Camps around the country giving supervised activity and fun to youngsters aged between 8 and 14 years. They offer a week of fun, excitement and friendship to boys and girls who may well be in need of a break because of family problems such as unemployment, illness, bereavement or relationship breakdown.



-  Supported Accommodation
-  Approved Premises
-  Advice & Support Centre
-  Vinnie Camp
-  Low cost goods shop
-  Community Cafe