

Strategic Aims for 2026-27

Pastoral Care of young people and volunteers

1. Buy in training for more volunteers to be able to deliver *Seasons for Growth*, a grief support programme.
2. Restart *Our Group*, the mental health peer support group for girls at Dunbar Grammar School.
3. Develop the opportunities the new *Navigators* programme offers to support parents / carers and young people facing issues around non-attendance at school.
4. Develop more pro-active pastoral care of volunteers.

Partnership with ELC and schools

1. Seek opportunities to deepen the working relationship between ELC and DACYP, with a particular focus on the local cluster of schools.
2. Establish a good working relationship with the new Head Teacher at DPS.
3. Where relevant, increase communication with parents around the project work in schools.

Local Churches

1. Explore developing a shared vision for Christian youth and children's work in Dunbar.
2. Encourage organisers of the World Day of Prayer to involve young people.

Growth of Young Leaders

1. Grow more young leaders, continuing to offer Saltire Awards.
2. Consider extending the reach of the Lads Group.

Communications

1. Improve communication with local churches by ensuring we have a contact person in each church for 'official' DAYCP communication and seek their view on how to engage their members with DAYCP.

Finance

1. Be more public about the unpredictability of grants and aim to have a larger portion of core funding from private donations.