



LIMITLESS PIONEERS

What To Expect

Limitless is committed to inspiring dynamic youth ministry through the local church, and we are committed to helping those churches not currently reaching young people, reach them! This is why the Limitless Pioneers programme was established.

Any church that engages with the Limitless Pioneers work will actively work with Limitless for UP TO an academic year (this may be a shorter period of time depending on need). Here is what a local church can expect from a Limitless Pioneers project taking place in their church, following an academic term time calendar:

TERM 1 is about ESTABLISHING...

In the first term, the biggest emphasis will be about ESTABLISHING the youth ministry in any given local church that we work in. This will mean that local school contacts will need to be made; volunteer teams trained, equipped and working out the vision; equipment for the youth work purchased and a space/room established where will be base the work from AND getting ready to be able to officially launch a group that is open to the young people of the community.

Usually, before the work is established, a community profile will be done by LIMITLESS and the local church, trying to establish any necessary community contacts in regards to the local schools and any youth work going on in the area. LIMITLESS has a prior record with working within schools, so will make any necessary contact to schools and work out how to take the work forward (especially in schools where there is no prior relationship).

The first term will be very hands on between LIMITLESS and the local church. The volunteers from each church that are committing to the work will be very much involved and active, whilst also learning some of the basis of youth ministry.

TERM 2 is about BUILDING

By the start of term 2, the plan would be that a group for young people to engage with has been established, and there will be a regular group of young people engaging with this group. For the duration of term 2, going into term 3, the emphasis would be on BUILDING, building up the young people, the leaders and the group size/influence.

- **YOUNG PEOPLE** – No matter how few or many young people have been engaging with the youth work in term 1, relationships and trust needs to be formed between adult leaders and the young people. This will take time and intentionality, but the second term will be vital for this... Also, when introducing the young people to Jesus, for many a concept which will be totally alien to them, this will take small, intentional steps. To establish a rhythm of doing this in your local group will be key to establish early on.
- **LEADERS** – The volunteer youth leaders will be VITAL in the ongoing success of the youth ministry going forward. In term 2, the leaders will become more and more hands on in the weekly youth work, in delivering of talks, sessions etc. The Limitless Pioneers team leader will still be an active part of the group, but will be looking to the team increasingly to lead elements of the group...

An ongoing commitment to your volunteer teams is that 3 times throughout the year, we will run PIONEERS TRAINING DAYS, especially for those local volunteers with which we are pioneering a new youth ministry with. These are held once a term at Elim HQ in Malvern, with youth ministry expert guest speakers, and a chance to meet with the other church volunteer teams that are pioneering also.

- **GROUP SIZE/INFLUENCE** – Throughout term 2, we would also be looking to continue connecting with local young people who aren't connected into the youth ministry. This would be through a mixture of continued schools work, detached work and group members being encouraged to invite friends.

TERM 3 is about passing the baton on...

By the end of term 2, the plan would be that a group had been firmly established, leaders and young people have a growing relationship with one another and the team feel like they are growing in confidence with leading the youth ministry. The ultimate aim of the Limitless Pioneers programme is to enable the local church volunteer team to run the ministry without the weekly involvement of Limitless, and thus, in term 3 the emphasis would be on enabling the volunteer team to lead this new youth ministry on their own. The Limitless Pioneers team leader will continue to support the team and be present intermittently, though they will intentionally not be present every week as in the first two terms, in order to effectively pass the baton over. This would be in liaison with each individual church pastor, leadership team and youth volunteer team, but by the end of term 3 (if not before), the baton will have been passed on from Limitless running the group, to the local church stepping up and taking the established youth ministry forward.

What Limitless expect's from the local church...

We view pioneering youth ministry as a partnership between the local church and Limitless, therefore, there are a few expectations that Limitless would have from the local church in order for the partnership to be a successful one:

1. For the Pioneers team leader to come and preach in your Sunday morning service once a term. This is with the view of inspiring your church in the area of youth ministry, alongside our commitment to help your church have a welcoming and friendly church culture for young people.
2. We run PIONEERS TRAINING DAYS at Elim HQ in Malvern once a term (3 times a year) specifically for the local church volunteers we are working with to pioneer new youth work. We would expect the local church volunteers to be at these training days and for the local church pastor to facilitate this to be able to happen. This may include covering travel costs and, if applicable, accommodation costs. All dates for these training days will be sent out in advanced.
3. For the Pioneers team leader to be able to meet with the wider church leadership/eldership team once a term. This will be at the start, middle and end of the ongoing partnership.

I UNDERSTAND THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WHAT TO EXPECT FROM LIMITLESS AND WHAT LIMITLESS EXPECTS FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PIONEER A NEW YOUTH MINISTRY IN MY LOCAL CHURCH.

Signed by church leader:

Name (printed):

Date: