



## Forward Together in Hope Young People's Survey – Resource Pack

### Purpose

This resource pack is designed to assist those in Secondary Schools and parishes to provide young people with some basic messages about *Forward Together in Hope*. In particular it provides information about an online survey specifically targeted at 11-19 year-olds which we are keen to encourage young people to complete so we can learn from their perspectives.

### What the pack contains

The resource pack consists of the following items:

- A **short video** in which young people talk about their fears, hopes and dreams for the Church and encourage other young people to have their voice heard by completing the online survey.
- An example of a **'luggage tag' leaflet** with key messages about *Forward Together in Hope* and information about the survey and how to access it.
- A **copy of the survey** that gives an idea of what young people will see when they go online.
- Some **initial ideas** about how the resources might be used in a school/parish context. Please tell us about approaches that you actually use as this will be useful for us to disseminate to others.
- A **'Key Messages' Sheet** that provides concise messages about *Forward Together in Hope*, the survey and the accompanying video as a 'prompt' to those presenting to groups.

### Liaison between schools and parishes

The majority of the young people in the 11-19 target group for this survey will be in our Catholic Secondary (including Middle) Schools. We are also making the materials available via parishes and some may wish to use them in a parish context. It is suggested that schools and parishes liaise over who will be doing what in order to maximise the coverage.

### About the video

The video lasts 3 minutes and introduces the survey and the opportunity that young people have to complete this. It features a number of Young People from our Diocese in the age range 11-19 encouraging other Young People to go online and complete the survey. The video is available in DVD disk form and via the *Forward Together in Hope* YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChT0VMXZYhbb7jHE1p78ag> - or search for *Forward Together in Hope* within YouTube. The DVD version has optional subtitles available from the menu.

### About the 'Luggage Tag'

The 'luggage tag' picks up the concept of the Diocese being on a journey of renewal and is a personal invitation to Young People to be involved in that journey. It contains brief key messages about *Forward Together in Hope* and provides details of the survey and how to access it. Copies of the luggage tag will be made available to Secondary Schools in sufficient numbers for all pupils aged 11-19. Parishes will each receive a small quantity initially and can request further supplies.

## About the Survey

**The survey has been designed to be completed online.** It can be accessed via the *Forward Together in Hope* Website – [www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk) or alternatively it can be accessed directly using the URL - <https://forwardtogether.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/young-peoples-survey>

A 'QR Code' on the 'luggage tag' also links directly to the survey.

It is designed to be used with *any young person* in the age range 11-19, whether a regular churchgoer or not and whether Catholic or not.

The survey questionnaire has been approved by the Head of Safeguarding at the Diocese. It does not request any identifiable personal information. Young people are asked to provide the first part of their postcode to allow a rough geographical analysis to take place.

The survey questions are shown in the enclosed hardcopy version. The online version takes respondents on different routes through the survey depending on their answers to key questions. In the hardcopy version this is shown by arrows guiding respondents to the appropriate section.

- **How long will the questionnaire remain 'live'?**

The online survey will remain live until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - the start of the February half-term for most schools. After that date it will not be possible to input to the survey.

- **What will happen with the information?**

Information from all responses will be collated and analysed and a Diocesan level report produced which will be made available to all parishes and schools. Depending on the number of responses from particular areas it may also be possible to provide summary reports relevant to individual schools and parishes.

- **Printable version**

A printable version of the survey is also available from the *Forward Together in Hope* Website [www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk). **Please note that if schools or parishes decide to use the printed version for completion by hand, the Forward Together in Hope Team does not have the capacity to enter these responses into the online system.** Therefore, in order that these responses are included in the overall analysis, we would ask that schools or parishes make arrangements for them to be input locally using the link shown above. If you have any questions about this, do feel free to contact us to discuss.

## Questions and Suggestions

If you have any questions about these materials or any suggestions for their use please feel free to contact Tony Sacco on 0191 243 3304 or [tony.sacco@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:tony.sacco@diocesehn.org.uk). For more information about *Forward Together in Hope* please visit [www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk)



## Some initial ideas about promoting the *Forward Together in Hope Young People's Survey*

The materials are designed to be used in a variety of contexts to allow a flexible approach by the school or parish concerned. Some initial ideas are set out below – and these can, of course, be 'mixed and matched'. We are also very keen to hear about how you actually go about it – so we can share your approaches with others.

### School Assemblies

- A member of staff, or perhaps a young person, introduces the video using the 'Key messages' prompts
- The 3 minute video is shown
- Young people are each given the 'luggage tag' as a physical reminder of the URL and key messages and are told about any specific arrangements in place for this in their school.

### Form/Pastoral Groups

- A similar approach can be taken as for school assemblies with an introduction based on the 'Key Messages' and use of the DVD. It may be possible to spend additional time on getting young people to think collectively about some of the general issues that are raised in the survey as a pre-cursor to them completing it individually online
- In some cases it may be possible to provide online access there and then – using computers or smartphones if appropriate.

### Longer Class Sessions

- In situations where the survey is able to be used as a focus for a lesson/session the following thoughts might be helpful:
  - Perhaps issue hardcopies of the survey or a selection of the questions as a focus for group discussion and feedback.
  - Some key questions that feature in the survey and might work well in such a setting are:
    - What do you think is good about the Catholic Church?
    - What things would you like to see more of in the Catholic Church?
    - What things would you like to see less of in the Catholic Church?
    - If you were Pope what changes would you make to the Catholic Church?
    - How could parishes make young people feel more included as part of the community?

### Use in Parishes

- Parishes may wish to use the materials in similar ways to the above with any groups of young people (aged 11-19). It is suggested that parishes liaise with their secondary school(s) to co-ordinate activity. The links to the survey and video could feature in parish bulletins/newsletters etc.

### Websites

- School and Parish websites could include links to the survey and video. Please feel free to disseminate the link as widely as you can.

### Use of the 'luggage tag' only (a last resort)

- In situations where it is just not possible to introduce and present the video, handing out the 'luggage tag' leaflet to young people may still encourage some to go online and complete the survey. This approach is suggested as a last resort.

**Key Messages about:**  
***Forward Together in Hope and the Young People's Survey***



- *Forward Together in Hope* was launched in 2014 by Bishop Séamus. It is a 3-year journey of renewal taking place across the whole of the Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It is about everyone, young and old, getting involved by praying about, thinking about and discussing what our Church should be like so that we can bring the Good News of God's love to others.
- An important part of this work is to find out the views of Young People and to learn from them. Young people aged 11-19 are being encouraged to offer their thoughts and ideas about the Catholic Church through completing a short online survey.
- A number of young people from the Diocese have been involved in the making of a 3-minute video that explains more about *Forward Together in Hope* and the survey.
- Show video if possible.
- Provide information about any specific arrangements taking place in your school or parish.
- The survey provides a really good opportunity for young people to have their voices heard. Anyone can complete it – whether you are Catholic or not – and whether you go to church or not. All answers are confidential and you do not need to give your name.
- All views and ideas will be collected together and presented in a report that will be seen by Bishop Séamus and many other people across the Diocese. This is your chance to make a difference to the future of the Church.
- Give out 'luggage tag' leaflet where appropriate.



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