

KIMBERLEY AND KURUMAN LINK YOUTH EXCHANGE

We have an amazing opportunity to strengthen our ties with our Link Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman in South Africa forming part of an Exchange Programme. We are selecting a group of 3 young people who will visit the Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman from 2nd – 18th September 2024. They will be accompanied by James Wood who is a member of the Discipleship team for the Diocese.

Our two dioceses have been walking together and learning from each other for many years and we hope that this exchange will pick up some important threads in our relationship that come from the Summit meeting we held in Kimberley in October 2023. During the Summit we pledged to prioritize young people as well as the Environment, Gender Justice, Training and Community Engagement.

We are looking for three young people with interests in at least one of these four key themes to travel to Kimberley and represent the Diocese of Oxford.

It is an important part of our hopes for this exchange that the young people who take part will engage in activities around our priorities and help us to develop our thoughts and plans as we move forward. Part of this will be to make links with the other young people in the exchange group on both sides and to contribute to a report that is shared between the Dioceses. We are inviting applications from young people who meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 18-24 years old.
- In possession of a valid Passport (or able to obtain one before 29th July 2024)
- Demonstrating the following attributes:
 - Potential Leadership skills
 - Commitment in Parish life
 - Community involvement
 - Knowledge of diverse cultures
 - Willingness to adapt and openness to learning
 - Ability to actively listen, participate and engage in discussion where s/he is able to express themselves with clarity.
- Having, or willing to have immediately on selection, the following vaccinations we require for travel in South Africa.
 - DPT up to date
 - MMR up to date
 - Polio
 - Typhoid
 - TB
 - Rabies
 - Hep A
 - Hep B
 - Cholera

The group of young people travelling from Kimberley will be in Oxford from 27th June to 11th July. They are Kothatso – a medical student, Cara – a theology student, Thato – an activist and retail worker and Rethabile – a law student with a particular interest in social justice. If you are interested in taking part in the exchange and would like to meet them you are warmly invited to a Braai in Wycombe on the evening of 8th July. Further and details of opportunities to meet with them can be obtained by sending an email to Maranda.StJohnNicolle@oxford.anglican.org or to Sue Booy's (email below)

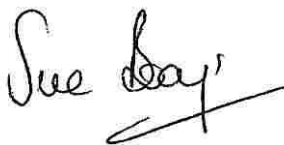
The process of selecting the young people from the Oxford Diocese will involve the screening of all applications and shortlisting of suitable candidates by members of the Diocesan Link Committee. Shortlisted Candidates will be interviewed online by a panel from the Link in both Dioceses.

Young people who would like to apply are invited to submit a letter demonstrating their suitability for this exchange program and a brief CV. A letter of recommendation from their Parish Priest, Chaplain or other suitable referee must accompany this. Applications are invited no later than 2th July and online interviews will take place online on 29th July (or possibly later during that week). Only shortlisted candidates will be informed and any applicant who has not heard from the Diocesan Link Committee by Thursday, 29th July 2024, should assume that they were not successful in their application.

We do not want financial restraints to prevent good candidates with much to gain and much to contribute from participating in this visit. The majority of costs for the programme (including flights) will be met by the Link Committee of the Diocese of Oxford. Our expectation is that successful candidates will be responsible for their transport to and from London Heathrow airport and for making their own arrangements and payments for vaccination. Anyone who would find these arrangements difficult is invited to raise it at the time of selection for interview. Transport and hospitality within South Africa will be arranged locally.

Please forward all required documents, addressed to the Diocesan Link Committee, to suebooy's@gmail.com no later than 12th July 2024. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late applications.

Please note that Candidates will be required to send a copy of their passport valid to end March 2025 or proof of an application for renewal. Successful candidates will need to confirm that they are up to date with our recommended vaccines.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Booy's". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Oxford Diocese Chair of the Link

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