

Relay

Trans-European Division Institute of Youth Evangelism

A. Vision

Relay seeks to encourage, enrich and equip Adventist youth for a life of sharing the saving power of Jesus Christ.

B. Purpose

1. To stimulate biblical thinking, leadership development and mobilise young people for evangelism and mission.
2. To equip young people with skills and tools to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through practical witnessing.
3. To fulfil the New Testament mandate of building the local church.
4. To stimulate prayer and revitalise resources to meet the needs of young people
5. To develop a network of volunteer youth support groups for sharing of experiences, information and resources.

C. Why is the Relay training programme so important?

1. Young people have a deep desire to be equipped for sharing the Gospel.
2. To increase the retention rate of keeping young people in the church.
3. To stimulate young people to become committed church members.
4. To help young people to better own the work of our churches.
5. To bridge the generation gap.
6. To show young people that the church is not out of date.
7. To bring the church higher on a young person's list of priorities.
8. Young people long for the church to be effective.

D. Who benefits from the Relay training programme?

1. **Young People** who leave the training equipped to serve God and their local churches with joy and competence.
2. **Partner Adventist Churches and Institutions** where youth ministry is strengthened by coaching and placement of students – for example - a partner church may use one of the students to serve as their youth director or programme/project leader for the next two years.
3. **The Larger Church** which reaps the benefit of an increasing number of well-equipped, theologically informed leaders preparing the next generation of leaders in the church.
4. **Mainline Adventist Colleges and Seminaries** who receive an increasing number of gifted, called, experienced well-trained students seeking to deepen their theological training.
5. **Next Generation Youth** whose lives will be impacted by the effective ministries in which they participate.

E. Course Information

The modules delivered during this training will be a mix of classroom seminars and field applications. Each module/subject will have two teachers – one for class lectures and

presentations and another for coaching during field practicum and assignments. Both teachers need to work closely when designing the module content and schedule, and developing the class and field assignments to ensure compatibility and positive application of lessons learnt. The evaluation of the module will be based on specific criteria that includes classroom work and field assignments.

The syllabus of 3 **core** modules and 1 (or 2) **electives** is divided into a number of individual topics that are taught over a period of 4 (5) weeks – a total of 120 (150) hours of seminars and field assignments. **A range of teaching styles will be used with an emphasis on learning activities and field application.**

Young people who complete the course requirements will graduate with a certificate from the TED Institute of Youth Evangelism (TED-IYE).

Core Modules

Foundations of Adventist Beliefs - a foundation module to help participants 'know what and why they believe' and to equip young people to teach and disciple others in the Christian Adventist faith.

Foundations of Discipleship - understand character and disciplines of a young Christian personal life; understand purpose, strategy and planning in Christian leadership; team building skills and mentoring; networking.

Foundations of Youth Outreach – communication skills; mobilising for witness, evangelism and mission; leading young people to Christ; effective discipling strategies; media ministry; Internet evangelism;

Elective Modules can include among others the following subjects: Teens Ministry; Women and Children's Ministry; Prayer Ministry; Evangelism in a Post Modern Context; Spiritual Gifts; Bible Prophecies; Spirit of Prophecy; Bible Study Techniques; Christian Ethics; Musicology; Homiletics; Community Programmes; Christian Counselling; Creative Youth Ministry; Youth Leadership; Health, Healing and Mission Projects; Spiritual Formation.

F. Enrolment Information

Requirements:

To be admitted to the TED Institute of Youth Evangelism, the student should have completed (or is near completing) his/her secondary education and is between the ages of 16-30.

Costs and Fees (2008):

- **Application for Admission:** Free
(complete an online application at www.ted-adventist.org/relay)
- **Total cost (includes Tuition, accommodation and food):** £_____ to be shared according to the following distribution: 25% local church, 50% local conference/Union and 25% TED Sponsorship Fund/TED Global Missions.
- **Travel, insurance cost and other incidental expenses** will be the responsibility of the individual applicant.
- **Books:** Estimated at approximately £100 for the full programme to be covered by the individual applicant (£25 per module).

G. Who are the Trainers?

The trainers for Relay are Christian SDA professionals with extensive background experience in administration, teaching and field youth work. The list of trainers – though not exhaustive - includes the following persons:

- **Radisa Antic** – *Spirit of Prophecy and Bible Prophecies*
- **Jan Barna** – *Adventist Beliefs, Gospels*
- **Ken Burton** – *Musicology*
- **Manuela Casti** – *Youth Ministry,*
- **Paul Clee** – *Health Initiatives, Effective Communication and Networking*
- **Steven Cooper** – *Community Development and Mission Projects*
- **Stephen Currow** – *Youth Leadership, Spiritual Gifts, Worship*
- **Daniel Duda** – *Adventist Beliefs, Gospels, Spirituality*
- **Lucia Hall** – *Christian Counselling*
- **Michael Hamilton** – *Youth Outreach and Witnessing, Prayer Ministry*
- **Raafat Kamal** – *Strategy Development, Planning and Mentoring*
- **Janos Kovacs-Biro** – *Youth Leadership, Evangelism, Youth Church Planting*
- **Michael Pearson** – *Christian Ethics, Spirituality*
- **Miroslav Pujic** – *Media and Internet Evangelism; Evangelism in a Post-modern Context*
- **Gifford Rhamie** – *Homiletics, Gospels, Acts of Apostles*
- **Geert Tap** – *Youth Innovative Initiatives*
- **Paul Tompkins** – *Youth Leadership; Teens Ministry*
- **Jean-Claude Verrecchia** – *Gospels, Acts of Apostles, Bible Study Techniques*
- **Laurence Turner** – *Homiletics, Bible Study Techniques, Spirituality*
- **Anne-May Wollan** – *Women Focused Initiative; Kids in Discipleship.*

Other local pastors and youth church/conference/union Leaders who are engaged in front line youth ministry

H. Where will the training take place?

The following venues may be used for conducting the Relay training:

- Adventist Theological Seminary at Marusevec – Croatia
- Belgrade Theological Seminary - Serbia
- Ekebyholm Junior College and Seminary – Sweden
- Eyira Secondary School – South Sudan
- Hungarian SDA Theological Seminary – Hungary
- Middle East University – Lebanon
- Newbold College – United Kingdom
- Pakistan Adventist Seminary – Pakistan
- Polish Senior College of Theology & Humanities – Poland
- Stanborough Centre/School – United Kingdom
- Toivonlinna Junior College – Finland
- Tyrifjord Junior College – Norway
- Vejlefjord Danish Junior College – Denmark