

## Youth Ministry Training and Rugby

International Christian Youthworks is a family of youth ministries around the world which unite to work more effectively in reaching and discipling young people for Christ, and training up missionally minded youth leaders.



In the UK we partner with Reign Ministries to offer a training programme which combines study at all levels with practical local church youth ministry and mentoring as part of a local learning community. This programme has attracted participants from our partners across Europe, the Americas, Africa and Oceania to create a truly international team. In our London learning community we are also piloting a schools ministry programme developed by our US partner, First Priority, and a unique opportunity has evolved out of this for rugby playing trainee youth workers!

We are looking for youth workers who also have a passion for rugby to join an ICY training programme, serve in local churches in the London Borough of Sutton, be a part of the established local church schools project and the developing First Priority model and play rugby for Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club in National League Three London and South East, (though presently engaged in a relegation scrap).

The local church will provide board and lodging, give a weekly allowance and cover all work expenses and most of your training expenses. In return you will engage in local church youth ministry for 20 hours per week. You will also engage in 10 hours schools work a week as part of the Sutton Schoolswork Trust and First Priority. This will include a mix of rugby coaching and Christian input into assemblies, lessons and lunch time groups. You will also be enrolled on one of the ICY courses. This could be a one year Missional Leaders course, a two year Masters in Mission and Christian Leadership or a three Bachelors in Theology. All are facilitated through a weekly gathering of local trainee youth leaders under the direction of an experienced mentor, (and sports freak!), and six residential conferences which draw trainees together from across Europe. There is a nominal charge for the Missional Course and a charge payable for the undergraduate and postgraduate courses to cover accreditation, books etc. Otherwise all your costs are covered.

Sutton Rugby would assess your playing ability and include you in the relevant team, (they run a number of teams for both men and women). There are also coaching roles available. This is a great opportunity to bring the church right into the heart of the community, and be Christ to young people and families.

We're looking for rugby playing youth workers, male or female, from all parts of the world. For instance this programme fits the criteria for working holiday visas available for Oceanians.

More details are available on the ICY website, [www.icy.org.uk](http://www.icy.org.uk) or by emailing [colin@icy.org.uk](mailto:colin@icy.org.uk)