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#### FAITH IN ACTION: BCYS **TRAINING DAY UNITES** DIOCESE IN HOPE

### SHARED MISSION INSPIRES COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND COLLABORATION



the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) on collaboration. With catechists from every parish Saturday, 9th November 2024, brought together a actively engaging in workshops and discussions, their vibrant gathering of catechists, youth leaders, and young contributions enriched the event and brought dynamic people from across the Diocese for a day of learning, perspectives to the fore. The Newham Deanery and fellowship, and inspiration. Held at 10:00 am, the event Partnerships Coordinator expressed an ambitious was a resounding success, embodying the themes of faith, vision for the future, aiming to build on this success community, and the shared mission to uplift and with an even greater presence at next year's event. transform lives.

Brentwood Diocese, warmly welcomed attendees, communities through faith and teamwork. setting a tone of enthusiasm and gratitude. Her opening The highlight of the day was an impactful keynote address highlighted the invaluable contributions of address by Mary Madziva, whose extensive experience catechists and youth leaders, encouraging all present to in Youth Ministry and national initiatives like the see the day as an opportunity not just to learn but to Flame Youth Congress brought depth and resonance connect and collaborate. The dedication and energy in to her words. Speaking on the theme of hope, Mary the room were palpable, reflecting the collective urged attendees to embrace their roles as "Pilgrims of commitment to supporting and inspiring parish Hope," drawing inspiration from Pope Francis' call

Deanery, whose strong representation underscored the- shaping lives and fostering a more compassionate soc-

The Catechist Training and Resources Day, hosted by -ir dedication to deepening faith and fostering This aspiration speaks to the Deanery's enduring Claire Bailey, Director of Youth Ministry for the commitment to serving and uplifting

for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Her reflections emphasised Among the standout participants was the Newham that hope is a transformative force, capable of



-iety. Attendees were visibly moved, leaving the session with renewed energy and purpose.

The afternoon workshops provided practical tools and fresh ideas for catechists and leaders. First Holy Communion and From Confirmation programmes to youth leadership initiatives, the sessions were designed to address a variety of parish needs. Participants engaged in lively discussions, exchanged best practices, and explored innovative approaches to enriching their communities. These workshops ensured that every attendee left with actionable insights, from new resources to creative strategies for engaging young people in their faith journeys.

Beyond the structured sessions, the event was a celebration of fellowship and shared purpose. Lunchtime provided a chance for informal networking, as attendees exchanged stories and forged new connections. The atmosphere was one of warmth and unity, embodying the spirit of the day. A powerful closing prayer brought everyone together in gratitude and reflection, marking the perfect end to a day of growth, inspiration, and community spirit.

The BCYS Training and Resources Day was a powerful reminder that the work of catechists and leaders extends far beyond teaching-it is about nurturing faith, inspiring hope, and building a supportive community. Attendees left with not only new strategies but also a renewed sense of their vital role in shaping the future.

With the ongoing support of the Newham Deanery and Partnerships Coordinator, the vision for an even larger and more impactful event next year is an exciting prospect. Together, through faith, collaboration, and hope, the Diocese is building a brighter future. For those unable to attend, resources and presentations will be shared in the coming weeks. Stay connected via www.bcys.net/events for updates, and continue the journey as "Pilgrims of Hope."



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# UNITING HEARTS AND MINDS: BCYS INSPIRES THROUGH FAITH

## CATECHIST TRAINING DAY BUILDS HOPE AND COMMUNITY



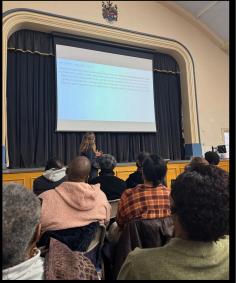




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