

# PERSONAL SUPPORT FORM

STEP

1

I want to support \_\_\_\_\_, so I can invest in the youth of Great Britain and help to take the life-changing message of Christ into the lives of **hundreds of thousands** of young people with a:

- Monthly Gift (please fill in STEP 2, STEP 3 and also STEP 4 if applicable)
- One off Gift of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (please ignore STEP 2, or go to [www.yfc.co.uk/donate](http://www.yfc.co.uk/donate))

Please Gift Aid your donation (if applicable) by filling in both STEP 3 and STEP 4

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**BANK STANDING ORDER FORM** (please complete STEP 2 and STEP 3)

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay **British Youth for Christ** (Santander, Bridle Rd, Bootle, L30 4GB, Acc No **03837696**, SC **09-07-20**)

...the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ each month, starting on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
until further notice, quoting reference number: \_\_\_\_\_ (YFC office use only)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional Fields\* *Email Address\** \_\_\_\_\_

*Contact Number\** \_\_\_\_\_ *Date of Birth\** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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**GIFT AID DECLARATION** (tick all relevant boxes for your giving to British Youth for Christ)

Please claim Gift Aid on all my applicable gifts:  From today AND/OR  
 In the past 4 years

I confirm that I have paid / will pay enough Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax each tax year (6th April - 5th April) to cover the tax claimed back by ALL the charities (not just YFC) I financially support each tax year.

I am aware that no other taxes (VAT, council tax, etc.) contribute to this figure, and that YFC will, if instructed to, claim 25p for every £1 donated by myself from today onwards.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure your address is included in STEP 3, and that you inform YFC if you: 1) want to cancel this declaration

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Please ensure all your details are correct and return the form, for free, to:

**FREEPOST RRXB-EHGS-SYEJ, Youth for Christ, Unit D2,  
Coombswood Way Business Park East, Halesowen, B62 8BH**

# The BIG TEN



Youth for Christ's national staff are required to raise a portion of their own salary cost through donations from their church, friends and family. Here are the 10 most frequently asked questions about this scheme, which is called Personal Support.

**Why don't Youth for Christ pay their staff like other charities?** YFC do pay their staff. The thing to keep in mind is that we are a *service-orientated* organisation, in other words, *YFC is about people*. In the past, charities paid their staff out of the donations given to their general work. This method is impersonal and doesn't build a sense of involvement. It also doesn't tell you where your money is going. Essentially, it asks: '*what can you do for our charity?*'

*Personal Support*, on the other hand, creates a partnership in ministry - between the supporter and the staff member. It's far more personal, and builds an interdependent *relationship*. Which means a far greater sense of involvement. The difference is: '*What can we achieve together? - By combining our skills and resources?*'

**Why have I not heard of Personal Support before?** Many Christian Charities are now adopting a *Personal Support* arrangement, and more and more are moving towards some mix of personal and general donations. It's a method that has been used overseas for many years and is now being reintroduced into British ministries.

**Is Personal Support Biblical?** Absolutely! There is a biblical heritage of people being set apart by God to rely on others for support. The dividing lines between "supporter" and "worker" were very blurred in the Bible - each depended on the other. We are all part of God's greater community 'the body' of the church, and we are called to support those doing the Lord's mission full-time.

**Here are some useful examples from both the Old and New Testaments...**

**Numbers 18:8-32** *The Priests and Levites were supported by the 10% tithe of the Israelite's income. They were set apart without any possible means of income. This wasn't just leftovers either – it was the best of everything!*

**Luke 8:1-3** *Jesus was able to turn stones into bread and water into wine, but He chose to receive support for His ministry from the people around him. These people were helping out of their own means.*

**2 Corinthians 8:3-7, 9:1-13 & Philippians 4:14-16** *Paul was very upfront about giving, especially to those involved in ministry, such as himself.*

**Where would my money go?** Every penny you donate in Personal Support will go towards your chosen staff member's SALARY COST, and nothing else. Salary Cost can be defined as: YFC's salary, national insurance and pension contributions for the individual you are supporting. Your Standing Order can be boosted by 25% if you are a taxpayer and you sign a *Gift-Aid* declaration - then YFC put the whole amount towards the Salary Cost of your friend or family member.

**What happens if staff raise more than 50% of their salary?** Although staff raise a minimum of *half* their salary cost, ultimately, the ideal is that their entire salary is covered. This frees up donations from other sources to be used where the need is greatest in YFC's ministry. The more support staff raise, the more funds are released to support the work of Youth for Christ, and help reach every young person in Britain with the gospel.

**If the staff member has not started their job yet – when should I begin my giving?** This is a *chicken and egg* situation! The sooner people begin giving and 50% has been pledged in support - the sooner the staff member can start!

**How much should I give?** Anything you can give will make a big difference. The *widow's mite* is as greatly appreciated as larger sums. Small amounts quickly add up, especially when Gift Aid is applied, and we reclaim the tax you paid on your gift. Generally people support monthly, giving anything between £5 and £200 a month. It depends entirely on what you think God is asking you to give. If you do not feel able to give on a monthly basis, you can give a lump sum.