

### Dear families,

I am very pleased to let you know that we are planning a circuit-wide trip to 3Generate! The dates are Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and the weekend will be held at the NEC in Birmingham.

#### What is 3Generate?

3Generate, the children's and youth assembly of the Methodist Church, aims to create an inclusive and diverse space for the prophetic voice of children and young people to emerge and be heard. It enables them to speak courageously, listen to God, and to each other. Through the 3Generate process, children and young people are equipped to become participants in advocacy, change and growth and have an impact in their local Methodist communities.

Click this link to watch a highlights video from 2024 to get a feel for the event: <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/">https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/</a>

#### Who is it for?

Children and Young People aged 4-24. If you are aged 8-24 you can attend for the full weekend. Ages 4-7 can attend on Saturday for the full day with an accompanying adult. All accompanying volunteer team members will have enhanced DBS checks and will go through the safe recruitment process.

#### How much does it cost?

The Circuit and District have generously offered to provide full funding for the cost of this trip. All inclusive: travel, food, accommodation, access to all 3Generate activities, and a Glos Circuit 3Gen t-shirt – designed by our young people.

### Additional needs and neurodiversity

For those who have any additional needs or who are neurodiverse, 3Generete is an all-inclusive event. There is a sensory hub where children can go for some quiet space. There is a tec hub for anyone interested in gaming. Last year there was a creepy crawly petting station. Ear defenders can be provided for any child who finds the noise levels challenging.

## **Book your space**

The deadline for booking a space is 7<sup>th</sup> July. To book, simply fill out the consent form and return it.

# Important dates to note

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – booking deadline.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August – deadline for submitting t-shirt sizes – more info regarding this will be communicated in the summer.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – parents/guardians zoom to give more information, including details of timings, travel, kit lists, and to answer questions.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1-2.30pm at Bethesda Methodist Church. All children and young people invited to meet all together. We will discuss what 3Gen will be like, answer and questions, and distribute the t-shirts.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 3Generate.

This is a wonderful event and a great opportunity to gather some of our children and young people from across the whole circuit. Please do speak to me if you have any questions!

With blessings,

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