

The New 10 Commandments

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Bishop Roger Sainsbury, President of the National Youth Agency in the United Kingdom, has come up with 10 new Commandments for youth ministry:

1. Listen to the voices of young people
2. Have a special concern for the socially excluded and disadvantaged
3. Work co-operatively with other agencies, particularly schools
4. Give spiritual development a priority
5. Demonstrate tough love
6. Offer emotional and spiritual security
7. Organise activities that help young people feel valued and significant
8. Challenge the demonisation of young people
9. Help build community cohesion by youth work that educates young people to value our common humanity and shared citizenship, not sectarian hate
10. Be active politically to secure long term funding for youth work from local and national government

What do you think about these Commandments? Are there more that could be added? Leave your comments below...

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