Study With Us: Children and Youth Development Officers (CYDOs)

As part of the Cambridge Theological Federation, we offer a suite of *Durham Common Awards* in Theology, Ministry and Mission, that are suitable for those training for, or engaged in ministry with children and young people.

**How do the courses work?**

The modules are delivered intensively over 6 block weeks a year (3-5 days at a time) for full-time students. If you would like to complete the award part-time, you can do so alongside your job as a CYDO, coming to Westminster for 3-4 weeks per year over several years.

**Isn’t the course for those training for ordained ministry?**

The course is delivered in partnership with *Ridley Lay Ministry* (formerly a CYM centre) and it combines classroom work with placements and reflective practice. In addition to the reflective practice modules, which are based around your placements (or employment) working with children and young people, there are specific modules designed for youth/children’s work, including the following:

- Children’s Work: Values, Policy & Practice
- Youth Work: Values, Policy & Practice
- Reflective Practice: Ministry & Mission with Children and Families
- Reflective Practice: Ministry & Mission with Young People

**How would we support you?**

We would work closely with your Synod Training Officer to ensure that you had a suitable local supervisor for your placement, if you are not already a CYDO or in a ministerial position working with children and/or young people.

For more information, please contact the *Director of Studies* at Westminster.