

# 3 TYPES OF YOUTH GROUPS

TYPE:	The drop-in centre	“Let me entertain you”	Bible Focus
AIMS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Get kids off the street.</li> <li>▪ Give kids something to do.</li> <li>▪ Provide a safe environment (ie. drug &amp; alcohol free).</li> <li>▪ Social welfare focus.</li> <li>▪ Counsel and skill young people.</li> <li>▪ Culturally comfortable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A fun alternative for unhelpful social activities.</li> <li>▪ Get kids off the street.</li> <li>▪ Provide a safe environment (ie. drug &amp; alcohol free).</li> <li>▪ Culturally comfortable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teach &amp; study the Bible</li> <li>▪ Be Christian community</li> <li>▪ Live out the values of Jesus</li> <li>▪ Engage real life with real Jesus</li> <li>▪ Counter cultural</li> </ul>
OFTEN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fitness and sports (eg. boxing, weights, basketball etc.)</li> <li>▪ Computer gaming</li> <li>▪ Lounging</li> <li>▪ Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crazy games</li> <li>▪ Theme nights (eg. 70's night etc)</li> <li>▪ Excursions</li> <li>▪ Movies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bible study groups and/or talk</li> <li>▪ Bible Games</li> <li>▪ Sharing life with others</li> <li>▪ Lots of Jesus</li> </ul>
EXAMPLE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PCYC</li> <li>▪ Local council</li> <li>▪ Church youth groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blue light disco</li> <li>▪ Youth council activities</li> <li>▪ Student run school socials</li> <li>▪ Church youth groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Church youth groups</li> </ul>
PERCEIVED AS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A “hang-out” place</li> <li>▪ Access point for services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fun and games or...</li> <li>▪ cheap and lame</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boring or odd</li> <li>▪ Unattractive for outsiders</li> <li>▪ “Churchie” Group</li> </ul>
WHY?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because you care about disadvantaged kids and don't want them to get up to mischief or miss life opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because you like organising and running events.</li> <li>▪ You want kids to have fun without drugs, alcohol, trouble or bad influence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because you want kids to know and trust Jesus &amp; adopt his values.</li> <li>▪ Because you believe this can only happen by God's Word.</li> <li>▪ You want kids to “do life” with Jesus.</li> </ul>
CRITICISM:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It's resource heavy: lots of time, equipment, money.</li> <li>▪ Requires a convenient “centre”.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can't compete with professional entertainment.</li> <li>▪ Hard to come up with a “bigger &amp; better” activity each week.</li> <li>▪ It's resource heavy: lots of time to organise, events cost money.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If it's not done well, it will be boring.</li> </ul>