



## For those serving in Youth, SRE, Kids or Family ministry

### WORKSHOP GUIDE

#### PURPOSE OF CONNECT

When thinking about developing a workshop for CONNECT is it important to base it on the vision and purpose of the day. CONNECT Is a collaborative initiative between the Baptist Association of NSW and ACT Youth, Children & Families, and SRE ministry teams.

Connect is a leadership development and connection opportunity. Connect is designed as a one day Intentional region based gathering.

This event is for people in all types of ministry across Youth, Kids, Family and SRE. Those coming will include Sunday kids program leaders, Friday night youth program leaders, those volunteering in kid's clubs, playtimes or as SRE teachers. We also encourage leaders who are under the age of 18 to attend by offering discounted tickets to them.

#### BEFORE STARTING FROM SCRATCH:

If you have a specific idea maybe around some skills like answering questions or games that work or just wanting to explore something different to what is on offer please consider getting in touch with someone on the Connect team from the start. Being a collaborative initiative we cover a broad spectrum of experience and focus areas and just may have content on what you are looking for. Whether it be a workshop already produced ready to adapt or a resource to draw on to develop your workshop we might have the wheel you are looking for so you don't need to reinvent it! You can view some of the workshops developed by the kids and families team here <https://baptistcfm.org.au/training-videos/>. While this content has been developed with kids and families ministry in mind it is quite adaptable across other ministry areas like youth and SRE. You don't need to use the whole video maybe just show a 5 minute section. The handout from these videos have a good summary and questions for discussion you could use in your workshop.

#### IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR WORKSHOP:

As CONNECT seeks to engage a broad range of people it is important to consider junior leaders and people across different ministry areas and people from different faith communities. One way this can be achieved by using a broad range of examples and referencing different contexts through out your workshop. For example, when giving practical examples of something you may want to say what might this look like for those still at school and then the next example could be for those serving in playtime ministry with families. You do not need to apply the content of your workshop to every single context (this is where the locally facilitated discussion functions well) however the language you use can contribute to the engagement across ministry areas. For example instead of saying "when kids turn up on a Sunday morning it is important to greet them by name..." you could say "wherever you connect with young people and kids greet them by name ...."

#### CONTENT LENGTH: 50 MINUTES

This is inclusive of facilitated discussion and any group work involved in your workshop. This is not the suggested length for delivering content. We would suggest no more than half of this time should be used to deliver content. If it is helpful, here is a link to examples of workshops from previous years:

<https://nswactbaptists.org.au/connect-workshops/>

#### HELPFUL INFO

~ 50 minute workshop

leaders from across your regions youth, SRE, kids & families ministries

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**We are here to help you make your Connect day the best it can be so feel free to make contact with one of the team should you have any questions at all.**