



# **Young People's Values Survey**

**a project among year 9 and year 10  
pupils**

Coordinated in Wales by the St Mary's Centre

## **Invitation**

You and your school are invited to participate in a new survey being conducted in secondary schools throughout England and Wales.

## **Who is conducting the research?**

The research has been designed by Professor Leslie J Francis, Honorary Director of the St Mary's Centre and Professor in Religions and Education at the Warwick Religions and Education Research unit (WRERU), the University of Warwick.

## **What is the research for?**

The research is designed to help the voices of young people to be heard and to help society understand the factors which are shaping the values of young people today.

## **What does the research build on?**

The research builds on a long tradition of research shaped by Professor Leslie J Francis and his colleagues including:

Leslie J Francis, *Teenagers and the Church*, London, Collins, 1984.

Leslie J Francis and William K Kay, *Teenage Religion and Values*, London, Gracewing, 1995.

Leslie J Francis, *The Values Debate: a voice from the pupils*, London, Woburn, 2001.

Leslie J Francis and Mandy Robbins, *Urban Hope and Spiritual Health: the adolescent voice*, London, Epworth, 2005.

## **Will the research be useful?**

Results from the earlier studies have been widely used both by educators and by churches and faith communities. The new survey will make an important contribution by bringing the findings up to date. The new survey has been designed in light of how the findings from the earlier studies have been helpful to policy-makers and to practitioners.

## **How does the research help my school?**

The research can help your school in two ways. First, the questionnaire has been designed to stimulate active thinking among your pupils. When one lesson has been dedicated to completing the questionnaire, follow-up lessons can reflect on the experience. Second, the research team is happy to make available to you key findings from the earlier surveys so your pupils can reflect on how other young people of this age responded to similar questions.

### **How confidential is the research?**

The pupils complete the questionnaire anonymously. They are asked *not* to write their name on the booklet. Once the responses are stored in the computer there is no way to link them back with your individual school.

### **How can my school help?**

Participating schools are invited to administer the questionnaire (as far as possible) throughout all their year 9 and year 10 classes to ensure a thoroughly representative sample of young people. The questionnaire should be administered in exam-like conditions. Most pupils find that they can complete the exercise within 40 minutes.

### **What are the next steps?**

If you are interested in finding out more about the project, seeing a copy of the questionnaire, or taking part, please contact Tania ap Siôn at the St Mary's Centre by completing the reply form overleaf.

Once you have let us know the number of pupils in your year 9 and year 10 classes, we can arrange to have the right number of questionnaires sent to you. We will also cover the costs of returning the questionnaires to us.

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## Reply form

Please indicate all that apply.

I would like my school to take part in the project.

Please send me a copy of the questionnaire.

Total number of pupils in years 9 and 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact \_\_\_\_\_

Position in school \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed form to:

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