



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT

NET?

Everything You
Need to Know

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WHAT IS NET?

NET stands for National Evangelisation Teams. Our mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and to embrace the life of the Church. Beginning in America in 1980, NET has been established all over the world in the USA, Canada, Scotland, Uganda, Australia and of course Ireland.

NET Ministries has been operating in Ireland since 2003 when NET Canada sent over a pilot team for 3 months. From 2003-2009 NET Canada sent over a road team of 10 - 12 members each year who travelled throughout Ireland. The road team was received so well that eventually contact people from parishes started to ask “what else can NET do for our young people?”.



First NET Ireland Team 2003.04



NET Ireland 2023.24

Consequently, in 2008-2009, NET Canada sent a parish-based ministry team to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Sligo, Co Sligo.

To date there have been 65 NET Teams made up of 426 missionaries across Ireland as well as 7 Discipleship teams in 2 dioceses in Scotland.

THE MISSION

NET's mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church. We want young people to have a personal relationship with Jesus, young people to embrace the sacraments, young people who are on fire for Jesus, and young people who choose to live their lives for Him and be His disciples.



To engage with young people in the parish and schools between the ages of 12 – 25, faithfully witnessing to the person of Jesus Christ and calling others to follow Him.



To encourage and facilitate the growth of young people's faith, intentionally form disciples and empower and equip young people and young adults for service within ministry.



To connect all people in the community, creating a sense of belonging and giving young people a place to serve and grow within the Church.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Since 2004, NET Ireland has had over 60 teams in over 20 places across Ireland and Scotland. Through the years we have reached 190,000 young Irish people.

We have had 16 road teams throughout the years that have travelled the whole of Ireland. Each week they would be in a new area, putting on an Encounter Retreat Day for youth ages 12-18.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

7:00	Rise	14:30	Team Prayer
7:30	Breakfast	15:30	Ministry
8:30	Personal Prayer	16:30	Evening Ministry Preparation
10:00	Daily Mass	17:30	Youth Group
10:30	Ministry Preparation	18:30	Evening Ministry
11:30	School Ministry	20:30	Team Time
13:00	Lunch	22:00	Prayer & Bed Time

Daily

- Team Prayer
- Personal Prayer
- Night Prayer
- Holy Mass
- Ministry Events
- Meals together
- Internet time

Weekly

- Team Time
- Men and Women's Time
- Check-in calls with your supervisor
- Young Adult Discipleship Time
- House cleaning/groceries
- Contact Person Meeting
- Ministry Preparation
- No-obligation Day
- Team Sport
- Sunday Mass

Fortnightly

- Team Meetings
- Partnership Time
- One on ones
- Adoration
- Team Time



A YEAR ON NET

August MINISTRY TRAINING
COMMISSIONING MASS
September MINISTRY BEGINS!
YOUTH 2000 WEEKEND
October SUPERVISOR VISIT #1
November SURFING RETREAT
December DECEMBER RETREAT



CHRISTMAS BREAK



JANUARY TRAINING January
YOUTH 2000 WEEKEND February
SUPERVISOR VISIT #2 March
STEADFAST EASTER 1/2 April
SUPERVISOR VISIT #3
WRAP-UP GATHERING
THANKSGIVING MASS May

WE WANT TO SEE REVIVAL

Many people can trace their faith back to Ireland, the land of Saints and Scholars. A country once on fire sent out missionaries to spread the Gospel all over the world. Unfortunately, the Church in Ireland today is very different. Many Catholics in Ireland feel hopeless watching their young people leave the Church.

It is our mission to give back to the Irish people who brought the the faith to Ireland. We give witness of our personal encounter with Jesus and journey with others, helping them to do the same. We encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church.



Depression

50%

of young people experience mental health issues by the age of 24. Both rates of self-harm and suicide are on the steady increase.

Pornography

13

is average age of child when first watching porn - 53% of boys and 23% of girls. 10% watched porn by age of 9.

Abortions

8,156

abortions in 2022. This is 13 % of the total number of pregnancies.

Drug Use

second highest

users of ecstasy and cocaine in the entire continent of Europe.

IRELAND IS MISSION TERRITORY

WORDS FROM ALUMNI

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I don't even have enough words to say how much this is such an amazing ministry! I will never have enough good things to say. To keep it short, they do such a good job in taking all that they offer in a humble, fun and caring way, and bring their heart and soul into everything. And it is such a good opportunity to grow in ones faith.



I experienced a lot of healing from my time on NET. I think NET Ireland is a really special and one-of-a-kind experience for someone who needs to be convicted in what Jesus can do with even the little we give Him. I believe if anything that it's a good starting point for formation for people who serve with them to experience Jesus in a powerful way, to desire to learn more about their universal call to mission, and His Church.



I am grateful for NET 'kick starting' me off in my adult life and leading to me landing a wonderful job, it was such a gift and taught me so much, especially in terms of community life, which is helpful to this day. NET's ethos adheres so beautifully to the teaching of the Church, another wonderful gift! I love the witness that NET provides and the gift it is to so many!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I be contacted while I'm on NET?

During initial training: access to tech devices is limited, but we will provide contact numbers to get in touch with us in emergencies.

During the mission year: you will only have access to personal tech devices during designated tech time each day, and on your weekly day off. Your supervisors will give their contact details to any parents that need them so you can still be contacted in urgent circumstances while you are on team.

To receive mail, the easiest way (especially for travelling teams) is to have items mailed to our office, and then your team supervisor will be able to bring the items to you on supervisor visits. If you need something more quickly, you can get in touch with the office to get mail delivered sooner.

Do I need a passport to apply?

Yes. Due to the immigration process you will need a passport that is valid through your NET year. If you do not have a passport and you want to apply to NET, please apply for a passport before you submit your NET application. We can continue to process your application while you wait for the passport to arrive.

Do I have to be Catholic?

Since NET team members are encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church, team members do need to be practicing Catholics.

I haven't been involved in youth ministry; can I still apply?

Yes! Each year NET has team members who have never facilitated a retreat or maybe even been on one. If you are a successful candidate, by the end of our initial training program you will be sufficiently equipped for mission.

How do the teams get around?

Vehicles are provided for each team either by NET or by the parish or local area that they are located in.

Can I do NET if I'm already in a relationship?

Yes, you can, as long as both of you are ready for 10 months of long distance, with communication limited to during your daily tech time and on your day off. That being said, many NET missionaries have strengthened their relationships while serving on NET. You cannot get engaged or be engaged as a NET missionary, however, because the commitments required in that season of a relationship cannot be fulfilled while serving on NET. NET missionaries cannot initiate a relationship during the mission year.

I'm not ready to apply, but I want to find out more. What should I do?

We would love you to request an application from our website, so we can give you a call and help provide you with all the information you need to make an informed decision. The application form itself gives a lot of information about our ministry, and we are here to help with prayerful discernment as well.

Do I have to commit to the whole 10-month program?

We are a relational, peer-to-peer youth ministry that places a great deal of emphasis on the relationships that team members form with the young people they serve. But what is just as powerful are the authentic relationships that team members form with each other that give witness to a radical form of love unknown to many young people. Because of this, you must be willing to commit to the whole 10-month program as part of your ministry.

Do I have to answer every question on the application form?

Yes, we recommend answering all the questions because your application is all we have to go on when deciding whether to invite you for an interview. Answer the questions to the best of your ability.

Can I choose what team I want to be on?

NET will listen to the desires of an applicant, but the final decision rests on the discernment and prayers of the staff. A lot depends on the personality and skill set that would best suit a team, and the staff seeks to discern where God is calling each person to serve. We ask each person to be open to where God is calling them.

FOLLOW THE MISSION



@NETIRELAND

Bring others closer
to Jesus this year.



This is your call to do
something amazing.

201,685

Youth reached

100+

Events/retreats per year

10,600+

Youth reached per year

20

Religious vocations

*Encouraging young people
to love Jesus, and embrace
the life of His Church.*

*START YOUR
APPLICATION*



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