








Who are the Mini Vinnies?

The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

The Mini Vinnies get together in primary schools and parishes to live out their mission of *see, think, do*, supporting their school community and beyond.



Why start a Mini Vinnies group?

-  Put faith into action
-  Make a real difference to the lives of people in the community
-  Develop leadership skills, empathy and soft skills
-  Meet like-minded people who want to make a difference
-  Participate in fun activities

What happens at a Mini Vinnies meeting?

Mini Vinnies groups meet once a week or fortnightly during lunchtime or after school. They are either co-ordinated by school staff, an SVP Conference member, or a combination of both. A president is elected by the Mini Vinnies to lead meetings and organise the group. They are supported by a vice president, a secretary, a communications officer, a treasurer and members. The president opens the meeting with a prayer, and a short spiritual reflection, a reading, a piece of music or meditation follows. Group members talk about activities they have done since the last meeting. Any future plans are then discussed. The president concludes the meeting with a prayer.



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www.svp.org.uk/involve-young-people

Setting up your Mini Vinnies group

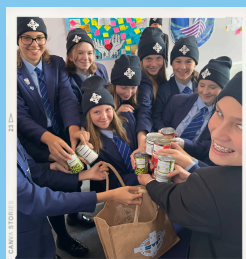
- You complete the online application form at www.svp.org.uk/apply-start-new-young-vincentians-group
- We'll then send you some initial starter literature and we aim to put you in touch with one of our volunteer Young Vincentian Development Officers (YVDO) to help get you set up
- You'll organise a date with the YVDO to visit school to talk to you, and possibly the children, about Mini Vinnies
- You can place your order for a starter kit via youngvincentians@svp.org.uk
- It's then time to recruit your Mini Vinnies and have your first meeting



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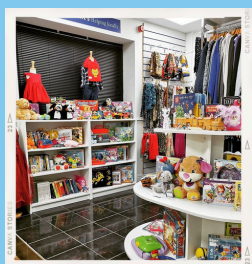
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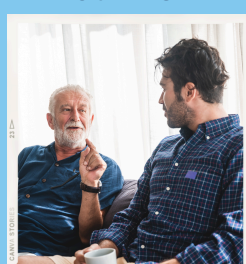
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St Vincent's shops



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Adult Members



Advocacy

Moving forward



Join the Mini Vinnies' Facebook group to meet other teachers, share stories, resources and ideas



Build links with other branches of the SVP family



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