



DCPA – The Pioneer Association in Down & Connor
511 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GS

YOUNG PIONEER

To become a Young Pioneer, you must be at least 11 years old, and be prepared to make a promise/pledge to delay the decision about using alcohol until at least the age of 18.

A **Young Pioneer** commits to do the following:

1. Delay the decision about using alcohol until at least the age of 18
2. Never use illegal drugs.
3. Wear the Young Pioneer badge publicly.
4. Pray the pledge prayer each day.

The **Pledge Prayer** is:

Lord for your sake, for the recovery of problem drinkers and victims of substance abuse, to make amends to your Sacred Heart for the intemperance in all our lives, I promise not to take any alcoholic drink until I am at least 18 years and to keep off illegal drugs for life. Grant me O Lord, your grace to keep my promise. Amen.

Application Form

If you wish to apply to be a Young Pioneer, please talk it over with your parent(s) and ask them to read carefully what it says on this application, then fill all the details below.

Name: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone -----

Email _____

Parish _____

Date of Birth _____

MY PERSONAL PLEDGE AS A YOUNG PIONEER

I, _____, solemnly pledge myself to:

1. Take only drinks that are non-alcoholic at least until I am over the age of 18.
2. Never to use illegal drugs.
3. Pray the Pioneer pledge prayer each day.
4. Wear the pin whenever I can.

Signature _____ Date _____

For your Parent(s)/Guardian

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in joining the Pioneer Association until he/she is at least 18 years of age. This means he/she wishes to abstain from all alcohol until that age. Your son/daughter is prepared to promise that he/she will never take drugs.

Please read through this application and then signr the following statement.

1. I agree to my child joining the Youth section of the Pioneer Association.
2. I understand that my child is agreeing to abstain from all alcoholic drink, including alcopops, beer, shandy, spirits, home-made wine and alcoholic lemonade.
3. I promise to support my child's decision by not offering wine or any other alcoholic drink, particularly at parties, weddings or other family celebrations.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return the completed application with a cheque/postal order for £ 5 (sterling) made payable to DCPA to:

DCPA
The Good Shepherd Centre
511 Ormeau Road
Belfast, BT7 3GS.

On receiving the completed form and membership fee we will register you as a Young Pioneer, we will send you a Young Pioneer badge and certificate. The membership fee will cover you for your first year of membership of Pioneer Club which entitles you to regular correspondence from DCPA as well as opportunities to take part in Pioneer competitions.