



LEADERS' HANDBOOK



HELLO FROM THE DTI TEAM



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3.20-21

Dreaming the Impossible is an annual youth gathering for 12-18s for young people from churches and youth organisations everywhere.

We're passionate about seeing young people meet Jesus and fearlessly follow Him, believing that nothing is impossible with God.

DTI is led by Susie Aldridge (DTI Lead Pastor). Serving alongside Susie to lead the team are Zeke Rink & Aaron Smith as well as an amazing core team of youth leaders and operational staff from Vineyard Churches UK&I.

WHAT IS DREAMING THE IMPOSSIBLE?

Dreaming the Impossible is an annual Christian youth gathering for 12-18s for young people from churches and youth organisations everywhere. It is open to all streams, networks and denominations and is run by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland.

Our gatherings are unashamedly all about Jesus but we try and make everything accessible for those with no or little experience of church or youth group and these young people are especially welcome to join us.

DTI is about inspiring and equipping young people to love God, love others and change the world. Our heart is that young people would encounter God at DTI and leave our gatherings knowing his love for them in a deeper way, and be ready to live out their faith back home being part of a local church.

Our programme is always rammed but the thing we're most excited about is seeing what God wants to do over our 4 days together. Every morning and evening we come together as family to worship Jesus, hear some great teaching from the Bible and spend loads of time learning how to pray for each other and hanging out in God's presence.

Outside of the main meetings there's loads of time for the young people to hang out with their friends and make some new ones. They can choose to go along to seminars which cover lots of different topics relating to how young people live out their faith as well as explore cafes, sports, music, films and other fun activities that are going on late into the evening!

WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?

Dreaming the Impossible is held at Staffordshire County Showground in Stafford starting on the 1st August 2020. We'll gather together for our first meeting at approx 7pm that evening (time TBC), so it's best to arrive earlier in the afternoon to get your campsite set up (the site is open from midday).

The last evening meeting is on the evening of 4th August with all our venues closing at 11.30pm. We'd love everyone to stay on site and leave the following morning 5th August. The site needs vacating by 9am.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

Prices and booking deadlines

There are several different prices for the event depending on when you book; you can save money by booking in advance. We don't offer any large group discounts as we think it's fairer to offer everyone the opportunity to save money by booking early.

Here's a breakdown of the prices and deadlines for summer 2020

	Paid by 31st Jan 2020	Paid by 1st May 2020	Full cost
Adult 18+	£89	£95	£99
12-18's	£89	£95	£99
Kids 0-11	£50	£50	£50

What's included?

The price includes entry into everything. That means we'll provide enough space for you on the campsite, plus entry into all the main meetings, seminars, cafés, sports, films, activities and any other goings on around the site.

The things you will need to arrange yourself are your transport to and from the event as well as your camping equipment and your food. There's a small shop on site where you can buy essential food items, along with a range of food vans that will be open at meal times. There is also an Asda nearby in Stafford if you need to do a larger shop.

Holiday insurance isn't compulsory but we're not able to offer refunds after the 1st May 2020 so you may wish to arrange cover in case there is an emergency that means you can't attend.

HOW DO I BOOK?

Go to **booking.dreamingtheimpossible.org**. You'll be prompted to register an account with us which you'll keep for every summer Dreaming the Impossible gathering you come to. All your bookings will be tied together under the email address you provide.

Please start off your booking by adding the person in charge (the group leader - who must be over 18). They will receive the wristbands in the post and arrival information for everyone.

You can add up to six young people per over-18 in the group. Your young people won't be able to book on unless you have enough adult leaders so it's a good idea to book as many leaders in advance as possible (and it will also save you money if you book before the early bird deadlines).

Adding bookings

You can keep logging in and adding more people as many times as you like, right up until the day before the start of the event. Young people can also log in with their own account, pay for themselves and join your group as long as you have booked yourself in first. They'll be asked to give the email address of the person whose group they're joining, so all you need to do is give them the email address that you used when you set up the booking. You'll be able to view all the people who have joined your group in the '**Groups I lead**' section.

Changing bookings

You can log back in and change the details on your booking whenever you need to. If you've had someone drop out but a new person wants to come in their place, you can contact the team with the details of who is being replaced and the name, date of birth and address of the replacement, and we will be able to arrange this transfer up until the deadline of 31st May. After 31st May, this can only be done at the event and will cost £1 per transfer. The wristband for the person being replaced will also need to be handed over for the transfer to be administrated.

Remember to make sure everyone's date of birth and address are correct. We need this info so we can refer young people to local services (such as hospitals and social services) if needed.

If you need to know more, just email us at hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org and we'll be happy to help.

Booking confirmation

We'll send you an automatic email after you've booked online. This will be a quick summary of your booking and the people you've added so far. If you add more people later on or other people book themselves onto your group, you'll get another email. You can contact us at hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org if you want to check the full list of people in your group, or if the confirmation emails don't provide enough information for a receipt.

COMMUNICATION BEFORE THE EVENT

Arrival information

We'll email you a few weeks before the event starts with your arrival information, including how to get to the showground and what time to arrive.

Wristbands

At around the same time as we send out the arrival information email, we will send you the wristbands for everyone in your group. You'll all need to wear your wristband throughout the whole event as it is the only thing that will allow you access to the site and all the venues.

Any children's wristbands will just have their surname and which group they will be in. Children must be registered for kids' groups separately when you arrive at the event. A registration form

will be sent to the group leader with the wristbands and must be brought on the day in order to register.

If there are any late bookings you may be sent the extra wristbands later or have to collect them from Info when you arrive.

ORGANISING A GROUP

Admin

For each young person we will need a full name, address and date of birth (a phone number is also helpful). We do not need any other information but here are some things we ask you to arrange for yourselves:

DBS for your leaders

Your young people are your responsibility throughout the event so we require one over 18 for every six young people under 18. All of your leaders will need DBS certificates.

Risk assessment

You may be asked to carry out a risk assessment. This is common for social services if you're bringing someone in your youth group currently in foster care. We can't provide a risk assessment for you but you can find useful guidance in assessing health and safety risks on the HSE website: **www.hse.gov.uk**

Contact info

You (the group leader) are the person we will contact in an emergency. However we suggest you collate a list of the young people's emergency contact details and store them somewhere safe so you can call their homes if needed. It's wise to keep a printed list of mobile numbers in your group in case your phone battery dies.

Medical or allergy information

Although we have a first aid team onsite, any ongoing medical treatment (such as allergy tablets) can be administered by you, as well as basics like plasters and painkillers. We suggest you note down any allergies or medicines taken in case of emergency. The first aid team would be happy to store any medicine for you in their fridge if that's required. Please pop in at the start of the week and let them know about any potential health problems in your group so they can be prepared.

Kit list

Whilst group sizes vary hugely, there are some basics that you almost always need for camping. We have included a kit list in the appendices of the guide.

We advise you not to bring any valuables as tents can't be secured; anything you do bring is entirely at your own risk.

Food

There is a small onsite shop for all your essentials including bread, milk and batteries. The nearest supermarket is Asda in Stafford (ST16 3TA), which is a 10 minute drive away.

If you haven't got the facilities to go offsite and buy food, Asda will come as far as the main gate if you want to do an online order. They will call you when they arrive so give them your name, camping village and mobile number and be ready to meet them at the main gate as we can't accept deliveries on your behalf.

Remember that you (the group leader) or someone you nominate needs to take charge of food safety, which includes storing food at the correct temperature, making sure it is thoroughly cooked and that leftovers are disposed of properly.

There are food vans on site which will be serving the usual fast food.

Generators & electrical hook-ups

Unfortunately **we do not allow generators on site** under any circumstances due to warnings from fire safety authorities about their safety.

We can arrange for a small number of electrical hook-ups, but you will need to pay for the electricity, the electrician's time and administration costs. Priority (and lower fees) will go to people with a medical or physical assistance need, such as powering mobility equipment. Electrical hook-ups **must be arranged in advance**, so please email hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org for an application form and more information about pricing. Application forms for electrical hook-ups must be submitted by 1st June.

TRANSPORT

Dreaming the Impossible is held at Staffordshire County Showground in Stafford.

The address for your satnav is:

The Pavillion Complex
Weston Road
Stafford
ST18 0BD

We are unable to provide any transport so you'll need to arrange your own travel to and from the event.

Staffordshire County Showground is situated on the main A518 Stafford to Uttoxeter road, two miles from Stafford and five miles from junction 14 of the M6 motorway. Drivers from either the north or south using the M6 should exit at junction 14 and follow the signs for the County Showground.

The showground is just 4 miles from Stafford Railway Station. The station is situated on the West Coast Main Line offering a direct service to London Euston with a journey time of approximately one and three quarter hours. It also offers direct services to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Liverpool and Scotland.

There is a bus link from the station to the showground as well as a taxi rank.

WHILST AT DREAMING THE IMPOSSIBLE

Arrival

Camping villages

We divide the campsite into coloured areas and allocate groups to one of these areas to make sure that everyone has enough space and so that we can provide each section with village hosts. You'll find your camping village colour printed on your wristband.

We assign space based on the number of tents you are bringing. Whilst there is no limit on the amount of tents that you can bring, we do ask you to be accurate in what you tell us so that we can fit everyone on site. Keep your camping info updated by logging into your online account and checking the '**Accommodation**' section. Please be considerate of other groups and only bring what you need. There is no need to try and keep space for things like sports as there is plenty of room in other areas of the site to play games.

When you arrive, your village host should be around to say hello. They are there to make sure you have a great time at Dreaming the Impossible and will help with anything from making sure your village meets fire safety regulations, to pointing you in the direction of all the info about Dreaming the Impossible that you might need.

If you would like to request to be camped in the same area as a specific group you can attach yourself to their booking by using their email address – this will make them your group leader so they'll receive all the wristbands and arrival info. If you have already booked or wish to keep the booking info (e.g. wristbands) separate but still camp together, please get in touch with us in the office hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org.

Curfew village

If you would like to be in a quieter area of the campsite you can request to be in the curfew village by emailing hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org. Everyone is asked to be quiet from 10pm though we can't guarantee a noise free area as Dreaming the Impossible is designed for teenagers and it can be hard for them to have fun quietly!

Car parking

When you arrive you can drive your car or mini bus to your village but you will need to unload your vehicle and return it to one of the car parks immediately. After the first day vehicles will not be permitted on site unless permission has been granted by the security team at the gates. Please be aware that it is a working showground so some areas of the site are not accessible by larger vehicles such as coaches or vans. If you are arriving by coach you must notify us in advance so we can make sure your camping area is accessible for you.

Programmes

When you arrive on Day 1, you'll be able to purchase a programme for the week with all the important information you need! It will include info about the venues, a timetable and descriptions for the seminars, maps of the site, speaker bios and loads of other useful bits and bobs.

Daily routine

Main meetings

The main meetings begin on the evening of Day 1. Every morning and evening we come together as family to worship Jesus, hear some great teaching from the Bible and spend loads of time learning how to pray for each other and hanging out in God's presence.

Worship

Worship is a key part of our faith and is central to all that we do at DTI. We gather together as one family to sing and praise God. Worship allows us to draw closer to Jesus and press into a more intimate relationship with him.

Teaching

During each meeting, we make time to look at God's word together and hear from a speaker who will help us apply what we read in the Bible to the things that are happening in our lives and in the world around us. We try and make the talks fun so that they are easy to listen to and engage with as we want to inspire and equip young people.

Ministry

During ministry times we ask the Holy Spirit to come and meet with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is with us always but by asking him to come we ask for him to fall on us and for a fresh anointing of his presence. We believe that in ministry times God can heal us, set us free, and reveal more of himself to us. Susie and the team will talk you and your young people through what is going to happen from the front. Throughout the week in these ministry times there will be a few opportunities for the young people to give their lives to Jesus.

Seminars

Every day we have a jam-packed schedule of seminars. These are focused on a particular topic, covering all sorts of subjects such as praying for people, worship, reading the Bible, mission, being bold, and being set free from pain. Feel free to head along to as many of these as you like, and encourage your young people to do the same.

Some groups gather together each morning and look at what seminars are coming up that day. People are often more motivated to go when they know others are going too and it might be that you/some of your leaders can take groups to particular seminars you think would be of particular interest.

Afternoons & evenings

As well as seminars, there is a tonne of other stuff going on to fill the afternoons and evenings. We have cafés, sports venues and a whole range of seminars that you can attend.

We really encourage you and your young people to get as involved as you can whilst at Dreaming the Impossible. Engage in the worship, take notes during the talks, go along to seminars, make friends and pray for people. If there is anything you are not sure about or think we could do better, then come to Info and let us know - we would love to know what you think!

It's always wise to plan some time out for yourself and your other group leaders each day. Check in on each other and try and have coffee together to keep a sense of team spirit – whilst it can be exhilarating seeing young people meet with Jesus, it can also be exhausting being surrounded by teenagers for five days!

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Enabling

We believe that everyone gets to play, and that God empowers all of us to pray for each other and so we want to do our very best to empower the young people and youth leaders to pray for each other. To help facilitate this and make sure it is a safe environment for everyone we have an enabling team. Our enabling team is made up of people with experience in praying for people and they are there to support you and your youth group to pray. They are mainly in the main meetings but also pop along to some seminars. They will walk around during the main meetings making sure everyone is OK and may occasionally offer suggestions. They will be identifiable by their badges which say 'Enabling' on them!

Chat Room

We have a brilliant team of people who are on hand to chat during the afternoons and evenings. We point people towards the Chat Room if there's anything - big or small - that they'd like to discuss with someone who is outside of their situation. We offer prayer but this is not a counselling service. It is run alongside our Connect team (detailed below) who will step in if there is an issue that requires professional and/or ongoing support.

Connect

Sometimes information is disclosed in the Chat Room or during a ministry time that requires us to take more serious action. Our Connect team is made up of professional counsellors, social workers, teachers and other professionals that are knowledgeable in safeguarding procedures. They are there to support anyone onsite but mainly to make sure the correct action is taken to ensure that the young person is taken care of when they leave the event, whether that is by you or by your local services. The Connect team will liaise with you as the group leader of any young person they are in contact with.

First aid

We have a first aid team who are on call 24/7 in case of emergency. They are a mix of doctors, nurses and first aid trained professionals. If any of your young people are showing signs of diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that you leave them in their tents and call for the first aid team to come to you to reduce the risk of it spreading. Any ongoing medical treatment (such as allergy tablets) can be administered by you, as well as basics like plasters and painkillers. We suggest you note down any allergies or medicines taken in case of emergency.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Phone charging

Phone charging points can be found in some of the café venues on site and will be available when the cafés are open. You just need to bring a USB charger along with you and you'll be able to plug in and keep your phone alive!

Ice pack exchange

You can swap your warm ice packs for frozen ones onsite each day – check the programme for time slots in the mornings and afternoons. Swaps are free or you can buy new ones.

Getting cash

We suggest you and your young people bring some cash with you. There are no cash points on site. The closest cash points are a short drive away at Asda.

Gas

You can buy gas canisters or replace yours for a fee in the marketplace which will be open in the afternoons and evenings.

Toilets & showers

We provide significantly more than the required minimum of toilets and showers for the number of people camping onsite but if you want to shower at peak times, you may have to wait. We suggest showering in the afternoon or evening to help keep queuing to a minimum. We have a cleaning crew working throughout the day to keep things nice but depending on the weather, there may be a bit of mud. If you spot any problems with showers or toilets, please report them to Info.

Stuff for children

Kids' Groups

There are kids' groups available for the under 12s every morning so parents can get to the main meeting.

Baby bathing

There will be a designated area for baby bathing each evening and we'll provide baths and warm water. Please see the programme/site map for more details.

DEPARTURE

Day 4 (4th August) is a full day, with all the usual meetings, seminars, cafes and evening entertainment. The venues will close at 11.30pm. We'd love everyone to stay on site and leave the following morning 5th August. Please make sure you're all packed up and on your way by 9am. You can bring your car to your village to pack up any time from the evening of Day 4. Once you've packed up please move your car back to the car park straight away.

AFTER THE EVENT

Testimonies

We love hearing how God is meeting with people at Dreaming the Impossible and anyone who wants to share a story with us can do that by heading to our website during DTI 2020 or by filling in a stories form that will be available in our main meetings.

Resources

We provide a whole load of resources to help encourage and support young people in their walk with God, including those on our website www.dreamingtheimpossible.org/resources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Why do we need one adult to six under 18s?

We ask for a minimum of one adult to every six under 18s in your group although you are very welcome to bring more adults than this. This enables you to support your young people pastorally during the event where there may be lots of things they would like to talk about, and often means they have ongoing support when they get home. Having extra adult support will also help with the practicalities of taking a group camping such as setting up tents and getting food organised for everyone.

Is there any extra support for people with additional needs?

DTI aims to be as inclusive as possible to young people aged 12 – 18 with additional needs. BSL, hearing loops, and a quiet space will be available during the main sessions.

Photographers and videographers

We have photographers and videographers wandering around taking pictures and video for future publicity. They will be wearing an 'Photographer' or 'Media' badge for identification. Please be assured that any video shot during ministry times will be handled with the greatest sensitivity in order to respect everyone's privacy. Please ask your young people not to take photos or video during ministry times.

Disclaimer

This is intended to be a helpful and accurate guide for the event, but please note that some details relating to the event may be changed from the information in the handbook.

APPENDIX B – IMPORTANT INFO AND CONSENT FORM

I confirm that the above details are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to my child attending Dreaming the Impossible.

In the unlikely event of illness or accident I give my permission for any necessary medical treatments to be given by the first aid team. In an emergency and if I cannot be contacted, I am willing for my child to receive hospital treatment, including anaesthetic if necessary. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian
Signature: Date:

APPENDIX C – SITE RULES CONTRACT

This is an optional contract to make your young people aware of the relevant site rules. This does not need to be sent to us but can be kept for your records. There will be a full list of rules in the programme. If you have any questions about rules please contact hello@dreamingtheimpossible.org.

Because we have so many young people on site at one time we feel it's appropriate to have certain rules that we ask our delegates to abide by. Here's a quick overview. We reserve the right to ask people to leave site if they are not in compliance with the following rules. (Copies of the site rules will need to be given to everyone in your group).

- Youth Leaders are responsible for their under 18's at all times.
- Use your brain! Don't go off with strangers, don't arrange to meet anyone in dark corners of the site, and at night make sure you go to your own bed (sleep walking is not a great excuse!).
- No mixed-tent/caravan/accommodation on site i.e. No boys and girls sleeping in the same space unless married.
- Strictly no alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia on site - except for medical purposes.
- Anyone found in possession of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Smoking is not permitted inside buildings, marquees or individual tents.
- Go to sleep! The site must be silent from 00.30.
- Respect the property and buildings on the showground.
- No crossing into any area that has been marked out of bounds..
- DTI cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to persons or personal property.
- Store gas cylinders away from tents.
- Event wristbands must be worn at all times - they are the only way to get into venues. There is a £25 charge to replace a lost wristband.

I agree to follow the site rules of Dreaming the Impossible and my youth group/leaders.

Signed: Date:

APPENDIX D – KIT LIST

Shared area:

- Marquee/gazebo/shared area for eating together
Please bear in mind that other groups will be sharing your village so you won't be able to spread out too much!
- Camping chairs
- Folding tables
- Solar powered or electric lanterns – please don't use gas inside tents!

Tents & sleeping:

Tents should be **fully waterproof** and sturdy, able to withstand the glorious British summer weather! This means an in-tact, attached ground sheet and waterproof lining. Avoid flimsy pop-up tents designed for one use at festivals - they give in to the wind and rain very quickly!

- Tent for female leaders
- Tent for male leaders
- Tents for male youth
- Tents for female youth
- Sleeping bags (bring a few spares and keep them in the car!)
- Roll mats/camping bed/air bed to sleep on
- Tent pegs (bring spares!)
- Rope/guide rope (for weather proofing tents if windy)
- Mallets

Kitchen:

- Cool box
- Ice blocks (you can exchange them for frozen ones each day on site)
- Washing up rack
- Calor gas canister (you can exchange these for a fee at the site gas shop)
- Connecting tube and clamps/clips to secure to your cooker
- Camping stove
- Lighters

- Washing up bowls
- Teapot
- Cafetière
- Water bottles (large ones for drinking water)
- Tables
- Tea towels
- Kitchen roll
- Black bin bags for general waste
- Recycling friendly bin bags for cardboard, plastic and glass
- Washing up cloths & scourers
- Cooking pots
- Frying pans
- Utensils (spoons, ladles, spatulas, tongs)
- Washing up liquid

We'd suggest bringing some easy, hot food/drink for wet/cold weather such as hot chocolate and soup.

Kit list for your youth

- Tent (with poles & pegs) or arrange to share with your friends (in single sex tents!)
- Air bed, camping bed or roll mat
- Sleeping bag (or a duvet and sheet to fit your air bed)
- Pillow & pillowcase
- Plate & cutlery for meal times
- Tea towel
- Torch (with spare batteries)
- Bible & notebook
- Toiletries & towel
- Toilet roll (we try to ensure this is replenished in the toilets as quickly as we can but it's good to have some with you just in case)

- Warm clothes – enough for a week
- Underwear & socks – enough for a week
- Two pairs of trainers/shoes (in case one gets wet/muddy)
- Waterproof jacket & trousers
- Wellies and thick socks