

## Government (statutory) legislation

**Every Child Matters** has become the mantra over the past few years for everyone involved in working with children and young people.

It sets out five outcomes for each child or young person, which are designed to guide our work. The five can be remembered in a very simple way;

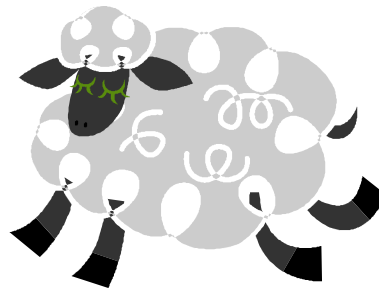
Stay **S**afe

Be **H**ealthy

**E**njoy and achieve

Achieve **E**conomic wellbeing

Make a **P**ositive contribution



Does each activity we provide for young people contribute in some way to these aims?

It is not possible to work towards all these aims in every single activity we do, but we should be helping young people move towards them.

One flaw in the ECM framework is that it does not explicitly mention spiritual health. This is one contribution that we as Catholic Christian Youth Ministers can bring to our young people.

More information can be found at [www.everychildmatters.gov.uk](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk)

Click here to download a pdf copy of the framework of ECM.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/publications/?asset=document&id=16682>

**Youth Matters** has developed out of ECM and is designed to focus provision for young people into;

- Things to do,
- places to go,
- positive activities for young people

More information and publications can be found at

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications/youth/>

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/youthmatters/whatisyouthmatters/>