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The article is the author's reflections on experience of working with and for young people in different contexts: home, secondary school, university and the workplace. It may be of reference to parents, teachers, and mentors who are interested in the formation of young people.

There are a range of possibilities for the development of young people: from disciplining them, commanding them, lecturing them, motivating them, accompanying them, to simply leaving them alone, i.e. the "laissez-faire" approach.

The author emphasizes that the "accompanying relationship" as inspired by Ignatian spirituality, is worth serious consideration for adoption as the underlying attitude by parents, teachers, mentors and anyone with the purpose of formation of the youth.

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