

# mission shaped ministry

equipping you for a lifetime of good practice and learning in planting and sustaining fresh expressions of church

> A one-year part-time learning journey in a supportive community





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### Who is it for?

- Those exploring how to begin, sustain and grow a fresh expression of church;
- Experienced pioneers who want to reflect on what they are doing;
- Those wanting to learn qualities of Christian ministry;
- Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission;
- All denominations, traditions and ages;
- Urban, suburban and rural contexts.

#### Features of the course

- Designed for busy Christians;
- Delivered ecumenically;
- Local and national teachers;
- Reflection on your context and story;
- Varied learning styles and resources;
- Coaching, mentoring, learning networks;
- Full materials and extra online material.

## **Modules include**

- Mission context;
- The mission of God;
- Vision, values and call;
- Starting something new;
- Listening for mission;
- What is church?
- Gospel and culture;
- Team roles and behaviour;
- Discipleship;
- Evangelism;
- Spirituality, worship and the sacraments;
- Growing to maturity.



#### Your local course

The course is provided ecumenically by local course centres across the country. We believe it will be a significant resource for building the Kingdom of God in every area. Check out the website for your local course.

Individuals are most welcome, but we particularly hope that small groups from a church will participate as this will deepen the impact of the course.

Course teachers include a mix of local and national practitioners, pioneers and theologians.

#### Course timetable and venue

The course is usually run over the course of a year on three Saturdays, six weeknights and a weekend away - roughly one meeting per month.

#### Cost

The cost of the course is decided locally. Financial support may be available.

#### Contact

The *msm* team msm@freshexpressions.org.uk

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#### Recommendations

"The greatest benefit of the course is its practical side and the chance to talk through issues relevant to your situation."

Leanne Corlett, course participant

"The next big step in taking fresh expressions of church forward is making the right kind of training available in every

part of the country. *msm* is making a major contribution here and I'm delighted to commend it."

Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury 2002-12

"I wholeheartedly recommend this course, designed to equip all God's people to establish authentic and effective Church for this and future generations."

Stuart Bell, Leader, Ground Level

"More and more Christians are being led by God to plant, sustain and lead fresh expressions of church. The course is a

crucial means by which the Holy Spirit is preparing them for this calling. Go for it!"

Martyn Atkins, UK Methodist General Secretary

# **Course partners**



# The Methodist Church

















