

Teaching Course

The teaching course covers six sessions at the beginning of the programme. The course starts by establishing a broad Christian framework within which the course elements which follow can be understood. The implications of “God’s story” in terms of identity, values, power, purpose and vocation will be explored. The following sessions will develop a community organising model within the Christian framework exploring the importance of power, self-interest, active listening, research, negotiation, action, evaluation and development in effecting change. Sessions will be practical and interactive. Throughout the course, you will be invited to explore what your particular vocation may be in effecting change so that you will be ready to take on a Change Project for which you have personal commitment.

Change Projects

Through the teaching course, we hope that you will discover a vocation for change about which you feel passionate enough to act. You will be the author of your Change Project: there are no “off the shelf” ideas from which to choose. Experience within Citizens:MK has led to Change Projects concerned to establish a real living wage, to weave trust across diverse communities, to welcome refugees. This kind of community action may be your vocation. Equally, you may be called to initiate a missional project of the church: this could range from starting a coffee morning to creating a fresh expression of church and everything in between. There are no pre-conceived ideas, the only limits are your dreams for the kingdom of God in Milton Keynes.

In the pilot programme, we have seen a Project exploring the development of space for use by community agencies which is creating valuable personal links with key people within the area, a Project linking up significantly diverse constituencies within a single church which is producing a new unity within that church and a Project developing missional links with a school in an area of new build amongst others.

Action Learning Sets

In order to support you in your Change Project, you will work in a facilitated group of five. Each member of the group will have a 30 minute slot to explain and explore the challenges of their Change Project with the support, questioning and inquiry of the other members of the group. These Action Learning Sets (ALS) will meet every other month during the Change Project phase of the programme and are intended to develop focussed mutual localised support for your leadership. You will remain in the same ALS throughout the programme.

The Teaching Programme 2019

Holy Cross, Two Mile Ash

Sat. September 21st	Introduction and Christian Framework The Importance of Power for Change	9.00-4.00
Thurs Sept 26th	Listening for Change	7.30-9.30
Thurs Oct 3rd	Researching for Change	7.30-9.30
Thurs Oct 10th	Negotiating Power	7.30-9.30
Thurs Oct 17th	Action, Evaluation and Development	7.30-9.30

all Thurs sessions will be held at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall

Action Learning Programme

October, November, January, March, May, July

Evening sessions 7.00 - 9.30

Dates and venues to be arranged

Coming Together

There will be two opportunities for all participants to come together in the middle and at the end of the programme for sharing and celebration. Dates and venues to be arranged.

Details

Cost £80

Numbers There are 10 places available for the programme. Action Learning Sets will take place in groups of five.

For further information, please contact John Robertson
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Application

Please apply through the Autumn coMPass leaflet in the usual way.

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