



Children's and Youth work related Courses & Resources

for those involved in or considering
work with children and young people
July 2010


The Methodist Church
MANCHESTER & STOCKPORT DISTRICT

Core Skills

This is an ecumenical course for encouraging the development, skills and knowledge of those engaged in ministry with children. The course consists of six modules each one is creative, thought provoking, interactive and designed to inspire and refresh children's workers at all levels of expertise and experience. Please also see the website www.coreskillsforchurches.com

Programme

- Session 1: Child development
- Session 2: Leadership skills
- Session 3: Programme planning
- Session 4: Children and community
- Session 5: Pastoral awareness
- Session 6: Spirituality and the Bible

More Core Skills

This course builds on the Core Skills course and becomes available from September 2010. There are 6 sessions:

- Transitions
- Special needs
- Challenging behaviour
- The global dimension
- Children's advocacy
- Young leaders

Children's Work Training Manual

Centre for Rural Mission

This is a relatively new resource to assist those in all sizes of churches to provide appropriate teaching and pastoral care to make children part of the church of today. Cost of the manual is £15

Amaze - Best Practice Manual

A comprehensive manual with 19 chapters guiding youth workers through the technicalities and legal requirements affecting youth and children's work. It includes vital information on Working with volunteers, Insurance, Health and Safety, copyright Law, Data Protection, Pastoral Care of Young People, Special needs and Health issue, Quality Assurance, Planning for Off site events, Transport, Special Adventure Activities, trips Overseas, Food Preparation and catering, Information and Communication.

Cost £30 on memory stick £45 printed in A4

Amaze - Employment Manual

This manual is deigned to help you through the complicated process of employing a youth and children's worker. It also includes information and advice relating to the recruitment of volunteers. Ideal for use by a local church or smaller organization, it comes complete with copyright free sheets and key information on:

Planning and Preparation

Finance

Job descriptions and contracts

Advertising

Recruitment and selection

Management

Cost £30 on memory stick £45 printed in A4 binder

Spectrum - Getting Started

An ecumenical resource for those starting a work with young people.

Spectrum - Moving on

A short course for volunteer youth workers

A 2-day course of 8 sessions to develop skills and knowledge that will enable good practice in youth work.

Spectrum - Deeper

The course is designed to equip Christian youth workers who are working with young people on a voluntary or part time basis. It aims to cover all the knowledge skills and values needed to be a competent youth worker under the supervision of a senior worker or management group. Each module is based on curriculum elements that include core theology, key themes, knowledge and skills. A course of six modules:

Relationships

Empowerment

Risk

Reflection

Nurture

Justice

Each module takes approximately 10 hours. Each module can be delivered as a standalone course.

Please contact your Training Officer for further details of Spectrum courses

Story telling Workshops

Ken Luxon offers Story telling workshops that can be arranged on dates and times to suit a particular church or circuit.

Ken has a ministry in story telling to children. But his particular interest is in stories more suited to an older audience. He is eager to recapture the oral tradition within this generation. This tradition which binds together history, spirit, heart and mind in the power of a well told tale

He can run a workshop in basic storytelling skills. This would be suitable for ministers, preachers, worship leaders, young church staff, in fact anyone with an interest in speaking in public.

The workshops cover subjects such as;

- * why we tell stories.
- * where we find them.
- * how to tell them.

Workshops are experiential and include opportunities to work with and tell tales. Ken also provides notes and list of resources.

They can last from 90 min to all day depending on the requirements.

Ken has run these workshops for churches in Manchester, Bolton, Colchester, Guernsey, Wembley & Biggleswade. Also at the "Heart Of Worship," & "Holiness & Risk" conferences. As well as for ministers, superintendents and probationers.

Ken is willing to travel more or less anywhere provided travel expenses and (if necessary) lodging are available.

Contact details are:

www.kentales.co.uk

ken.luxon@btinternet.com or call 02089070831 or 07804855895

Messy Church

A MESSY FIESTA - Training Day

with Lucy Moore at St John's College Nottingham Saturday 17 July 2010 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Find out what is being learned from the experience of leading Messy Church in a variety of difference contexts (rural/urban/large/small etc) and what this may be saying to the Church.

For church leaders considering running Messy Church events, or Messy Church leaders considering the next steps.

The training day content will be tailored to your own needs, but will include:

First principles - what are you trying to do and why?

Planning a fresh expression of church for families that's right for your situation

Getting the priorities right

Sustaining your fresh expression

Practical crafts

Engaging all-age worship

Feeding the 5000 (or the 500 or the 50)

Sharing top tips: Themes: What are people using and what has worked well?

Ideas Recipes Resources and links Stories Messy Churches in Schools Help!

How to get teenagers more involved in Messy Church Planning a session?

This training will help you plan so that everything goes smoothly.

Booking deadline: Friday 9 July 2010

For enquiries contact: Helen Taylor on 0115 968 3221 or email h taylor@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

Café Church

How to run a cafechurch

Come to a training day filled with worship, teaching & workshops that will equip you to run a **cafechurch**. Even if you just want to explore this idea further - come on your own or in a group you will be very welcome.

Saturday 18 September 2010, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramillies Avenue, Cheadle Hulme SK8 7AL. 9.00am to 4.30pm (lunch, training pack & refreshments provided) The early bird rate deadline is 16 July 2010. **Bookings are being taken now** - all bookings and payment to be received by Thursday 16 September.

Saturday 9 October 2010, Ludlow, Shropshire - Living Waters Church, 36 Vashon Close, Ludlow SY8 1XG. 9.00am to 4.30pm (lunch, training pack & refreshments provided). The early bird rate deadline is 9 August 2010. **We are taking bookings now** - all bookings and payment to be received by Thursday 7 October.

- Practical workshops and seminars
- Hear about the vision to have a **cafechurch** on every High Street
- Get a biblical perspective
- Experience **cafechurch** for yourself
- Get the resources pack
- Share ideas
- Networking opportunities
- Complimentary coffee and pastries provided by Costa Coffee

Whether you just want to explore or you need help in starting a **cafechurch**, this day is for you.

Cost

£25 per person, Cheques should be made payable to **cafechurch network**.

How do I book?

Download the booking form using the link below. Fill in and return your booking form in time for an early bird discount! **All bookings & payment must be received by the Thursday before the training day**. For more info contact: alisonlatty@cafechurch.net tel: 020 8664 8506

cafechurch network P.O. Box 1892 Croydon CR90 9AR

Godly Play

Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture It can be used in a variety of settings churches, schools, hospitals, care homes for the elderly

Godly Play is based on long established, tried and tested approaches

Godly Play uses symbols and objects as well as words

Godly Play values process, openness and discovery

Godly Play encourages people to make meaning for themselves

It invites listeners into stories and encourages them to connect the stories with personal experience.

Godly Play is a non-coercive way to encourage children to move into larger dimensions of belief and faith, through wondering questions and open-ended response time.

It is a way of preparing children to join in the worship and life of their congregations as they develop a deeper understanding of stories, symbols and rites.

Although it was originally developed as a resource for children, Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings.

Two hour courses can be arranged at a date and time to suit any church or circuit. Cost is approximately £100 plus expenses for a church or circuit.

Contact Kathryn Lord Email: kathrynlord22@googlemail.com

Working With Children Young People and Families

This course is accredited by Staffordshire University and has a credit value of 15 credits

It aims to provide participants with a grounding in aspects of good practice in work with children, young people and families. The module is structured to cover aspects of each of the six core areas of skills and knowledge which are prescribed in the "Common Core: Skills and Knowledge for the Children's Workforce". These are:

- Effective communication and engagement;
- Child and young person development;
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child;
- Supporting transitions;
- Multi-agency working;
- Sharing information.

The modules will introduce participants to a variety of developmental, theoretical and legal frameworks relevant to the areas listed above. A key emphasis throughout the modules will be the application of knowledge and understanding gained to actual day-to-day practice. Therefore, the module will introduce participants to a range of tools and ways of working that promote good practice.

This course takes 10-15 weeks to complete and requires attendance at 3 taught workshop days during this period based in London.

The course runs up to three times a year with starting dates in September, February and May (subject to sufficient student interest).

Cost £195

Contact Oasis College London for more details Tel. 0207921 4200 www.oasiscollege.org

Adventure

A one day conference for all who work with children and young people in the North West.

It is aimed at those working with 5 to 18 year olds.

There are workshops on many topics facing churches today.

Culcheth High School, Warrington Road, Culcheth.

Saturday 16th October 2010 10am to 4pm

To book a place go to www.mandsmethodists.org.uk

Diploma in Children's Evangelism and Nurture

This is a two year, part time undergraduate course, and now has over 130 graduates, with an increasingly large proportion of diploma students now progressing onto the newly developed BA (Hons) in Children's and Youth Ministry. Students have found it stretching and very affirming of the work they are doing, whether they do that as a paid employee or on a voluntary basis. Graduate students have gone on to further full time work with children, quoting this qualification as significant in their employment.

Using students current youth work experience as their placement, and assessed by assignments and a focused research project, the course covers the unit areas:

- **Theology and Culture**
- **The Child and the Church**
- **The Ethics of Evangelism**
- **Personal and Professional Development**
- **Placements**

The teaching is offered through five week long residential teaching units spread over the 2 years (3 in year 1, 2 in year 2), supported by supervised distance learning. In addition to the research project of 6,000 words which is delivered at the end of the course, a variety of assignments are set for completion between each teaching block.

Diploma in Youth Mission and Ministry

The diploma is a two year, part time undergraduate course which is aiming to further the training of youth workers to think theologically about their own practice, to offer insights into cultural issues, and to explore relevant church models and leadership roles to the adolescent world. The aim of the course is to produce 'reflective practitioners', students who are rooted in ministry but have reflected on the issues surrounding that ministry. This is offered through a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops, group tutorials and individual learning. An increasingly large proportion of diploma students now progress onto the BA (Hons) in Children's and Youth Ministry course.

Using students current youth work experience as their placement, and assessed by assignments and a focused research project, the course covers the unit areas:

- **The Youth work context: Biblical and Contemporary**
- **Reaching Young People: Mission Theology**
- **The Youth Worker: Personal and Professional Development**
- **Youth Culture: Issues facing Adolescents**
- **Young People: Spirituality and Church**

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MA Mission (Children)

MA Mission (Youth)

MA Mission (Children and Youth)

Each of these courses requires attendance at Cliff College for three 5-day residentials.

Contact www.cliffcollege.ac.uk

Further needs

If you would like to discuss training for developing youth and children's work or have other training needs please contact David Syson 01260 223343 dsyson@googlemail.com