

INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

A 6 WK TRAINING COURSE for VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY

Mondays 5-7pm starting 1 October 2018
At 8th Floor, 1 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2BJ

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CIGB's Voluntary Workplace chaplains
are people who want to give about half a day a week
visiting a local organisation or enterprise,
befriending the workers, answering questions
eg 'what are you doing here?', 'what has God got to do with us?',
and helping to discover what 'faithfulness' means in that context.

CIGB has a network of about 50 voluntary chaplains in
places like: Retail; Conference Venues; Fire Stations; FE
College; Construction Sites; Council Offices;
Manufacturing; Canal community; Transport; Theatre



Brief outline course:

- The course is intended for people who are interested in exploring Workplace Chaplaincy as an outworking of their faith life. It introduces some of the core themes and skills of workplace chaplaincy.
- The course is a pre-requisite before CIGB will support volunteers into chaplaincy but completion of the course is not a guarantee that volunteers will be recommended for chaplaincy. There is no requirement that those who complete the course begin chaplaincy with CIGB
- Being 'in good standing with their local faith community' is something that CIGB will also want to confirm before recommending individuals for chaplaincy; as well as asking for character references.
- CIGB originates from the Christian church; most of our chaplains are Christian but have experience of working alongside other faiths. Reference will be made to Church Teaching during the course, but teachers will attempt to respect diversity of participants.
- Course teaching is informal, discussion and role play based, drawing on experiences and skills of participants; Sessions will start and end with brief prayers. Typical programme:
 - **1 Oct Wk 1 – What is chaplaincy? How does it work?**
 - **8 Oct Wk 2 - Chaplain as carer and listener**
 - **15 Oct Wk 3 - Chaplaincy connecting with work / life issues**
 - **22 Oct Wk 4 – Chaplains asking questions and challenging issues**
 - **5 Nov Wk 5 – Visit to see Chaplaincy; Strategies for Chaplaincy**
 - **12 Nov Wk 6 – Fitting this Ministry into Local Faith life; What next?**
- There is a charge of £30 to cover some of the course costs, but this should not be a hindrance to applying – enquire if this is a difficulty.

Course materials

- Written materials will be given out for each week, for reading beforehand.

At end of course

- On Wk 6 there will be a chance for an individual meeting with course tutor to discuss progress into voluntary chaplaincy, if appropriate.
- **Volunteer opportunities in current CIGB chaplaincy teams** include: Bullring Shopping Centre, Touchwood Shopping Centre, Birmingham City Council, NEC, Fire Service. The posts are all unpaid.

CIGB :

- An ecumenical charity that supports workplace chaplaincies across the Birmingham and Solihull areas. The approx. 60 current chaplaincies include places like Birmingham Airport, Bullring and Touchwood Shopping Centres, NEC and NIA, Jaguar Land Rover, Fire Stations.
- Has a management council drawn from the major denominations of the Christian church
- Has links with other faiths and can draw on other faith advisors as necessary
- Also supports church congregations in making sense of work and local economy; engages with transforming economic structures; connects with national 'faith and economy' networks

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Limited places available.