

INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

A 7 WK TRAINING COURSE for VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY

Mondays 5-7pm starting 11 February 2019
At Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2BJ

LED BY
CIGB Workplace Chaplaincy
www.cigb.org.uk



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:
 - **11 Feb Wk 1 – What is chaplaincy? How does it work?**
 - **18 Feb Wk 2 - Chaplain as carer and listener**
 - **25 Feb Wk 3 - Chaplaincy connecting with work / life issues**
 - **4 Mar Wk 4 – Chaplains asking questions and challenging issues**
 - **11 Mar Wk 5 – Visit to see Chaplaincy; Strategies for Chaplaincy**
 - **18 Mar Wk 6 – Chaplaincy in a Multi Faith / Multi Spirituality world**
 - **25 Mar Wk 7 – Fitting this Ministry into Local Faith life; What next?**
- There is a charge of £50 to cover some of the course costs, materials and refreshments – but do still enquire if the cost may be a difficulty.

Course materials

- A course book will be given out at the start of the course and extra materials will be also be given each week. Where possible, a small amount of reading before each session will be encouraged.

At end of course

- On Wk 7 there will be a chance for an individual meeting with the course tutor to discuss progress into voluntary chaplaincy, if appropriate.
- The course is not formally accredited but we will give out certificates of completion at the end.
- Progress into any form of chaplaincy at the end of the course will normally require further safeguarding references etc being taken.
- **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 is:

- An ecumenical charity (cigb.org.uk) that supports workplace chaplaincies across the Birmingham and Solihull areas. The 50 current chaplaincies include places like Birmingham Airport, Bullring and Touchwood Shopping Centres, NEC and NIA, Jaguar Land Rover, Fire Stations.
- Led by a management council drawn from the major denominations of the Christian church
- Linked with other faiths and can draw on other faith advisors as necessary
- Working with church congregations to help them connect with their local economy and working people
- Well connected with national chaplaincy, 'faith and economy' networks

Limited places available.

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