

Story from one of our students who has a heart for marginalised women in her community:

It's been very helpful to learn how to have a deeper understanding of my community and the different people groups within it. As I build new relationships in the community this insight has enabled me to look beyond someone's surface behaviour and understand more about their beliefs and culture. This has helped me in discerning how to listen, engage and convey through my conversations and activities, the Gospel message in a more engaging and relevant way for them. *(Belinda Ngugu, Beckton)*

For more information or to request an application form please contact the Centre Co-ordinator, Julie Clay on the details below.

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Introduction to... Authorised Lay Pioneering

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Lay Pioneer Ministry

- Are there people in your parish who will probably never attend a church service?
- Do you feel the pain of social needs or injustice?
- Do you long for others to know God's love and discover the good news of Jesus?
- How can you see God at work and join in his mission?
- Do you have a glimmer of an idea to make a difference where you are, starting with what you have?
- Can the small fit where the big doesn't?

If so the St Cedd Centre would like to introduce to you its purpose to equip Authorised Lay Pioneers.

The vision of the St Cedd Centre is to provide an environment to identify, equip and support Christians across the Chelmsford Diocese to serve as pioneer ministers. They will be authorised by the Bishop and once successfully completed the course sent out by their parish to minister beyond Sunday services and church buildings. They will seek to bring transformation in their communities, to call others to follow Jesus to become disciples and create Fresh Expressions of Church.

Since its launch on All Saints' Day 2015, the St Cedd Centre ran a Lent Course in 2016 and now has 14 students, who have started their 18 months training in pioneer mission. Formation is by reflective practice on an actual pioneering project with teaching from the Church Mission Society, who bring over 200 years of contextual mission experience.

The Course:

We are now recruiting for our next intake of students due to start in April 2018. The St Cedd Centre for Pioneer Mission course is spread over an 18 month period and divided into 6 Modules. In parallel you will be working on a pioneer mission initiative of your choice.

Each module will involve 2 x teaching sessions, which will be on Saturdays between 9.00am and 2.00pm and held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Collier Row, and other venues around the Diocese. There are also 2 x learning sets that will be held locally at a date to be arranged that suits your group. On completion of the course you will be authorised by the Bishop of Chelmsford and certificate endorsed by the Church Mission Society (CMS) and then locally commissioned in your parish or Mission and Ministry Unit (MMU).

All the teaching will be given by CMS and local pioneers. You will also be given access to CMS online portal "Moodle" and be able to access material to help you develop.

The course will be an apprenticeship style model with some written / creative assessment. You will be required to have an idea for a pioneering initiative and you will keep a journal during the course. At the end you will give a presentation to your learning set and invite your incumbent.

The Modules are:

1. Pioneering Mission
2. Mission Spirituality
3. Reading the Bible
4. Doing Theology
5. Church in Mission
6. Mission Entrepreneurship

Learning Sets:

Being part of a learning set is an integral part of the course. This is an accountability group where you will have reflective learning from the teaching given by CMS. You will be placed in a group with a local pioneer practitioner and are encouraged to think through an idea or plans for a pioneering initiative as you will need to work on this throughout the course. This initiative will need to have the backing of your Incumbent / PCC.