



INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

A 7 WK TRAINING COURSE for VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY

Mondays 5-7pm 20 September – 8 November 2021

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Workplace Chaplaincy CIGB

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Over a year, our Volunteer Chaplains **meet 8000 people** for significant conversations, and support. We meet many thousands more, month in, month out for briefer conversations.



“Chaplains re-charge our batteries”
(Christmas Market Trader)

“My journey at times has felt unbearably hard and having the chaplain there, providing a listening ear or a smile, meant so much to me, enabling me to go back, renewed and able to carry on”
(Public Sector Staff)



CIGB’s Voluntary Workplace chaplains:
are people who give about half a day a week
visiting a local organisation or enterprise,
befriending the workers and stimulating people to wonder about God:
answering questions such as ‘what are God-people doing here?’,
Chaplains support staff to make sense of the highs and lows in their lives.



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CIGB has a network of 60 voluntary chaplains in Retail;
Conference Venues; Fire Stations; FE Colleges;
Construction Sites; Council Offices; Manufacturing; Canal
community; Transport; Residential Living.



- 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 takes place in a city-centre venue; with refreshments
- 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 work (as well as asking for character references).
- CIGB is located with the Christian church; most of our chaplains are Christian but have experience of working alongside other faiths. Sessions will start and end with brief prayers.
- Course teaching is informal; drawing on experiences of participants. It is expected that participants attend all sessions, which run **5-7pm prompt**.
- **Monday 20 Sept Wk 1 – What is chaplaincy? How does it work?**
- **Monday 27 Sept Wk 2 - Chaplain as carer and listener**
- **Monday 4 Oct Wk 3 - Chaplaincy connecting with work / life issues**
- **Monday 11 Oct Wk 4 – Chaplains asking questions; challenging issues**
- **Monday 18 Oct Wk 5 – Visit to see Chaplaincy; Strategies for Chaplaincy**
- **Monday 1 Nov Wk 6 – Chaplaincy in a Multi Faith world**
- **Monday 8 Nov Wk 7 – Chaplaincy Ministry & Local Faith life; What next?**

Fee

- There is a charge of £50 (payable in advance) to cover some of the course costs, materials and refreshments. Please enquire if the cost is difficult.

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 preparatory 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: Solihull Shopping Centre, Fire Service, Construction, Birmingham City Centre. The posts are all unpaid.

CIGB is:

- An ecumenical charity (cigb.org.uk) that supports workplace chaplaincies across the Birmingham and Solihull areas. The 60 current chaplaincies include places like Birmingham Airport, Bullring and Touchwood Shopping Centres, NEC and NIA, Jaguar Land Rover, Fire Stations.
- "Churches and Industry Group Birmingham-Solihull" has 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. Application form available from Val Dalton:

To book a place, or for more info:

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