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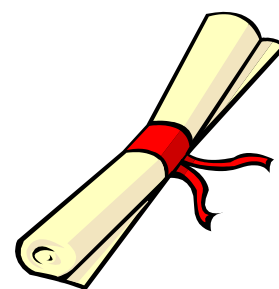
Ministries Forum

The Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry 2007 – 2008



A training programme for those whose
ministry is with children

The Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry offers a professional quality-training programme to encourage, equip and enthuse those who work with children in church. The training programme is held on seven Saturdays from April 2007 to June 2008.



What is the course like?

The certificate is not a traditional academic course and is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. It doesn't require large amounts of writing but is based on experiential learning and recording of evidence with appropriate support through mentoring.

Attainment of the certificate will require attendance at all seven units and satisfactory completion of a portfolio that records Personal Learning. Participants will be supported to do this through tutorials. The Personal Learning Record will be assessed at the end of the programme but will also be monitored as an ongoing process throughout.

We particularly want to encourage Young Leaders to attend and would welcome anyone from age 16 to join the programme.



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Programme

28 April 2007

Unit 1 'The Child of Today'

Understanding the social, cultural and religious issues affecting children today, their needs and concerns and what it means for us as Christians in identifying new approaches to children's work.

23 June 2007

Unit 2 'Children Growing With God'

The stages of child development and the methods and approaches needed to meet them. Developing the skills and qualities appropriate in order to relate to children at different stages.

29 September 2007

Unit 3 'God's Story - Our Story'

Our own relationship with God and with children, in particular looking at how we communicate and the use of storytelling.

24 November 2007

Unit 4 'The Spirit of the Child'

Children's spirituality and how we can use prayer, worship, Godly Play and our own stories to introduce children to the wonder and mystery of a relationship with God.



23 February 2008

Unit 5 'Planning, Behaviour Management & Resources'

Planning and evaluating our work, caring for children with special needs, handling difficult behaviour, and using the latest resources effectively.

26 April 2008

Unit 6 'Safe to Grow'

Understanding Child Protection issues and developing an awareness of strategies for good practice in keeping children safe from harm in the church.

28 June 2008

Unit 6 'Follow the Leader'

How to build and keep an enthusiastic children's team and develop positive relationships between children and adults in your church.



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The Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry offers:

- ✓ Convenient city centre venue - Carrs Lane Church Centre
- ✓ Dynamic delivery team drawing on experience from around the Diocese
- ✓ Seven days of training, including:
 - ✓ A module on Child Protection - because this is an important but difficult area where legislation changes constantly
 - ✓ On-going support through tutorials with advice from a mentor
 - ✓ The latest ideas for today's children drawn from real experience and based on Biblical foundations
 - ✓ Guest speakers on topics such as: Evangelism, Godly Play and Child Protection

Questions you might be asking.....

Who is it for?

The programme is designed for anyone who is involved with children in church: Sunday School or Junior Church teachers; playgroup, crèche or after school or midweek club leaders and helpers; worship leaders; paid or volunteer Children's Workers; as well as clergy, Readers and ministers. People from all denominations are welcome.




Is there any 'homework'?

Yes - you will need to complete a Portfolio that records your Personal Learning from all seven units - but - the portfolio is journal and evidence based - so don't worry, you will NOT have to write essays. You will be supported throughout the programme by a mentor and you will also have the benefit of tutorials after each unit of training.



How much do I have to pay?

 The course costs £95 payable in 3 instalments. The first of £35 will be payable by the 1 April 2007. The second instalment of £30 is payable by 1 September 2007. The third instalment of £30 by 1 January 2008. Your Parish may be willing to

assist with this and an invoice can be sent if required. Please make cheques payable to BDBF. The price includes all course materials and refreshments, however it does not include lunch.

Where do I have to go?

The training will be at Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX. It is right in the heart of the city and is easily accessible from most areas of the Diocese. There are plenty of places nearby where you can get lunch, or you may prefer to bring a packed lunch.

How long are the sessions?

Each day will begin with registration and refreshments at 9.45, starting the day's programme promptly at 10.00 and ending at 4pm.

Who will be leading the days?

The programme will be led by Jo Musson, Bishop's Adviser for Children's Ministry, and a team of trainers who are experienced in all aspects of children's ministry.



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What do I do next?

1. Talk to your Parish Priest or Minister about the course.

It is important that they support your application and they will need to sign your application form. If you have no clergy at present, please ask one of your churchwardens to sign the form.



2. Fill in the application form and return it to the address below before 1 March 2007. Please be aware that places are limited and you are advised to apply early.

Please complete the booking form and return it to

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