INVEST

An opportunity in the South West to explore missional ministry in a Baptist setting in partnership with SWYM.

SWYM
south west youth ministries

swba
south west baptist association

The South West Baptist Association (SWBA) and South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) are offering individuals the chance to explore ministry based within a missional context with outstanding support and training with SWYM.

What will it look like?

You will spend a year based with a missional context in the South West, exploring mission in creative and innovative ways. You will spend 32 hours a week volunteering in this setting, with 8 hours per week set aside for study.

What is the training like?

The course is designed to enable you to grow as a missional leader, covering a wide range of issues and practice. You will be a part of the SWYM Academy Programme, attending six four-day conferences across the year with the wider SWYM community and meeting weekly with local trainees for encouragement and support. You will also receive additional support and input from the South West Baptist Association.

What could the year lead to?

There will be the opportunity to explore as a part of this year what ministry might look like for you which could include training in Baptist ministry or continuing and exploring the BA (Hons) in Applied Theology with Missional Leadership focus for three years with SWYM and Moorlands College.

How much will it cost?

Most of the training costs will be covered by your placement setting and the SWBA, reducing the cost to you to £1,300 for the year. Grants towards the costs of training for those aged 25 or younger are currently available from foundations and charities in the South West.

Your placement will also cover accommodation and food costs, but we recommend you fundraise between £100 – £150 per month to cover other living costs such as toiletries, mobile phone bill etc. SWYM will work with you, giving tools and ideas of how to gather prayer and financial supporters.

Course Overview

You will be working towards an Award in Christian Leadership from Moorlands College, which has been accredited by NCFE as a Customised Award with the learning outcomes benchmarked at Level 3.

The Biblical Leader

This unit will help you to analyse key leadership issues in the Bible and examine how they relate to Christian leadership in the 21st Century.

The Discipling Leader

This unit will help you to reflect on a discipling relationship where you are discipling others.

The Reflective Leader

This unit will help you to reflect on leadership situations and how they should be addressed. It will help you to be a reflective practitioner.

The Pioneer Leader

This unit will help you to critically reflect on pioneer leadership and how important it is to the Church in our current context.

How do I apply?

1. Go to **www.swym.org.uk/apply-now** and fill in an application form.
2. We will then be in touch with you to arrange an interview, take up references and start to talk to you about an appropriate placement.
3. Once you are placed, the year starts in September.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Are you a local church in the South West who want to explore missional ministry with an Invest trainee?

Who are SWYM?

Our vision and passion is that every child and young person in the South West would encounter Jesus, know him, and make a choice to live for more. SWYM exists to serve local churches across the South West of England. We want to help churches across the region establish the best models of ministry, stand in partnership, and learn from each other.

How do I apply to have a trainee?

1. Register to become a Ministry Partner at www.swym.org.uk/churches
2. Complete a Job Description form to show what the placement would involve in consultation with Carl Smethurst from SWBA.

How much will it cost the placement setting?

Placements will contribute £3200 per year towards the training and support fees of the trainee, subsidised by SWYM. Five SWBA placements per year will receive a grant of £2000 towards these costs. Please contact Carl Smethurst for further details.

In addition, placements will provide the trainee with food and accomodation; often with a host family but could be in a shared flat or annexe. The church should also reimburse the trainee's travel expenses for placement activities, cluster and conferences.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more about joining Invest as a trainee or a placement church by contacting:

Carl Smethurst (SWBA) – carl@swbaptists.org.uk

South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) – 01395 487071 // www.swym.org.uk

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