



"The next big step in taking fresh expressions of church forward is making the right kind of training available in every part of the country. The *mission shaped ministry* course looks set to make a major contribution here and I'm delighted to commend it." Archbishop Rowan Williams

"Everybody who did the course was very enthusiastic and it opened up minds to new ways of working." Chris Lilley - Anglican Rural Dean

"The course came at just the right time for me and now we are about to launch a mobile church with a bus working in local communities." Ian Brown - Methodist Minister

"The greatest benefit of the course is its practical side and the chance to talk through issues relevant to your situation." Leanne Corlett - Methodist Youth Enabler



"*mission shaped ministry* is ideal for all those wanting to embrace new ways of being church in a practical way and vital for those already engaged in fresh expressions." Diane Louise Jordan - Presenter, Songs of Praise

"I wholeheartedly recommend this course to all churches in the UK as we seek to work together for the further establishment of God's Kingdom. The course is designed to equip all God's people for the task of establishing authentic and effective Church for this and future generations." Stuart Bell - Leader, Ground Level Network



"More and more Christian people are being led by God to plant, sustain and lead fresh expressions of church. The *mission shaped ministry* course is a crucial means by which the Holy Spirit is preparing them for this calling. Go for it!" Revd Dr Martyn D. Atkins - President, the Methodist Conference 2007-8 and Principal, Cliff College

A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.

It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples.

It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.

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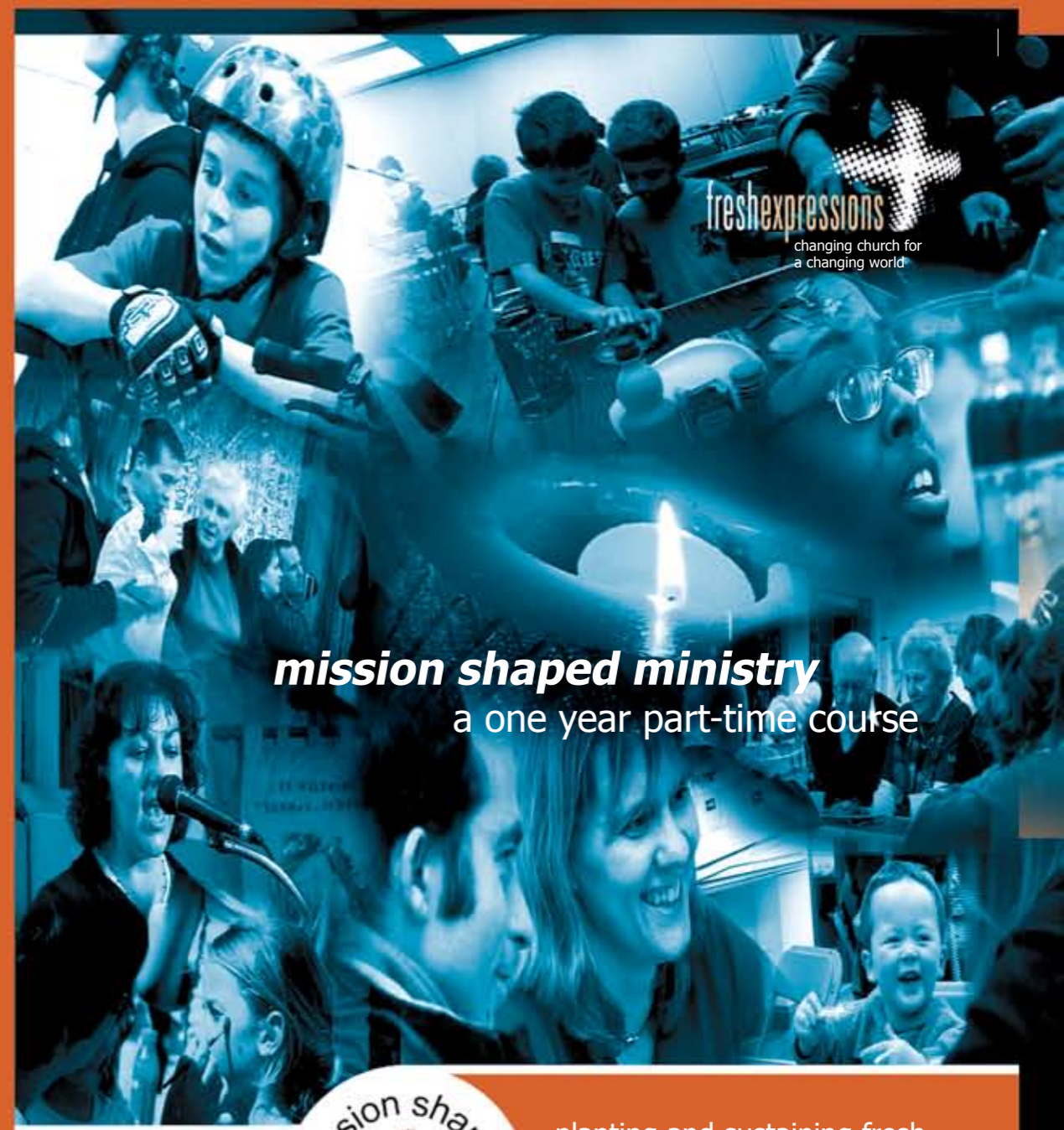
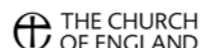
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## mission shaped ministry a one year part-time course



planting and sustaining fresh expressions of church



## mission shaped ministry



All over Britain, Christians are beginning fresh expressions of church for our changing culture.

*mission shaped ministry* is a one year part-time course which aims to equip you to begin this ministry and to go on learning.

### who is it for?

- \* Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission
- \* Individuals and teams who are exploring ideas for fresh expressions
- \* Experienced pioneers who want to revisit their foundations
- \* Lay Christians taking their first steps in mission and ministry
- \* Emerging leaders for new forms of church
- \* Recognised ministers who want to sharpen their skills
- \* Church leaders with an area responsibility
- \* Those supporting and accompanying pioneer ministers
- \* All denominations, traditions and streams
- \* Urban, suburban and rural contexts

### what will we learn?

- \* The qualities and characteristics of Christian ministry
- \* Listening to God in your culture and community
- \* The Christian call to share in God's mission
- \* The nature and shape of the church
- \* Growing new Christians and making disciples
- \* How to begin a fresh expression of church
- \* How to sustain and grow a fresh expression of church to maturity

### features of the course

- \* Designed for busy Christians who are active in ministry
- \* Owned by local churches, dioceses, districts, circuits and denominations
- \* Delivered ecumenically with students from a broad range of traditions
- \* Teaching by local and national teachers
- \* Learning through reflection on your own context and story
- \* Rooted in prayer and worship
- \* Giving practical support through mentoring and accompaniment
- \* Immediate application to your own context
- \* Access to a growing on-line guide to fresh expressions
- \* Uses different learning styles
- \* Lots of varied learning resources
- \* Designed to lead to a lively local learning network of people who support one another in ministry
- \* Suitable for clergy and lay Christians

### the origins of the course

The course has been developed by Fresh Expressions in partnership with a number of other national networks and mission agencies (for full details see [www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedministry](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedministry))

*mission shaped ministry* is based on a course offered in Lincolnshire for a number of years developed by Anglican Church Planting Initiatives and the Ground Level Network. A large number of individuals and groups are involved in the development of the learning materials.

The course is to be offered in every part of Britain by local partnerships beginning in January, 2007.

