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EVANGELISTS

**How, then, can they call on
the one they have not
believed in? And how can
they believe in the one of
whom they have not
heard?...**

2025 - 2026

...And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

Training Days

There will be 16 training days (Saturday) throughout the course including the induction day. We encourage students to attend all of them but a minimum of 12 is required to complete the course. Most training days will run from 9.00am in the morning to 6pm, though some will be half days. They will cover subjects including:

Induction Day

A full introduction to the course.

Missional Expressions of Church

Taking a fresh look at different expressions of church to reach and transform a community.

Ministry in Different religious and Cultural Contexts

Learning from Christians ministering in a cross-cultural setting.

Preaching Workshop

Learning how to construct and deliver an evangelistic sermon

Youth Ministry

Learning good models of evangelism with young people.

Children's Ministry

Learning good models of evangelism with young people

Healing Ministry

A practical introduction to healing.

Doing Mission

Principles and practicalities of preparing evangelistic events and a full week of mission.

Pastoral Care in a Mission context

Exploring what mission looks like in pastoral situations in ministry.

Leadership Training

Learning from those who are in Christian Leadership across the church. This will be covered over several days during the course.

This exciting course is open to adults of any age who have a heart for reaching others with the Gospel. In the past 10 years 41 people have completed the course with many going on into paid positions as evangelists, church planters and other ministry positions.

The course runs over a period of 2 years, beginning in 2025 and is facilitated by New Wine in partnership with Down and Dromore diocese. It was developed by Through Faith Missions with the aim of producing evangelists who combine a credible level of learning, with an ability to actually 'do the work of an evangelist'. On average the commitment is 8 to 10 hours a week split between studying/ assignments and doing evangelism.

Theological study together with a practical portfolio is undertaken to successfully complete the course and this consists of 5 prescribed modules (below) and an Evangelists Portfolio.

New Testament Introduction

This unit covers Jesus' life and message in the Gospels along with Acts and Paul's theology.

Old Testament Introduction

This unit gives a good overview of the Old Testament story and themes.

Church and Ministry

This unit includes a practical project and considers issues in how contemporary church is changing.

Evangelism

This unit will help you to locate ministry in relationship to personal experience, God's mission & your local context.

Holy Spirit and the people of God

The central theme of this unit will be that the Holy Spirit is at work creating a people for God – and that He does this with the Father and the Son, in unity.

The Life of the Evangelist Unit

The course also included an exciting 'life of the Evangelist' core unit, which is skills based, with 12 learning outcomes on practical ways in which faith can be shared with others. This unit will not only teach and encourage you in a variety of skills but also help you to discover those areas of evangelism in which you are most suited for your future ministry.

This is a significant part of the course and assumes your involvement in evangelism over the duration of the course. It involves:

- **A portfolio**
- **Training Days**
- **An assessed mission**



The Evangelist's Portfolio

This key element will enable you to grow more effective as an evangelist. Students gather evidence of the evangelism they are doing during the course and submit it for assessment against 12 Learning Outcomes.

Learning outcomes are a list of what you ought to be able to do by the end of this training. Each learning outcome will be assessed by the gathering of evidence (such as reports) that becomes your Evangelist's Portfolio.

What are the learning outcomes?

- LO1 Be able to lead someone to Christ when they are ready, conveying the gospel facts and challenges appropriately.
- LO2 To preach, with or without notice, the gospel facts evangelistically, and in a manner appropriate to the recipients' setting and background so that those who are ready are drawn to Christ.
- LO3 To attain a level of skill in a range of techniques for communicating the gospel evangelistically.
- LO4 Exercise leadership skills in a team situation.
- LO5 Assess the mission strategy required for different church environments.
- LO6 The ability to turn mission strategy into appropriate mission activity.
- LO7 Sustain their own spiritual life in demanding situations.
- LO8 Teach others how to make their lives an effective witness for Christ.
- LO9 Reach a particular group (social, culture, age) with the Christian message in a particularly effective way.
- LO10 Relate sensitively to a wide spectrum of personalities and cultural backgrounds and ages.
- LO11 To be able to make an appropriate response to people who are suffering psychologically, spiritually or physically.
- LO12 To be able to nurture new Christians.

Support

Your church

As part of the application process, we ask you for a letter of reference from your church leader. We suggest you discuss it with him / her at an early stage and seek their support for the duration of the course. You will need some good opportunities in your home church to engage in practical evangelism to complete your portfolio. It would be good to see if you can present what you'll be doing to your church's governing body to seek their prayer, support, and financial help

Evangelist Placements

In certain circumstances we may be able to place you within an existing ministry or new church plant where you can complete this course as part of your 'on the job' training. In these circumstances the total cost of the course will be covered by the host placement.

Support group

We would encourage you in a more informal way to draw together a support group of 2-4 trusted friends who will pray for you but also keep you accountable. You could meet with them every couple of months. Confidentiality will be important and you also want people who can gently challenge you.

Finance

The total cost of the course is **£1,980**

This covers the costs for all academic modules (including key resources) and the training days. This amount can be paid monthly.

Successful candidates will be awarded one third (£660) of this amount from the diocese. We encourage applicants to seek financial support from their local church towards the remaining amount.

The Application Process

Application forms are available on request from (see below). Please also discuss your potential application with your church leader as a letter of support will be required from them.

For application forms or more information please contact Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621 or andrew@downanddromore.org

Assessed Mission

We encourage all students to undertake one assessed mission during the course with the aims of:

- Enabling the student to learn by theological reflection
- Giving the student a practical setting in which to hone his/her evangelistic gifts
- Enabling students to function in a leadership role
- Relating to local churches other than your own in mission.



Deadline for applications:
Monday 16th December 2024