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**Application form for the**

**FORGE Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme**

**Diocese of Down & Dromore**

**Applications must be received by Thursday 27 July 2023 at 12 Noon.**

**Applications received after this time will not be considered.**

**Interviews will be held on Thursday 3 August 2023**

Completed forms should be returned to:

Keith Gardiner

Fundraising Officer for Church Growth

**by email to**

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**The FORGE Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme**

The Diocese of Down and Dromore launched a new Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme in 2022 to enable young Christians (aged 18-25) to develop a strong and enduring faith through volunteering and learning in host churches.

This new scheme provides an opportunity for young disciples to work and learn in a volunteer apprenticeship model with church leaders and their teams in host churches and church plants within the diocese.

Apprentices will be fully involved in the life and witness of their host church and participate in the ministries of the church, especially children’s and youth programmes. Where available, there will also be the opportunity to gain experience in schools’, outreach and compassion ministries. They will also contribute to diocesan-wide ministry programmes such as Saturday Night Live and our Kilbroney Camp programmes.

Apprenctices will receive training within churches and the diocese to enable them to undertake their volunteer ministry roles.

The scheme will start with induction at the beginning of September, and include monthly training days, group visits to Christian ministries, release to attend training towards qualifications in youth work and an end of year celebration event.

The FORGE programme will begin on Friday 1 September 2023 and finish on Saturday 31 August 2024.

**Personal Details**

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| TitleMr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other |  |
| Surname |  |
| Forename(s) |  |
| Marital Status |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Address for communication |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Contact telephone number |  |
| Email address |  |
| Permanent address including postcode (if different from above) |  |
| National Insurance Number |  |
| Do you have the right to live and volunteer in NI? | Yes/ No |

**Reasonable adjustments for interview**

**If you have a disability, please tell us of any adjustments we may need to make to assist you at interview.**

**Faith and Ministry**

**Tell us about your relationship with God.**

**What church do you attend?**

**Why are you applying for a place on the Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme?**

**What do you hope to gain from this experience?**

**Tell us about your experience of Christian ministry (e.g., camps, Sunday School teaching, practical service).**

**What skills or experience would you bring to this Apprenticeship?**

**What are your hopes for what God may have for you in the future and how might undertaking this Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme contribute towards this?**

**Education and Employment**

**Briefly tell us about your current/past education.**

**Tell us about your educational or professional qualifications.**

**Please give details of your current employment (if applicable).**

**Briefly tell us about your previous employment (with dates and, if relevant, brief reason for leaving).**

**Health and Disability**

**Tell us about any medical conditions or disability which would require consideration during the Apprenticeship.**

**Driving Licence**

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| **Do you hold a current driving licence?** | **Yes/No** |
| **Will you have access to a car during the next year?** | **Yes/No** |
| **Do you have any driving convictionss?** | **Yes/No** |

**References**

**Please give the name, full address and email address of two referees who may be approached for a confidential reference. They should be willing to comment on your character, abilities, experience and Christian commitment. One of these should be the church leader of your home church.**

**Referee 1**

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| **Title** |  |
| **Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Relationship** |  |

**Referee 2**

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| **Title** |  |
| **Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Relationship** |  |

**Declaration by Applicant**

**Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, you are advised that, under the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offender (NI) Order 1978 as amended by the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order (NI) 1987, you should declare all convictions including spent convictions.**

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence, or are at present the subject of criminal charges? Yes / No

If yes, please state the nature and date(s) and sentence of the offence(s)

*(NB: This disclosure of an offence may not be a bar to your appointment.)*

Have you ever been liable by a court for a civil wrong such as an order made against you by a matrimonial or family court? Yes / No

If yes, please give details:



The particulars given by me in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I am found to have given false information or wilfully to have suppressed any material fact, I will be liable to either disqualification or, if appointed, to dismissal.

By signing this form it will be assumed that you agree to the processing of sensitive personal data in accordance with the principles set out in Data Protection Legislation.

In signing this form you agree to undergo any check which may be required by the Church, or under law, in respect of your suitability to undertake this role and understand that any appointment will be subject to those checks being made.

**Signed:**

**Date:**