

Wales Leadership Forum Vision for evangelism in Wales

The challenge

A recent government survey showed that Wales is now dying faster spiritually than any other part of the U.K. This decline is impacting on the church and its ability to reach out and share the gospel.

Wales Leadership Forum hopes to identify young leaders with an evangelistic heart and train and mentor them to work alongside other gospel minded individuals to take the gospel to Wales.

Vision

Every town and village in Wales is served and supported by a gospel community

Strategy

- To work with gospel minded churches and organisations to help train and mentor individuals who have an evangelistic heart
- To support the placement of individuals into churches and provide training and development focused on evangelism
- To ensure all individuals who are funded and placed are allowed to spend up to 6 weeks on gospel mission activities in their training period away from the church they are working with in order to develop a broader range of evangelistic skills.

Training and mentoring

Individuals will be expected to attend a training programme that is focused primarily on evangelism through the local church. WLF have developed a one-year training course designed to enhance the gifts and abilities of people who love to learn practically and actively.

Training focuses on applying biblical theology to ministry opportunities in some of the most neglected and needy parts of Wales. Courses are delivered by WLF with access to a number of recognized evangelical partners, offering a high standard of bible teaching and personal development alongside ministry placement in a local church.

During the training, candidates will develop –

Convictions: Biblical knowledge and understanding of mission.

Character: Under God, learners will be transformed more into the likeness of Jesus Christ to live loving, sacrificial lives that serve the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of those around them.

Competencies: Skills to communicate Biblical truth to others and lead God's people in making disciples.

During this period candidates will be expected to be part of a group involved in missional activities in Wales. This will be for a period of up to 6 weeks and away from their church so that they gain experience in different ministry contexts.

Funding

Match funding will be provided for one year to cover training and placement in a local church.

The funding model includes three contributing sources –

WLF will provide match funding up to £7,000 for the year

The local church will provide an equal amount of £7,000

The individual will be encouraged to raise personal support of £7,000

Individual requirements

Each individual should apply in writing after meeting together with their church leaders, and with WLF trustees to share their heart and calling. Progress on the way forward will then be made and a contract between the individual, the placement church and the WLF will be agreed.

The programme is not available for -

- the provision of funding to support churches in general
- The provision of funding to appoint additional staff members
- The provision of funding to support training unless it is focused on developing a gospel minded individual

The overall vision is to make a gospel difference in Wales

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WLF Training programme

The training programme will be designed around each candidate's experience, gifting and needs. The core of the training for all candidates will focus on issues of Convictions, Character and Competencies. The delivery of the training will include directed reading with interaction by the candidate in the form of journaling, regular meetings with the WLF ministry coordinator, and a monthly meeting together as a group. The training will also benefit from access to a number of recognized evangelical partners from time to time.

Full details of the training programme including the required reading will be available to successful applicants.



Growing Churches Programme Application Form

Individual requirements

Each individual should apply in writing after meeting with their church leader and with WLF trustees to share their heart and calling before agreement on the way forward is made. Following satisfactory references, WLF will arrange an evening of prayer with the candidate's home church prior to a weekend with one of our partner churches to assess suitability. Once all match funding is in place, and final arrangements with the placement church are confirmed, WLF will extend a written invitation confirming the start date.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

I agree with the statement of faith given by the Welsh Leadership Forum.

Name of Church you attend:

Pastor/Elder/Church Leader contact details:

I am happy for my Pastor/Elder/Church Leader to be contacted in support of my application.

Please outline your testimony (500 words)

Please detail the reasons why you have applied for this position (500 words)

Employment History (last job)

Company Name:

Company Address:

Job Title:

Briefly Explain Your Role:

Start / Finish Date:

Reason for Leaving:

Qualifications

School / College:

Subject and Grades including Year:

Please detail any further training that you feel will support your application

Reference Last Employer:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Personal Reference:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Please Return to Chris Street: info@walesleadershipforum.org.uk

Doctrinal Basis

The Wales Leadership Forum team has adopted the UCCF's doctrinal basis (see below) for its work.

The basis of the Wales Leadership Forum shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.