Consultancy for Mission and Ministry

A part-time programme leading to a Postgraduate Diploma or Masters Degree
Consultancy is a skilled process that enables you to work with others to help them analyse and reflect upon their work.

People working in church and community settings need consultants who understand their mission, know about the particular features of their work and can help them think theologically about it.

There is a growing interest in processes that help people work together more effectively including mentoring, coaching, mission accompaniment, evaluation and supervision. This course uses a nondirective approach to help you develop a model of working that best suits your context.

The course allows you to develop your practice in context with support from experienced consultants. Over two years there will be six residentials in Durham at which core teaching is delivered, and you will work with fellow students on case studies to develop your consultancy skills.

Workbooks and online resources are used to study the underpinning knowledge you need about mission, leadership, organisation and consultancy. You will submit assignments three times a year.

All the elements of the course are held together by helping you develop as a reflective practitioner, with a growing confidence in reflecting theologically and interpreting your context and tradition. If you wish to go beyond the Diploma and gain an MA, a supervisor will guide you as you do a research project which you will write up in a dissertation.
Anyone who helps others think about their work! For example, those involved in the following roles:

- community work
- local church ministry
- mission consultants
- regional ministerial roles
- training and development roles
- stewardship advisers
- those working in para-church agencies
- senior church leaders
- ecumenical officers
- evangelism enablers
- pioneer ministers
- community, youth or regeneration projects

In addition we envisage the course being of help to those:

- running work consultancy or appraisal schemes
- undertaking evaluations of church and community work

You will have an opportunity to participate in the following modules plus a dissertation if you choose to work to Masters level:

- Consultancy Practice and Theory
- How Mission can shape the Church
- Developing a Consultancy Model
- The Organisational Context of Mission and Ministry
- Organisational Issues in Church and Community Consulting
- Theological and Practical Reflection on Ministry and Mission

The course team includes consultants who work in a variety of settings, including the local church, wider church structures, the voluntary sector and international work in private and public sectors. This gives us a commitment to working collaboratively to develop your practice as well as high quality academic content. We see the course as a contribution to practical theology, enabling those who work in church and community to reflect belief in action and understand their beliefs by reflecting upon their actions.
The Course Team

**Dr Jocelyn Bryan** is Director of Postgraduate Studies at Cranmer Hall. She teaches Pastoral and Practical Theology, Human Sexuality, Gender and Christian Ministry and Psychology and Christian Ministry. She has worked in Ministerial Formation for the past twelve years.

**Revd David Dadswell** is an Anglican priest working as Director of Systems Leadership Consulting Ltd. He has worked as a consultant with commercial concerns including pharmaceuticals and financial institutions; public bodies such as universities, and local authorities; and in the voluntary sector. He has also worked in parish settings.

**Revd Dr Calvin Samuel** is a Methodist minister and Director of the Wesley Study Centre. He is Academic Dean at Cranmer Hall and lectures in New Testament. He has a wealth of experience, including previous roles as Assistant Director of Research and Faculty Administration at London Business School.

**Sue Miller** joined the Civil Service as a graduate trainee, working in learning and development, policy and consultancy roles. Following her Masters she joined Westminster University becoming a Principal Lecturer (Leadership & Development). She now works in the Methodist Church alongside a research role at Roehampton University.

**Professor Pete Ward** is Professorial Fellow in Ecclesiology and Ethnography in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. He has a particular interest in issues of gospel and culture, youth ministry, mission studies & contemporary ecclesiology.

Further Information

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