

# DIOCESAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Equipping for life, work and leadership  
2023-24



# EXPERIENCE RISK-TAKING, COMMUNITY LIVING AND DEDICATED KINGDOM SERVICE.

The year runs from September 2023 until July 2024.

It is an amazing opportunity

- to be stretched and challenged in discipleship
- to grow in gifts and skills
- to discover more of what God is calling you to.



This has given me the space to invest more in my relationship with God. It's challenged me to step outside of my comfort zone, explore gifts I didn't know I had and grow in those areas I am passionate about. I have felt incredibly supported and encouraged in my calling and walk with Jesus.



# DIFFERENT STREAMS

The Leeds Internship Programme is an umbrella that coordinates a number of different internship streams.

Common to each stream is the opportunity to grow as a disciple, to serve in a placement and to receive weekly teaching as part of a larger group of interns.

We want to help you find the right internship that works for you and gives you the opportunity to serve, grow and discover more of what God has for you and is calling you to whatever your age, background or tradition.

So **do get in touch** to talk about which might be the right stream for you.



The **Ministry Experience Scheme (MES)** is a national Church of England scheme for **18 to 30 year olds** wanting to explore their vocation and discover what it is like to serve in a church.

This can be across a wide variety of ministries and in different placements from Cathedrals to small church plants, from rural to inner city.

MES participants from across the country meet together three times a year.



The **New Wine Discipleship Year (NWDY)** is for **18 to 24 year olds** who want to give a year of their lives to grow as disciples.

There are many different areas of ministry you could choose to focus on: from children's work, to operations, youth teams and finance.

NWDY students have two weekends away with other NWDY hubs from across the country.

## Independent Stream

For those who are outside the age brackets of the two other streams or who want to explore a different stream for other reasons, we offer an independent stream.

This provides the same opportunities of placements, training and support under the Leeds internship umbrella.

# TRAINING

Each week, all participants of the Leeds programme serving across the Diocese of Leeds gather together for a day of teaching in a learning community.

The day begins with worship and the chance to reflect together on how the placements are going.

The teaching is delivered by a variety of people from across the diocese and beyond. Over the course of the year the teaching covers:

- Discipleship and the Kingdom of God
- Encountering God in the Old Testament
- Encountering God in the New Testament
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Leadership
- Worship
- Preaching
- Apologetics
- Pastoral Care
- Challenging questions.

Lots of the training also happens on the ground as you serve in different ministries, trying out new things, taking on responsibilities and seeing God at work in you and through you.



# PLACEMENTS

Alongside the learning community hub the key part of your week is spent in a placement.

Depending upon your particular gifts and sense of calling we will work with you to find the best placement which will stretch you and provide opportunities for you to serve in different ways.



The size and diversity of our diocese means there are many opportunities to explore different types of ministry both within parishes and chaplaincy, as well as being embedded within one community that you get to know and serve.

There are also opportunities to serve in specific areas of ministry:

**Children**

**Youth**

**Administration**

**Worship**

**Creative communications & design**

**Finance**

**Students**

**Outreach**

**Operations Management**

**Working with those on the margins (homeless, addiction)**



I would recommend this to anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Bible, the Church and what serving means as a Christian, but also anyone who wants to discover more about themselves, their value and identity in Christ.

*Past intern*

# ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided for you either in one of our community houses or staying with a family in the parish where your placement is.

Discovering what it means to live in a Christian community marked by shared meals, prayer and hospitality is one of the joys and challenges of the year.



# FINANCE

This is a volunteer role which carries with it no employment status.

In order to be able to fully take part in the experience:

- you will be provided with accommodation in a furnished house or flat
- your utility bills, internet and a TV licence will be paid for
- your training costs will be paid for
- you will be responsible for funding your daily living expenses. This may be through a part-time job alongside your internship or gifts from others
- there will be a bursary available should anyone be unable to meet their daily needs.

# SUPPORT

- You will be supported by a placement supervisor.
- You will have a mentor.
- You will be part of an amazing team serving the church and learning from one another.
- You will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the Diocese Vocations team.

# WHAT A WEEK LOOKS LIKE

- Three or four days serving in your placement (including Sunday).
- A day of training.
- One or two days available to get a part-time job to help towards your living expenses.
- A day of rest.



# RESIDENTIALS & RETREATS



Over the course of the year there will also be different opportunities for residential weekends away and day retreats.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2: 6,7

# WHAT NEXT?

If you have any questions, would like some further information or would like to be sent an application form, please contact our Internship Administrator Katharine Greathead.

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# USEFUL LINKS

[www.leeds.anglican.org/interns](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/interns)

[www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/ministry-experience-scheme](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/ministry-experience-scheme)

[www.new-wine.org/discipleship-year](http://www.new-wine.org/discipleship-year)



This programme offers an amazing opportunity to give a year to grow as a disciple of God, to explore more of what God may be calling you to in the future, to serve the church in many different ways, to be stretched, encouraged, invested in and learn many new skills whilst making a difference to the people you are serving.

If you would like to explore more about what doing an internship could look like for you we would love to hear from you.

*Joanna Seabourne, Internship Director*