



Wycombe Deanery

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## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CENTRE

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### Placement Church Information Overview

#### What is the Discipleship Year?

The Discipleship Year is a year-long programme run in conjunction with New Wine. During this year the trainees will be equipped, empowered and encouraged to grow as a disciple of Jesus. The Discipleship Year runs from September to July and is for those aged 18-24.

This investment in young leaders is serving the church of tomorrow, as well as blessing the church of today. This is an opportunity to invest in our youth, some of whom will have grown up in our churches. We hope and pray that Christ-like leaders will grow and develop, taking the skills that they have learnt into the church and out into the wider world.

#### How does it work?

Each church who wants to be involved advertises for trainees to join their church and work with them for an academic year. This could be in any number of different areas of church life including youth and children's work, social justice, worship, creative media, administration, family ministry and evangelism. These placements are a minimum of 12hrs per week including a Sunday.

Churches can ask trainees to find their own accommodation and find part time employment to cover living expenses. However, churches can make themselves more attractive to prospective trainees by providing accommodation and some financial support with fees and living costs. This is particularly helpful in areas where accommodation is expensive, or in churches who would like the trainee to be available for more hours.

Once recruited, the trainees work alongside existing church staff and volunteers. Each church is responsible for providing appropriate management and supervision for their trainees.

## **Training**

As part of the year, each young person receives training one day a week at a New Wine Training Centre. This will take place at All Saints Marlow. The curriculum includes teaching on doctrine, practical theology, character, leadership and current hot topics.

The training days will be on a Tuesday and run from 9am-5pm. During the day there will also be space for prayer ministry, a word of the day and sung worship.

## **Could your church consider having a trainee for the next academic year?**

### **What costs are involved?**

Each trainee pays a fee of £1000, and each host church pays a fee of £500. These fees go to New Wine, and cover two weekends away for the trainee (bringing them together with trainees across the country), their training fees and administration.

In addition to these costs, each church may well choose to cover accommodation, pay for travel expenses and provide a living allowance.

### **Further Information**

For more information on the Discipleship Year, visit New Wine's website: <https://www.new-wine.org/mission-areas/discipleship-year>

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