



**CREATING
CHURCH IN THE
EMERGING
CULTURE**

The rapid pace of change in our culture has raised a number of questions for a church failing to grow or even sustain itself. In these surroundings many have heard the call to become missionaries at home. Fresh expressions of church are emerging all over the place with different styles and theologies echoing and adapting to the assorted nature of our culture. There are new opportunities as well as profound challenges, renewed excitement and vision alongside the reality check of how hard it actually is to plant a church from scratch.

ReSource brings together a number of people, churches and organisations. Together we represent a breadth of experience and understanding with the vision to train those engaging with this journey.

Together we will examine the theology and practice from both a mission and pastoral perspective – taking a broad look at the church and the emerging culture. We will go right back to the essentials and ask...

**if you are starting a church from scratch,
what do you need to make it a success?**

21st century missionaries face the unknown – what are we getting into and how are we going to cope with it? ReSource deals with doubt and helps break down vision into achievable bits so you are not swamped by the enormity of the task.

ReSource weekends

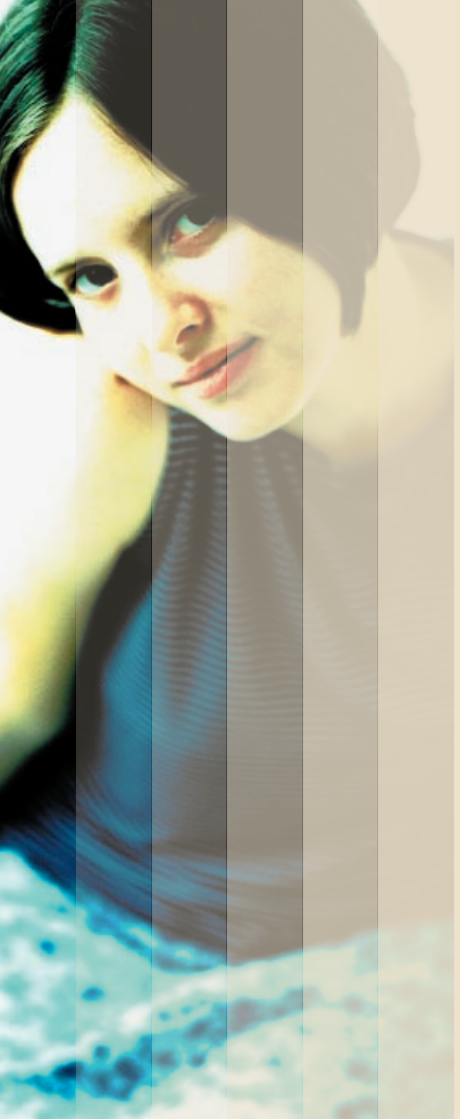
The five weekends will be times to get together and share our common journey. There'll be different styles of learning – coaching, discussion, story telling, creative thinking, lectures, worship and prayer. Covering the topics of mission, culture, leadership, church and transformation.

We want to encourage a creative learning environment. Your challenge is to develop your own skills to evaluate and reflect on the theories and examples given and apply lessons learnt to your own context. ReSource brings together in partnership individuals who have done things differently and so is a great opportunity to thrash out different approaches.

ReSource assignments

The assignments will help you to engage practically with the ongoing learning process throughout the year. They will enable you to get the most out of the course and also give you something to refer back to.





ReSource mentoring

Ongoing mentoring and coaching is crucial to help you reflect on what's going on in your context and applying to it what you're learning. Ideally each student will be linked to a learning mentor in their locality for ongoing support throughout the year. As well as this, coaching sessions will be held during the weekends by the core team and other guest contributors.

Our aim is that by the end of the year you will:

- be equipped to create church in emerging culture
- develop mission strategies for your specific context
- explore and apply skills in leadership and discipleship
- develop your capacity for spiritual and personal growth

For £420, the training school will cover modules, notes, mentoring and food for the 5 training weekends. To include accommodation as well costs an extra £200.

ReSource is run by a core team of individuals from partner organisations:

Bob and Mary Hopkins

Bob and Mary lead Anglican Church Planting Initiatives and are part of the Fresh Expressions Team. They also work closely with St Thomas Church, Sheffield developing church for the emerging generation.

Simon Hall

Simon is a leader of revive, 'a church for people that don't like church' in Leeds. He teaches theology to trainee youth workers and is undertaking postgraduate research into how young people interpret spiritual experiences.

Andrew Grinnell

Andrew works for ALOVE - the Salvation Army for a new generation, where he oversees the development of NEO (new expressions of) church planting teams.

Beth Keith

Beth leads and facilitates ReSource, she also studies theology and leads 'church' a cluster of young adults connected to St Thomas' Sheffield.

Jonny Baker

Jonny works for the Church Mission Society developing and supporting new ways of being church. He teaches on youth culture and mission at the Centre for Youth Ministry and is a member of 'Grace', an alternative worship community.

Roger Ellis

Roger is a leader of Revelation church in Chichester. He is a founder member of Fusion as well as being a member of the Pioneer Team. He also trains and mentors leaders both in the UK and overseas.

Allan Cox

Allan is responsible for mission and resource at Community Church, Southampton where he leads one of the congregations with his wife Lizzie. He also mentors church leaders and has years of pastoring and counselling experience.

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ReSource programme

Weekend 1 - Mission

20th – 22nd January 2006, Sheffield

Weekend 2 - Culture

24th- 26th March 2006, Birmingham

Weekend 3 - Leadership

2nd – 4th June 2006, Reading

Weekend 4 - Church

22nd – 24th September 2006, Chichester

Weekend 5 - Transformation

24th – 26th November 2006, Manchester

Bookings and additional information can also be found on the website resourcechurchplanting.com

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Application Form

First Name Last Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Tel

Church Organisation

Church Address

Reference 1 – church leader

Email

Tel

Reference 2

Email

Tel

PTO...

Tell us a bit about what you're involved in and what your current leadership role is:

You can either pay for ReSource in one lump sum or in instalments by cheque or standing order. Please make cheques payable to ACPI Resource.

(tick as appropriate)

I would like to register for ReSource

I would like to register for the course plus accommodation.
Total cost £620

I would like to register for the course without accommodation.
total cost £420

I enclose a deposit of £120 and will pay the rest by instalments

Please send me a standing order for the remaining payments

I enclose a cheque for the full amount of £420
or £620

Please complete and return to:
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