

All over Britain, Christians are beginning fresh expressions of church for our changing culture. 'Mission shaped ministry' is a one year part-time course which aims to equip you to begin this ministry and go on learning. The course is being developed and rolled out nationally by the Fresh Expressions team, an initiative established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the national leadership of the Methodist Church.

Who is it for?

Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission
Individuals and teams who are exploring ideas for fresh expressions
Experienced pioneers who want to revisit their foundations
Lay Christians taking their first steps in mission and ministry
Emerging leaders for new forms of church
Recognised ministers who want to sharpen their skills
Church leaders with an area responsibility
Those supporting and accompanying pioneer ministers
All denominations, traditions and streams
Urban, suburban and rural contexts

Features of the course

Designed for busy Christians who are active in ministry
Suitable for clergy and lay Christians
Delivered ecumenically with students from a broad range of traditions
Teaching by local and national practitioners
Giving practical support through mentoring and accompaniment
Rooted in prayer and worship
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The Norfolk course is led by Jane Loades, Methodist District Evangelism Enabler and Stephen Mawditt, (themawditts@tiscali.co.uk) Minister of the Fountain of Life church, a missionary congregation of the Church of England, and will be taught by national and local Fresh Expressions staff. The current course finishes in December 2007 and it is anticipated that the next one will start in September 2008.