

# Training Information

Some learning, development and training opportunities for individuals and churches

## **Adept**

This is a small specialist Community Development Agency based in Coventry, but with an England & Wales remit. Consultancy and training about setting up as a charity or company, chairing meetings, regeneration skills, etc. [www.adept.org.uk](http://www.adept.org.uk) Tel. 024 7623 0606.

## **British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)**

A 6-month accredited Environment Employment Programme for unemployed people seeking practical experience in conservation work is offered in order to pursue a career. They also run courses on Involving and working with your local community on environmental projects and Working with vulnerable groups. <http://www2.btcv.org.uk/> Tel. 01302 572200.

## **Building Bridges of Hope**

This is a learning and sharing process for churches that are seeking new, creative ways of engaging with their communities for the sake of the Gospel and the common good. It's an extensive practical exploration of what it means to be a mission-engaged church. A work book and video enables congregations to share insights and reflect on community engagement. <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/> Tel. 01787 227979.

## **Church, Community & Change**

This is an excellent training programme and process that will enable churches to respond to the needs of their communities in a way that shows God's love and brings about real, lasting and positive change, both in their own attitudes, and in their neighbourhoods. <http://www.tearfund.org/Resources/Working+with+your+community.htm> Tel. 0845 3558355 / 0208 9779144.

## **Churches Community Work Alliance (CCWA) Training Directory**

This gives comprehensive details of courses and training opportunities for community work. It also includes sections on the principles and values of community work and a spiritual interpretation of church related community work. [www.ccwa.org.uk](http://www.ccwa.org.uk) Tel. 0191 334 3346.

## **Community Development Foundation**

Regularly publishes a National Training Programme with a selection of short courses delivered around England and Wales. They aim to enhance community development work practice eg. Assessing Community Strengths, Community Projects not Community Income and the Achieving Better Community Development (ABCD) planning and evaluation model. [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk) Tel. 0113 246 0909.

## **Community Matters**

Offer short training courses that are specifically designed to support community organisations. Various courses around technical and legal matters, policies and procedures and developing skills. They also run basic one-day courses for community organisations that run community buildings. Developing your Community Building is free to groups who have little funding and find it difficult to get appropriate training. [www.communitymatters.org.uk](http://www.communitymatters.org.uk) Tel. 020 7837 7887.

## **Consultancy, Mission & Ministry**

A postgraduate Diploma and MA modular course designed to enable students to study, analyse, design and consult about the actualities of church and community work in the light of contemporary developments in the understanding of organisations, congregations and missiology. Tel. 01246 583739.

## **ContinYou**

The central purpose of ContinYou is to make learning part of everyone's everyday life, and to make sure that no one is excluded from learning. Their projects, training and consultancy work are designed to show the value of learning, as well as to provide practical ways of involving people so that those that have not taken up learning opportunities in the past are excited by the possibilities. [www.continyou.org](http://www.continyou.org) Tel. 024 7658 8440

## **Faith in Living Course, The Partnership for Theological Education, Manchester**

An ecumenical training programme that can result in the Diploma, BA or MA in Contextual Theology awarded by the University of Manchester and the 'Higher Education Diploma in Church & Community' which has been professionally endorsed by the England Standards Board for Community Development Work Education and Qualification (ESB). Endorsement by the ESB confirms that courses are good quality Community Development Work courses ('kitemarking') which reflect the National Occupational Standards and the value base of Community Development Work. This will also meet the demands of employers for an understandable and discrete set of qualifications in Community Development Work. This is a 4-year full-time course delivered on a part-time residential basis in Manchester for 6 or 12 weekends each year. The Church & Community modules are reinforced by learning through church and community placements. The course is available for individuals from all denominations and Christian agencies. [www.ptem.org.uk](http://www.ptem.org.uk) Tel. 0161 249 2528 / 2540.

## **Gateways into Communities**

These are a variety of short-term training and development programmes for volunteers, church members and clergy who may be involved in church community work or service and want to build on their experiences and affirm their community development work skills. Promoted by the United Reformed Church as part of the Training, Learning & Serving scheme, they are supported by the CCWA and the Iona Community, are available for people from any denomination and will begin in autumn 2005. [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk) Tel. 020 7916 2020

## **Learning about Community Work.**

Curriculum materials for community work learning. Community Work Accreditation Consortium for North East England (CWACNEE): Third Edition, CWACNEE, Sunderland, 2001.

## **Learning about Community Work (Faith Edition).**

Curriculum materials for community work learning from a faith perspective. Community Work Accreditation Consortium for North East England (CWACNEE): Faith Edition, CWACNEE, Sunderland, 2001.

## **Taster sessions from the Federation for Community Development Learning (FCDL)**

What is community development work?; How groups work; Problems within groups; Involving people; Understanding and getting involved in partnerships; Skills for representing your community; Skills for representing your community. The taster sessions are written up as packs with detailed session plans, handouts, worksheets and tutor prompt sheets. (each session covers 3 hours) [www.fcdl.org.uk](http://www.fcdl.org.uk) Tel. 0114 273 9391.