

**We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to be a Ministry Trainee at Cornerstone Church.**

Cornerstone is a growing independent Church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (F.I.E.C) and to Co-Mission.

At Cornerstone, you'll find everyone from babies to the elderly, students to retirees, those caring for others, and those working in the city, and everyone else in between!

**Our mission is to reach out to the diverse people of Kingston with the good news of Jesus Christ.**

If you love the Word of God and Christ's church and are eager to **serve humbly, grow in your knowledge of the Bible, model the Christian life, and gain ministry experience**, we'd love you to apply to be a Cornerstone trainee in 2022.

If that sounds like you, take a look at the FAQs below, then get in touch with us at [info@cornerstonechurchkingston.org](mailto:info@cornerstonechurchkingston.org) so we can send you an application form and answer any questions you may have.

### **Who is the Cornerstone Trainee Scheme for?**

The Cornerstone Trainee Scheme is an opportunity to explore whether full-time or part-time vocational gospel ministry is right for you. It's a full-time volunteer role, across 6 days each week. You can apply for a grant to cover your living costs, including accommodation, and you can claim reimbursement for costs incurred as a trainee.

We invite applications from men and women who are committed to our statement of faith and who are interested in exploring the possibilities of vocational gospel work. You'll become a member of the Cornerstone staff team for the duration of your time with us.

### **What's involved in the Trainee Scheme?**

The scheme consists of three main strands:

**Training:** You will be trained in Bible teaching, doctrine, and practical ministry skills. You will have the opportunity to join the Proclamation Trust's Cornhill Training Course, in addition to fortnightly ministry workshops with other trainees from across the Co-Mission network. You will also receive on-the-job ministry training and teaching from the Cornerstone staff team.

**Ministry:** Cornerstone trainees typically get involved in many aspects of church life: Children's and Youth Ministry, Welcoming, Student Work, International Ministries, Evangelism, Media and Streaming, 1:1 Bible Reading and much more! However, we also talk with our trainees about specific areas of focus that are of interest to them.

**Practical Serving:** We are a growing church and our building (The Hub) is in near-constant use. That means there is lots of set-up, cleaning and 'behind the scenes work' which is crucial to keep our ministries running. Although this work can be hard-graft, it contributes significantly to the work of the gospel in Kingston.

## Where is the scheme based?

This trainee scheme is based at Cornerstone Church, in Kingston Upon Thames. During the week you will be based at our building, The Hub.

## How long does the Trainee Scheme last?

The Cornerstone Trainee scheme runs for 2 years and typically starts at the beginning of September. If you're interested in becoming a trainee, please get in touch with us, even if you don't think you're likely to be ready to start in September 2022. It's always good to have lots of time for praying and conversations!

## Do I get paid? How will I live?

A Cornerstone Trainee is a volunteer. However, there is a grant available for living expenses including accommodation, and you can also claim reimbursement for costs you incur as part of your ministry.

## What happens at the end of my time as a trainee?

Throughout your time with us, your trainer and other senior staff will listen to your plans for the future and offer any help and wisdom they're able to. After two years ministry trainees do a variety of things but mostly, they go in one of two directions;

Back to the **secular workforce or family roles**, contending for the faith among colleagues, family, and neighbours, having been really helpfully equipped to share and defend their faith during their time as a trainee. These trainees find themselves much-loved and respected in their local church because of the formation and experience they've had.

Into a **ministry role** for a few more years, combining further theological study with practical church ministry. You'll have plenty of opportunities to think about your options, take godly counsel, and make plans for whatever God has in store for you next!

## What Next?

If you're interested in joining the scheme or, if you'd like more information, get in touch with us at [info@cornerstonechurchkingston.org](mailto:info@cornerstonechurchkingston.org) so we can send you an application form and answer any questions you may have.

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