



Church Related Community Work

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Candidates selected for the CRCW ministry participate in the Learning for Mission and Ministry course run by the Partnership for Theological Education, Manchester (www.lutherkinghouse.org.uk). It is not essential that candidates have community work training but it is certainly important that they have some significant insights into community needs and service. And have some experience of community work - paid or unpaid. They may already have some of the qualification requirements that can be taken into account through Accredited Prior Learning (APL) or Accredited Prior Experiential Learning (APEL).

The Learning for Ministry and Mission Course is a vocational course giving you a chance to study for a Foundation degree in Arts and is endorsed by the England Standards Board for Community Development Work Training. The learning is within a Christian perspective that provides you with the ability to integrate the two disciplines in your work with the community. The pattern of training includes a substantial Community Work placement and is based around four or more extended weekends and will include two residential weeks. Placements and teaching run con-currently to foster critical reflections on theory and fieldwork. It is designed to appeal to those with energy and experience but wanting further training for work with communities.

The purpose of the training is to acquire professional skills, understand how the Christian faith affects practice and equip people to work effectively in Christian constituencies and other settings. Through this the CRCW will develop a theological self-awareness and use this with an appropriate pastoral sensitivity and a gain a professionally recognised set of community work skills.

Suzanne Adofo & Steve Summers are Development Workers (job-share) for Church Related Community Work in the URC. If you feel that CRCW ministry is where God is leading you and that you would like to explore the possibilities please contact Suzanne or Steve at crcw@urc.org.uk or on 020 7916 2020. Please also see: www.urc.org.uk/crcw

