

Why are we offering this course?

We are only too familiar with the cry that there is a split between our faith and the realities of modern life. Likewise that formation to help lay people take up their roles as Christians must be life centred and speak to people's actual experience of life – not any easy challenge. At the heart of this course is the belief that God is as much to be found in our relationships, our families, our homes, our places of work and the events of every day as in prayer, in Scripture and in the Sacraments. Developing lay people for today's society involves building on this faith reality, to discover the God who is as much with us in the every day of our Mondays to Saturdays as our Sundays.

About the Craighead Institute

This Institute is a Scottish based ecumenical Institute of Life and Faith involved in Consultancy, Research and Training in a global context. Staff work systemically with specific emphasis on work which engages with faith, values and beliefs in society. In doing so the Institute works with individuals, groups and organisations to transform oppressive and outdated structures into living and sustainable systems, contributing to a greater fullness of life.

The Craighead Institute is carrying out work in the global context that includes: Australia, Belgium, Bosnia, Burma (Myanmar), Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, Congo, Croatia, Denmark, France, Fiji, Gambia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Switzerland, Thailand, U.S.A., Zambia, Zimbabwe, as well as the UK. The Craighead Institute is a premier practice of the Institute of Management Consultancy.

About the team: Liverpool J&P began training with the Craighead Institute in 2004 and are now able to provide a team of local people who will be mentored by the Institute. As well as the **ILF** course we offer **ELF**, a short course (4 x 1.30hr) as an introduction to exploring the links between **life** and **faith**

LIVING FAITH FULLY

**A Course in the
INTEGRATION OF LIFE AND
FAITH
Accredited by the Craighead
Institute**

A training course to explore the role of Christians as citizens in society and the way in which, inspired by the Gospel, they can make a difference.

Delivered over 4 weekends
(non-residential)
November 2008 –
June 2009

with 9 local 'base group' meetings

Cost: ***To be confirmed***

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(18 places available)*

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**Archdiocese of Liverpool
Justice & Peace Commission**

**MODULE 1: Saturday 22nd November
Sunday 23rd November**

Trust Building and Communication Skills

Aim: To develop interpersonal skills in listening, interaction in groups and facilitation.

Content:

The Path of discernment; The principle and foundation of God's love; Trust Building; Listening and Communication Skills; Understanding group dynamics; Facilitating a group; Keeping to task; Learning how to keep a log book; Pastoral Cycle, reflecting on my own journey

**MODULE 2: Saturday 1st February
Sunday 2nd February**

Christianity and Social Concern

Aim: To assist one another in linking faith and justice through an understanding and knowledge of society and the social teachings of the Church.

Content:

Understanding my own Faith journey; Looking at the wider world; Justice/injustice; Understanding: Perspective /Bias/ Stance i.e. how I see things; How to do Social Analysis; Ecumenical Social Teachings

**MODULE 3: Saturday 28th March
Sunday 29th March**

The Word of God in Scripture., Life and Community

Aim: to link reality as we perceive it, the community in which we live and our faith story, both in the Bible and in our own lives.

Content:

Understanding beliefs and values; Linking scripture to life experience; Images of God; Introducing Old Testament/New Testament Theme of liberation, Exodus, Prophecy of Kingdom: Church/Kingdom.

**MODULE 4: Saturday 6th June
Sunday 7th June**

Ignatian Prayer/Discernment/Action

Aim: To enable participants to explore pastoral methods for building the Kingdom of God today.

Content:

Looking at Ignatian Spirituality; Power and Powerlessness
How can I exercise power? Experiences of prayer; Freedom to act; Working together for the Kingdom of God

Some Practicalities.

Saturdays: 9.30am–5.30pm.

Sundays: 9.30am–4.30pm.

Registration, coffee etc from 9.00am.

Please bring a contribution for a shared lunch.

Teas/Coffee provided.

Between each module participants will form Base Groups, meeting up to 3 times at a mutually convenient time and place. There are no 'essays'. Rather, participants will be asked to reflect on their own learning.

Staff are trained and recommended by The Craighead Institute.

Who might benefit from this Course?

Disciples wanting to reflect on their faith/daily living balance and integration and to respond accordingly. Previous participants have included: interested parishioners, adult educators, catechists, justice and peace group members, pastoral team leaders and members, parish ministers, spiritual directors, schoolteachers, department heads, pastoral workers and those in the caring profession....

and how? Discovering more energising and empowering ways of working through an experiential approach aimed at integrating life and faith.

