

NW&Mann

Learning & Development Network

Setting the scene;

At the centre is the Methodist people (you), sharing the love of God in our communities.

Supporting you is your District, and the north west regional Districts it is in a covenant relationship with, all of whom connect to Conference and other governance groups, as well as Stationing.

Also supporting you are the Connexional staff team in the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network (DMLN), who are linked to others with similar role around the UK, and also are linking with more ecumenical partners.

Also supporting you are the countless volunteers as well as ordained staff & lay workers.

Together, the District, the regional Districts, the DMLN, volunteers and some ordained and lay staff will make up the NW&Mann Learning & Development Network, with the purpose of building your confidence as Methodist people sharing the love of God in your community.

What will all of this mean?

There is a group of people making up a NW&Mann Learning & Development Forum whose sole reason for meeting will be to provide learning opportunities and development journeys for Methodist people who want to deepen discipleship through mission and service.

This will include:

- Improving the local preacher & worship leader training
- Being tutors to the Methodist Ministers in training in this region
- Ensuring Creating Safer Space safeguarding training is in place
- Bringing lay employees together to share good news and develop skills
- Providing space and teaching to build the confidence of church & circuit leadership
- Encouraging young people to take a fully active role in church life and introducing them to other children & young people from around the Connexion at 3Generate
- Line managing young people on the youth participation scheme, the ONE programme
- Leading programmes for people feeling nudged by God to serve in new ways
- Building confident pray-ers
- Practical support for meaningful connection to bring about social justice
- Reviews of the role of local churches and circuits
- Practical support for better use of buildings as tools for mission
- Training for key leadership roles in church life
- Exploring creative arts as mission
- Signposting and training for quality small groups
- Strategy & decision making support for Circuits
- Theological conversation & challenge for preachers and others
- Training for Ministers in continual development

This list is not exhaustive.

Within all the work of the NW&Mann learning & development Network there is a commitment to helping each life reflect the scriptures, making faith relevant to the real life situations we each live in, help people encounter God and talk of God, and to respectfully learn from one another.



Brec Seaton

is working out of Cumbria and leads on supporting rural ministry, social justice issues, and circuit reviews



Edel McClean

is linked in to Lancashire and leads on spiritual accompaniment and prayer



Andrew Lunn

is linked in to Bolton & Rochdale and leads on pastoral care, local preacher / worship leader training and training Ministers



John Squares

is linked to Manchester & Stockport and leads on small group discipleship support and whole life discipleship



Alison Hulse

is working out of Liverpool and leads on creative arts in mission, under 5's spirituality and safeguarding



Jasmine Devadason

is linked to Liverpool and leads on biblical literacy, local preacher / worship leader training and training Ministers



David Pickles

is linked to Chester & Stoke on Trent and leads on buildings as tools for mission, financial inequalities, and church reviews.



Alison Parker

is linked to the Isle of Man, and coordinates the work of the Network, and leads on training for roles and leadership.

A commitment to transformational

1. Discipleship, with a commitment to assist Methodist people as life long, world transforming disciples
2. Churches & Communities, with a commitment to support growth in changing mission contexts
3. Ministry, with a commitment to train those with lay & ordained ministries (especially local preachers, worship leaders and an candidates for diaconal & presbyteral ministry)
4. Scholarship, research & innovation with a commitment to nurture theological thinking and research

This team are working to make links between people to share the good ideas and to work towards Methodism being a discipleship movement shaped by mission.

www.discipleshaped.org.uk is the place to find links to what is available in your area and all the contact details for the DMLN in this region.

If you have skills and ideas which you think Methodism would benefit from sharing, please talk to one of the DMN staff, or your Minister and together we will build a network.