



Equipping a new generation of pioneers for Wales

DERWEN PROJECT

"They will be called oaks [*derwen*] of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendour."

Isaiah 61:3

OUR VISION

This training programme exists to develop a generation of pioneer leaders who will take the gospel to people groups and places in Wales where there is no viable gospel witness. It will catalyse a new expression of Christianity in Wales. It is not an academic programme, rather it seeks to develop the character and skills of the leader. It will equip participants with experience that other programmes, internships, movements and denominational training can build upon.

This programme is for anyone who has a heart to share the good news of Jesus in Wales in a pioneering context. It could be the first step towards pioneering ministry for some and for others it could support their development as new pioneers and leaders.



Just think...

If we take seriously the need for outward facing, relevant and contemporary churches, with a Christian community in all local communities, people and language groups...

People need to see an expression of church that they can access, relate to, and feel comfortable in...

What if we don't?

- David Ollerton, A New Mission to Wales

OUR STRATEGY

A trainee pioneer will be part of the programme for two years. During this period there will be time for learning, fellowship, prayer, and personal development at a national and regional level, alongside local mentor relationships and placement experiences.

September	National Gathering	NATIONAL Three times a year the trainee pioneers will meet for a 24 hour retreat for teaching, worship, prayer and fellowship in a relaxed, yet intentional setting. The retreat will follow a learning community model, and will set in motion a wave of development and formation that will be carried on and applied in the regional groups.
October	Mentor Meeting	
November	Equip - Coleg y Bala	
December		REGIONAL Smaller regional groups will gather together trainee pioneers for fellowship and prayer. Here they will continue the discussion from the national gatherings, applying the teaching to their local context. The frequency and time of these meetings will vary from one region to another (depending on the members of the group).
January	Regional Group	
February	Mentor Meeting	
March	National Gathering	LOCAL MENTOR Each trainee pioneer will be required to have a local mentor who is able commit his/her support to the trainee throughout the two year programme. The mentor will seek to ensure that the trainee pioneer makes the most of the programme, as well as encouraging and providing further opportunities for growth and development, including placement experiences that take them out of their context. The mentor will attend the national and regional gatherings, and meet regularly with their trainee pioneer.
April	Mentor Meeting	
May	Regional Group	
June	Mentor Meeting	
July	National Day	

JOIN US

We are passionate to see our vision become a reality. For this to happen we need partnership and support to see pioneers raised up, the priority areas reached and Christianity in Wales revitalised by the good news of Jesus.

- ▶ Do you have a heart to share the gospel in Wales? Has God placed a dream or desire in your heart? Would you like to be a part of the project?
- ▶ Is there a member of your church, movement or denomination who would benefit from this project?
- ▶ Would this project enrich the learning and complement the development of one of your staff members or interns?
- ▶ Could you be a part of the project by supporting a trainee pioneer by nurturing their faith and supporting their development? Could you be a mentor?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Could you, or your church partner with us to see a new generation of pioneer leaders equipped to share the gospel in Wales?



10 individuals donating £10 a month would sponsor 1 trainee pioneer



10 churches donating £30 a month would sponsor one national gathering*



1 donation of £3600 would sponsor 1 national gathering*

*on the basis of 15 trainee pioneers attending with their mentors, and the cost of resources and speakers.

PARTNERSHIP AND OWNERSHIP

The Derwen Project is a partnership between Waleswide and Souled Out Cymru and is collaborating with other movements and denominations in Wales. Please do get in touch to discuss how people in your context can benefit from the training so we can invest in the Derwen Project together.

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