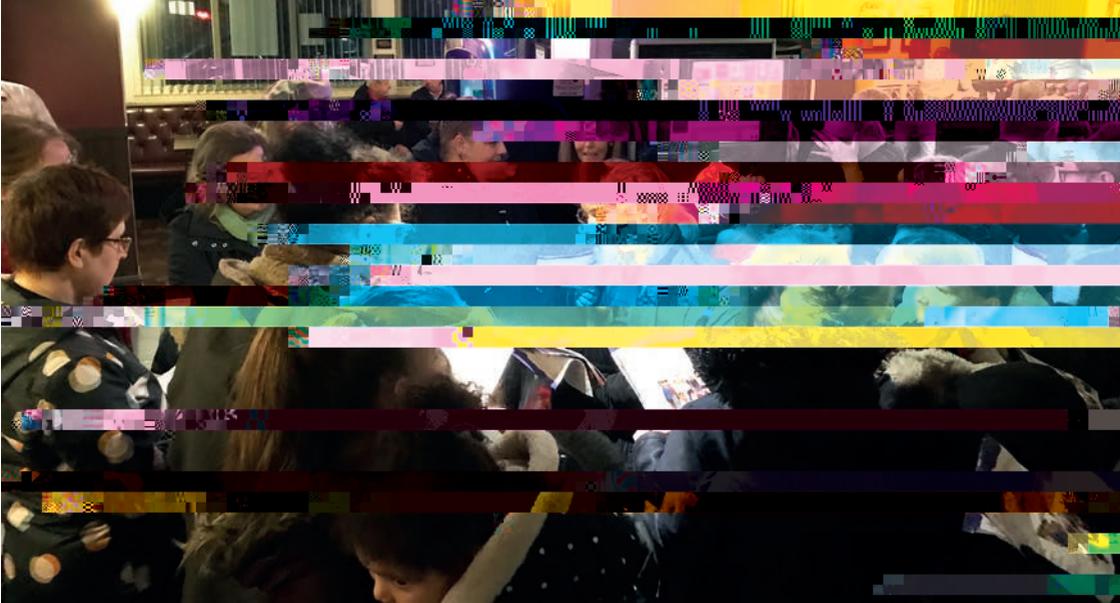


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Church Related Community Work ...

- recognises where the Gospel is lived out by people and communities, even if they do not use the name of God
- involves commitment to justice and peace and is not afraid of costly involvement with people
- often happens among people who are disadvantaged, for example by poverty, poor health, limited education and job opportunities and broken social networks
- involves working with individuals and community groups, residents' and housing associations, schools, voluntary and statutory organisations
- happens when CRCWs are commissioned to a church, Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) or group of churches that has been accredited as a CRCW project

- challenges the church to engage with, and to reflect theologically, on local community work so that community development goals are brought into its own life – its order, outreach, worship, mission and ministry.

Who can become a Church Related

Community Worker?



- Anyone who has been a URC member for at least two years and who believes that God is calling them to this ministry.

- Those with experience of community development work – prior professional training is not essential.
- Those willing to work in partnership with individuals, congregations, Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacraments, to help the church become more involved with its neighbourhood.
- Experienced individuals from other denominations can apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to become a CRCW.
- Prospective candidates should discuss their interest with their local church and minister, and then contact the Development Worker (CRCW & SCM) at United Reformed Church House (details overleaf).



Training

- CRCW students study at Northern College, Manchester,

- Graduates of the four-year course receive a foundation degree (FdA) or BTh, accredited by the University of Durham, Common Awards.
- The United Reformed Church normally pays student fees and may provide a maintenance grant.
- The course is endorsed by the England Endorsement and Quality Standards Board for Community Development Learning.

Remuneration

The 'terms of settlement' are the equivalent to those for ordained ministers of Word and Sacraments.

Qualified stipendiary CRCWs receive a stipend and pension; housing is provided in a manse or a housing allowance is paid. Non-stipendiary CRCWs may receive a salary 'from other sources' or work on a voluntary basis.

**“Mission is not just something that the church does;
it is something that is done by the Spirit.”**

*Theological Reflections on Mission, Ministry and Community
The United Reformed Church, Geneva, 1978-1979*

We currently have CRCW projects in:

Blackburn, Chelmsford,
Chorley, Coventry, Derby,
Dovercourt, Glasgow,
High Wycombe, Huddersfield,
London, Manchester,
Sheffield, Somerset,
Stockton-on-Tees, Sunderland,
Swansea and Wooler.

For further information:

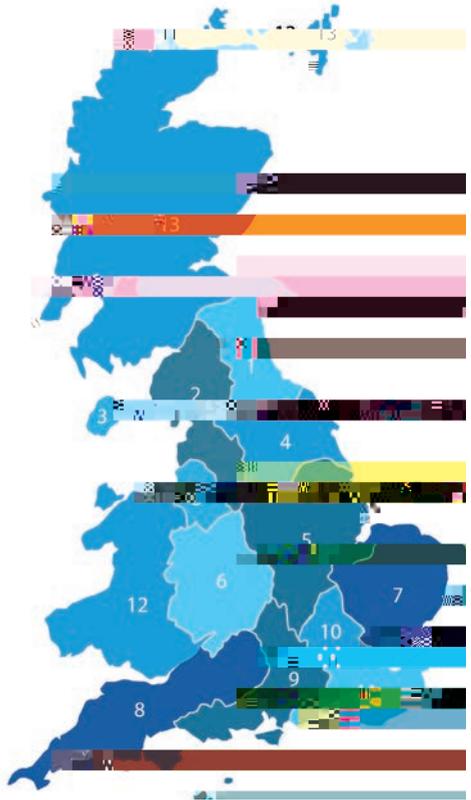
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