



About *mission shaped intro*

Introduction

The overall aim of *mission shaped intro* is to give people a fresh vision of mission and how we might reshape the church in the light of our ever-changing culture.

mission shaped intro is designed to help participants reflect upon changes in culture and society and the responses needed to engage in mission in meaningful and relevant ways. It won't equip people to go out and start fresh expressions, but it will challenge people's thinking and help to change their mindset.

If you are looking for a course which explores how to start and sustain a fresh expression of church, visit the website to find out about the mission shaped ministry course, a one-year, part-time course which trains participants for ministry in fresh expressions of church.

Don't forget to register your course - details over the page.

Website resources

Course website, for updates to the notes, additional materials, course fliers, registration and feedback and other information bit.ly/msicourse.

mission shaped intro web page freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedintro.

mission shaped ministry web page freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedministry.

One of the most important resources for those in fresh expressions of church is the Guide (freshexpressions.org.uk/guide), an online learning resource. Pages particularly helpful for this unit are highlighted throughout these notes.



Notes for course facilitators

This material is not designed to be followed slavishly; the timings are simply a guide and not something to be treated rigidly. Please make the material your own, editing and introducing local examples where possible.

Venue

msi was designed to be delivered to large groups, however it also works with smaller gatherings such as cell or home groups. For larger groups the best format is café-style, with people sitting around tables in a reasonably-sized room. The key is providing a warm and friendly learning atmosphere that will create fellowship. It is ideal if drinks are available before and throughout each session. A bowl of sweets or fruit on each table also adds to the atmosphere. This course can provide an opportunity for ecumenical partnerships in a local area as the material is relevant to a wide audience.



Preparation

The first time you use this course you will need to allow three to four hours of preparation for every hour of delivery to familiarise yourself with the material and to add your own local flavour. The key is to get the information across in a fun and informative way that will encourage and challenge participants rather than speak down to them. A key value of fresh expressions is experimentation and that means that this course will not provide all the answers, but start conversations that include the whole church.

Participants' handouts are available on the course website. Decide whether these are appropriate to your group and, if so, print enough for each participant. The handouts are also reproduced as participants' workbooks which are available to purchase, along with the complete course notes and DVD, from freshexpressions.org.uk/shop. Discounts are available for bulk orders.

An A5 flier to help publicise the course can be found on the course website, as can a PowerPoint publicity slide and an article for newsletters, magazines or newspapers.

Course facilitation

When presenting this course to a large group (20+) the most effective way is to use two facilitators per session. This has a two-fold advantage: the first is that the change of facilitator during the session provides a break of voice and style which helps the learning process and the second is that it increases the number of experienced people when you wish to present the course to other groups. For smaller groups such as cells and home groups you may wish to shorten each session (suggestion of 90 minutes) or may wish to run it over more sessions.

It is important with large courses to divide participants into groups of four to six to allow good interaction with group work and discussions. If the course is being run ecumenically it helps if groups can be mixed up from different churches and groups. This adds to the learning experience by hearing from others who may have different perspectives of church.

Equipment

msi has been designed to be delivered with a full multimedia setup. For larger venues you will need a data projector and screen, laptop, DVD player, CD player and sound system to show the PowerPoint presentations and play the DVD/music clips. In smaller groups you may be able to use a DVD player, TV and CD player but you will still need to project, print off or otherwise make sure that all participants can see the PowerPoint presentations during the sessions.



Course DVD material

You will need to obtain the Fresh Expressions video clips referred to in each session checklist. These are mainly drawn from *expressions: the dvd - 1*, *expressions: the dvd - 2* and *expressions: making a difference* (all available to purchase from freshexpressions.org.uk/shop) which will prove invaluable as you talk to people about these themes. A few are available to download from the course website. You will also need to download the six PowerPoint presentations from the course website.

The course DVD contains all of the clips prepared specifically for the course, which will play on a standard DVD player or through a DVD player on a computer. Additionally, the six PowerPoint presentations and additional materials can be accessed by navigating to the 'presentations' folder of the DVD using your computer's file browser - you should copy these presentations to your computer and run them from there to allow you to play the DVD clips at the same time. The course DVD is available to purchase with the course notes book from freshexpressions.org.uk/shop.

Finally, you will need to obtain the well-known films and TV series recommended. We also recommend two film clips from sermonspice.com which you will need to purchase and download if you want to use them. When adapting the materials, don't be tempted to drop the film clips - they provide light and shade and are an opportunity to re-engage those who may have drifted off!

Copyright and sources

Please ensure that the appropriate copyright licences have been obtained for the delivery of the course, for example the song words you put into the presentations (ccli.co.uk). You will also need to obtain copyright clearance, where relevant, for any material that you add in to the course. You need to use film clips from legally bought or hired DVDs rather than downloaded or copied clips. Short film clips may be used for educational purposes under the copyright act.

Course registration and evaluation

Please register your course online at missionshapedministry.org/register.

Following the course, we would be grateful if you could ask each participant to complete an evaluation form (Y03 from the course website). Please then collate the responses and return your collated answers to us at missionshapedministry.org/evaluate. Your feedback is vital in continuing to assess and improve the materials.



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