

Agents of Change Course Launch 2017

What is the Agents of Change programme?

Agents of Change is a resource the Anglican Alliance (www.anglicanalliance.org) has developed to help Anglicans anywhere in the world tackle poverty, live out the 5 Marks of Mission and bring about the abundant living Jesus spoke of in John 10:10.

The course equips participants with the skills and knowledge needed to set up a development project in their local community. It looks at every stage of the process - from coming up with an idea... to planning... to managing a project - and it explores important principles of good practice that ensure a project is run well, safely and effectively.

Agents of Change is a distance-learning course. There are 8 modules, which participants study with the support of a mentor. At the end of each module, participants send their work by email to their mentor for comment and feedback. On successful completion of the course, participants are awarded a certificate in recognition of their work and achievement, but more importantly, they are equipped to become Agents of Change in their communities.

Please see the Agents of Change overview leaflet for more about the course.

What's the purpose of the 3-day workshop?

The purpose of the 3-day workshop is to launch participants onto the Agents of Change programme. It is intended only for people who intend to carry on and study the whole course afterwards (see below for what this involves).

Please note: a separate one-day introductory / overview session will be offered for people who only want to find out more about the Agents of Change programme at this point.

In the workshop...

- You will be given an introduction and overview of the course
- We will work through – and complete – module 1 together
- You will practise using the course materials, filling in the work -book and submitting your work on-line
- There will be plenty of time to ask questions, participate in discussion and have some fun!

By the end of the workshop you will be ready and able to study the remaining 7 modules, either on your own or in a small group.

You will be given a flash drive with all the materials for the Agents of Change course.

Workshop outline (subject to change)

**There will be time and space set aside for worship and reflection*

SESSIONS	Session duration
1: Overview and getting to know each other	1.5 hours
2: Bible Study	1 hour
3: More on Agents of Change: Background / development / how it works– and a chance to ask questions	1 hour
4: Getting started on Module 1.	30 minutes
5: Thinking about community	1.5 hours
6: In more depth: community mapping	1 hour
7: Looking at “assets”	1 hour
8: Looking at problems and solutions: problems	1 hour

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10: Dreaming Dreams	1.5 hours
11: Deciding on your project idea and setting limits on its scope	1 hour
12: Project Plan Development	45 minutes
13: End of module check list	1 hour
14: What next?	1 hour

Key Questions Answered in the workshop

- What is Agents of Change?
- What is the Anglican Alliance?
- What do we mean by a 'development project'?
- Teaching best practice
- An assets-based approach
- What will I get out of the programme?
- What do the 8 modules cover?
- How is each module structured?
- How does the course work?
- What sorts of things should I write in my workbooks and project plan?
- How is the course assessed?
- How long will the course take? How much time will I have to spend studying?
- What else do I need to do, to know or to have to be able to do the course (including computer and internet access)?
- Any other questions participants may have

Who can attend:

The course is open to Anglicans who are involved or desire to be involved in development work in the schools, churches or communities.

We expect that anyone attending the introductory workshop would have at least a primary-school-level reading, writing and comprehension competence, and good (1 day a week) access to a computer and internet (email).

The intention is that those who complete the introductory module will assess whether or not they want to do the full course and some of them will then sign up to do the 7 remaining modules as a correspondence course.

For the purposes of the course, "Anglican" includes anyone enrolled in an Anglican institution.

After the workshop

After the workshops participants will start working through the rest of the course.

Participants should aim to complete a module every two weeks, so that the whole course can be completed in around three to four months. **We estimate that this will require 6 to 8 hours of study per week for 3 – 4 months – so please be prepared to commit to this.** By studying intensively in this way, we believe you will get much more out of the programme.

You will have the support of a mentor and/or the course convener as you work through the course. Skype sessions will be set up at regular intervals where you can share your progress and ask any questions you might have.