



FORGE

FREE Taster Workshops



FORGE MIDLANDS

Accessible, Affordable, Flexible
being missional where we work, live and play

**FORGE EXISTS TO HELP MOBILISE AND EQUIP
THE PEOPLE OF GOD TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE MISSION OF GOD**

WHAT IS FORGE?

"The Church is the fruit of God's mission, and as such it exists to serve and to participate in the ongoing mission of God." (Mission-Shaped Church)

"It is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a Church in the world." (Tim Dearborn)

WHAT IS FORGE?

Founded by Alan Hirsch and Michael Frost, Forge cultivates missional community by identifying, developing, and training missional leaders, teams and practitioners.

Forge trains ordinary people to become missional and thrive in whatever context to which one is called. This may be in pioneering new things, church planting, working in and through an already existing church, or serving in a local community, professional or relational network.

HOW IS THE COURSE DELIVERED?

Through a 10-12 month programme involving missional training, practice-led coaching, personal development, the forming of a supportive learning community, and networking events, Forge is operating in missional centres across England and Wales to help birth and nurture the missional church, using zoom workshops.

Forge champions and connects missional pioneers through a wide and varied network that brings together innovative leaders, missional agencies, theological colleges, churches, and a number of major denominations. The Forge network is led by active missional practitioners who are able to offer significant experiential training in pioneering contexts.

We hope you will be a part of this growing community!

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KEY COMPONENTS

FORGE TRAINING

Through a series of integrated, practical and reflective online workshops, participants learn how to join with God in His mission through discerning their own particular life context. Forge practitioners develop further through exploring missional wellbeing, spiritual formation, and healthy practices that shape and sustain missional practice. The ongoing journey moves finally to providing the skills for cultivating missional leadership, discipleship cultures, and the forming of new communities.

FORGE COACHING

Each Forge participant receives coaching sessions throughout the year, by a coach to help them connect the training with everyday living.

FORGE PEER GROUP

Every person that embarks on Forge joins an online Peer Group that meets for shared learning, support, prayer, reflection and encouragement.

FORGE LIFE CONTEXT

Each Forge missional practitioner will explore new missional opportunities within their existing or new life setting. This is where the training and coaching can be lived out practically.

FORGE FORMATION

Everyone will be encouraged to develop theologically and spiritually through the training and coaching, ongoing reflections and social media that are designed to support life and missional formation.



WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

In taking the Forge training you will:

1. Build theological and biblical foundations of mission for life.
2. Develop skills and tools to discern your missional context.
3. Be coached in developing more effective contextual missional strategies.
4. Form missional habits and attitudes that revolutionise the way you see yourself and the world around you.
5. Discover your gifts, passions and shape for missional leadership.
6. Be equipped with practical skills and tools to become more competent & effective in forming & developing missional communities.
7. Grow in your faith as you step into new missional adventures.
8. Join a new community with travelling companions that will support and encourage you, as you learn to take risks for God and for the kingdom.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for Christians growing in their faith and passionate exploring ways in which they can more fully engage in missional living. You must be open to learning, growing, working with others and be willing to take risks and step out in an adventure with God.

THE COST

The cost of Forge is £495 for the year. This includes all costs of the training, coaching, and resources that participants will be given. We encourage participants to explore opportunities for funding from local churches, sponsors, family, denominations etc.

APPLICATION

Please register interest through our website contact form or 'Next Cohort' event online interest form at www.engageuk.org.uk/events or email Andy Mackie : andybrum@talktalk.net

THE PROGRAMME



F1

Discerning God's Mission in my life context

Participating in the Mission of God

Changing Worlds: navigating the new missional seascape

Discernment in Mission

Q & A with Missional Practitioner

One mini-weekend (Fri eve / Sat morn)

Rediscovering Jesus: Untaming the Wild Messiah for missional living

The Tangible Kingdom

Surprise the World

How to discover your context

4 midweek evenings (approx monthly)



F2

Developing Missional Character

Fostering Missional Imagination

The stewardship of Influence

Cultivating the art of meaningful conversations

Q & A with Missional Practitioner

One mini-weekend (Fri eve / Sat morn)

Spiritual Formation the Jesus way

How to start something new

Cultivating healthy habits and attitudes

3 midweek evenings (approx monthly)



F3

Developing Missional Competencies

Missional Leadership

How to start & form a small missional community

Building a discipleship culture

Q & A with Missional Practitioner

One mini-weekend (Fri eve / Sat morn)

Activating APEST & the importance of the 5-fold ministry of Christ.

Building winning teams

Healthy practices for missional practitioners & new communities

3 midweek evenings (approx monthly)

These 3 sections are run over 3 terms e.g. F1 Jan-Apr | F2 May-Jul | F3 Sep- Nov depending on the cohort start date. Ideally we start with a cohort of around 12 practitioners. Peer coaching sessions are arranged to suit.

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