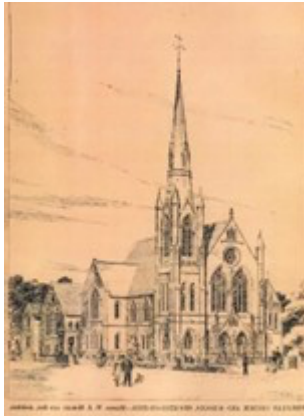




Stockton Circuit Newsletter 29th September 2023

Unfortunately the Circuit Missions Event at Greens Lane on Saturday 30th September has been cancelled

Please join us at the final service at Yarm Road on 1st October at 2.30pm.



There will be a board for people to display photos, your memories of times spent at the church. If you have photos you would like to share please bring them along.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have a heart for supporting the Circuit with property matters?

We are looking for a Circuit Property Secretary – could you do this role?

The role description and person specification is available at: www.stockton-methodist-circuit.com/safeguarding

If you are interested please contact: stockton.circuit.office@gmail.com



From District

LET'S END POVERTY

Let's End Poverty Founding Assembly Saturday 14 October, 11am-1pm
Online or in Manchester, Liverpool, London, Nottingham, Cambridge, Cardiff and Glasgow

Everyone who is passionate about seeing an end to poverty in the UK is invited to come. Whether your motivation to take action comes from your personal experience of poverty, volunteering to support your community or working as part of a charity committed to tackling poverty, we need you to be part of planning and strategising about how we can build the movement together. Details can be found [here](#).

We are encouraged, whether you can attend or not, to hold this movement in your prayers.

Join the movement - Individuals and organisations are encouraged to become part of a new movement of faith groups and charities who are uniting in calling for an end to poverty in the UK. Details can be found [here](#).

Mission Possible Tour - Scripture Union Training

Scripture Union is offering free training. The training is about how to reach children and young people through mission. This link has more detailed information:
<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/mission-possible-tour>

Tuesday 10th October- St Cuthberts Church, Market Place, Darlington, DL1 5QG
Monday 16th October- St Barnabas Church, 1a St Barnabas Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JR

Historic England Grants

Historic England have announced the second round of funding for [Everyday Heritage Grants: Celebrating Working Class Histories](#). These grants will fund community-led and people-focused projects to tell the stories of people and places missing from the records of history.

Historic England is trying to reach community and heritage organisations, inviting them to apply for grants of up to £25,000. They are also interested in funding smaller grassroots projects starting at £1,000, in the hope of reaching people who haven't worked with Historic England before.

Each project should enable people to share untold stories about the places where they live, encouraging communities to examine and tell stories in their own way. The projects selected will contribute positively to participants' wellbeing and sense of pride in their place, as well as provide innovative volunteering opportunities.

Applications close on **7 November 2023**. [Click here to view information](#) on how to apply. This includes successful applications from the first round, FAQs and a video to help people who are not familiar with making grant applications.

From Connexion

The **Methodist news** can be found [here](#) and includes details on:

- Black History Month
- Inclusion week
- Response to government announcement on net zero
- Warm Welcome Launch event

Volunteer vacancies



CALL FOR VOLUNTEER

North East Chinese Methodist Mission Partnership

Join us as a volunteer development officer!

Position Details

- 3-5 hours a week for a 12-18 month period
- Engaging with the Resources Group to establish ministry needs and a business plan for the next 5 years
- Working closely to identify potential funders and grant providers and take a lead in applying for funding
- Support the Chinese Methodist Churches in developing a giving and volunteer strategy

This opportunity is for you if!

You have skills and experience in strategic planning.
You are able to engage and collaborate closely with others.
You are able to recognise and develop gifts and foster an environment of participation.

Closing date 31st of October

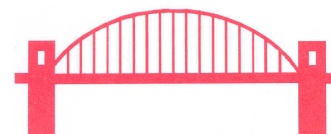
Let's make a positive impact in our community!

For more information contact Rev Richard Andrew
richard.andrew@methodist.org.uk

Job vacancies



Darlington and Newcastle District **Assistant Regional Safeguarding Officer**



Do you have good administrative and training skills?

Would you like to contribute to the work of safeguarding in the Methodist Districts in the North East?

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Regional Safeguarding Officer to work alongside the Regional Safeguarding Officer taking a lead in safeguarding administration and delivering and co-ordinating training.

Hours: 15 per week

Work base: flexible with some home working.

Starting salary will be £11,801 per annum, (£15.13 per hour) for a 15-hour week plus pension contribution.

For an application pack or for a conversation about the role please contact Carolyn Godfrey at: newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Friday 6 October 2023

Interviews to be held on: Tuesday 17 October 2023 in Darlington

Volunteer Role Outline – Development Officer, North East Chinese Methodist Mission Partnership

Volunteer Role Outline

Background information	A time limited (18 months) strategic volunteer post to support the North East Chinese Methodist Mission Partnership (NECMMP) in its business planning and grant applications aimed at providing stability for the next 5 years during a period of rapid growth and transition.
Volunteer Role Title:	Development Officer
Location:	North East Chinese Methodist Mission Partnership (Darlington and Newcastle Districts)
Responsible to:	Volunteer will be under the supervision of Revd Richard Andrew, Chair of the Darlington District and the NECMMP Resources Group.
Hours per week:	As and when available. No more than 5 hours per week.

Key volunteer activities

- Engaging with the Resources Group to establish ministry needs and objectives for the next 5 years.
- Develop a business plan identifying key priorities and an outline budget for the next 5 years.
- Support the Chinese Methodist churches in developing a giving and volunteer strategy.
- Working closely to identify potential funders and grant providers and take a lead in applying for funding.

We are looking for people who have the following skills and attributes:

- Skills and experience in business and strategic planning.
- Well organised and self-motivated, able to manage the workload efficiently.
- Ability to engage and collaborate closely with colleagues and to establish positive and productive relationships.
- Ability to recognise and develop the gifts of others and foster an environment of participation.
- Willingness to undertake safeguarding training as appropriate.
- Ability to self motivate and work in a team.
- Desirable – a car driver willing to travel to engage with the 3 congregations in Durham, Middlesbrough and Durham.

Criminal record check

The volunteer will need a satisfactory criminal record clearance certificate. Volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. If a new DBS is required the cost of the check will be met by the NECMMP.

Level of commitment:

The volunteer has full rights to decide their own working hours but it is likely that more hours will be required in the early stages of the project.

Training and support provided:

- Volunteers are required to provide the District with Safeguarding Training dates.
- Volunteers are required to complete EDI and Unconscious Bias training.
- Volunteers will receive out of pocket expenses – mileage at 45p per mile and hospitality when needed.

Supervisor:

Volunteers will be supervised by the Chair of the Darlington District and the NECMMP Resources Group.