

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2026–2027 TRAINING SCHEDULE

— Equipping and empowering Christians to serve people
experiencing homelessness, addiction and social exclusion
with the love of Jesus and the hope of the gospel. —

2026

DATE	DAY	SESSION / TOPIC	TIME	VENUE
20 AUG	THU	 Introduction Session Zoom	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
14 SEP	MON	 Ministry in the Margins 1: Visions and Values of Healthy Theology	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
29 SEP	TUE	 Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
1 OCT	THU	 Good Healthy Boundaries	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
12 OCT	MON	 Ministry in the Margins 2: Missiology for the Margins	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
22 OCT	THU	 Mental Health Awareness	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
9 NOV	MON	 Ministry in the Margins 3: The Image of God	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
13 NOV	FRI	 Training Day 1 – Halifax Safeguarding (Level 3) Drug Awareness Sexual Abuse Awareness	9:00am – 4:00pm	Halifax
19 NOV	THU	 Suicide Awareness	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
24 NOV	TUE	 Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
3 DEC	THU	 Asylum Seeker & Refugee Myth Busting	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
7 DEC	MON	 Ministry in the Margins 4: Leading Accessible Worship	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom



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11 JAN	MON	Ministry in the Margins 5: Learning to Lament	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
14 JAN	THU	Introduction to Outreach	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
26 JAN	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
28 JAN	THU	Local Homeless Services Overview	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
8 FEB	MON	Ministry in the Margins 6: Why the Hell do Bad Things Happen?	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
12 FEB	FRI	Evangelism in the Margins Workshop	1:00pm – 5:00pm (includes 20-minute refreshment break)	Zoom
23 FEB	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
8 MAR	MON	Ministry in the Margins 7: Addiction and Recovery	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
11 MAR	THU	Complex Trauma-Informed Practice	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
12 MAR	FRI	Training Day 2 – Halifax Emergency First Aid First Aid for Knife Attacks Level 2 (VTQ) Managing Aggressive Behaviour & De-escalation	9:00am – 4:00pm	Halifax
25 MAR	THU	Networking & Partnership Working	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
30 MAR	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
19 APR	MON	Ministry in the Margins 8: Helping without Hurting	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
22 APR	THU	Volunteer Development & Community Groups	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
27 APR	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
10 MAY	MON	Ministry in the Margins 9: Trauma: Hope for Healing	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
20 MAY	THU	Town & City Development Planning – Part 1	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
25 MAY	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
3 JUN	THU	Town & City Development Planning – Part 2 Progress Review & Accountability	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Zoom
7 JUN	MON	Ministry in the Margins 10: Course Reflection, Integration & Commissioning	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Zoom
12 JUN	SAT	Life Recovery Level 5 – Day 1	9:00am – 4:00pm	Burnley
19 JUN	SAT	Life Recovery Level 5 – Day 2	9:00am – 4:00pm	Burnley
29 JUN	TUE	Monthly Team Meeting	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Zoom
11 JUL	SUN	GRADUATION SERVICE	Venue TBC	Venue TBC





PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete the School of Homeless Pastors Leadership Programme, students are expected to complete the following practical ministry requirements throughout the year:

- ✓ Attend all **training sessions** and **monthly team meetings**.
- ✓ Complete the recommended **course reading list**.
- ✓ Complete a minimum of **8 outreach sessions**.
- ✓ Complete a minimum of **2 community group visits**.
- ✓ Complete a minimum of **2 one-to-one support sessions**.
- ✓ **Shadow** experienced Homeless Pastors during outreach.
- ✓ Build partnerships with **local churches**.
- ✓ Develop relationships with local **statutory and voluntary services**.
- ✓ Complete and present a **Town & City Development Plan**.
- ✓ Complete all **practical assignments**.
- ✓ Complete the **Life Recovery Level 5** course.
- ✓ Adhere to The Light Group **safeguarding policy** and **professional code of conduct**.



MINISTRY IN THE MARGINS MODULES

These ten core modules form the foundation of the teaching throughout the year and will equip you to think, lead and minister well in the margins.

1	Visions and Values of Healthy Theology Understanding the biblical and theological foundation for ministry in the margins.	6	Why the Hell do Bad Things Happen? Theology and pastoral care in the midst of suffering and injustice.
2	Missiology for the Margins Exploring God's heart for the lost, least and last.	7	Addiction and Recovery Understanding addiction, recovery pathways and holistic support.
3	The Image of God Seeing and serving people through the lens of dignity and identity.	8	Helping without Hurting Principles of healthy, empowering and sustainable ministry.
4	Leading Accessible Worship Creating inclusive, Spirit-led spaces of worship for all.	9	Trauma: Hope for Healing Responding well to trauma with hope, care and appropriate referrals.
5	Learning to Lament Developing compassion, lament and hope in the face of brokenness.	10	Course Reflection, Integration & Commissioning Reviewing learning, integrating experience and stepping into ongoing mission.

