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# ChristCentral IMPACT

## Student Information Pack

Dear IMPACTer!

It's great to have you on the ChristCentral IMPACT team.

This pack is designed to give you a solid introduction to the year and answer some of the questions that you might have. We have listed some action points in the form of a checklist on the final page.

Our heart is to do everything that we can to help you connect more deeply with Jesus, build your local church and make some great friendships with other IMPACTers. We want to help you move on in God so that you can look back at the end of the year and see how much you have grown in your understanding of Him, in your character and in the gifting that He has given you to play your part in building the church.

I am sure that for all of you this will be both an enjoyable year and a time when you will be stretched and moved out of your comfort zone. Determine in your heart that you will give yourself fully to God's purposes this year. Be ready to work hard, take risks and not worry about what anyone else thinks of you.

I trust that you are looking forward to a great year of getting to know one another, having fun and extending the kingdom of God.

With love in Christ

**Graham Anns**
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## IMPACT Staff Contact Details

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If there is anything that we can help you with – please get in touch.

## Change of Your Contact Details

Please can you notify us of any change in your contact details?

**We must be able to contact you throughout the year** - to inform you of any changes to training, or details of the missions.

Please email as soon as possible if there is any change to your contact details impact@christcentralchurches.org.

# What does ChristCentral IMPACT involve?

Are you over 18? IMPACT could turn your life upside down!

It is a one year full-time training, development and service programme designed to change your life and build the church. It is a great way to receive theological training, discover and develop your gifts, grow in character, get involved church planting and serve God in the local church. It is also great fun!

IMPACT consists of several main elements:

## Theological Training

Training is a key part of the IMPACT year. Much of the training will be devoted to using the video-based 'Into the Word' course which has been recorded by Martin Charlesworth. This course seeks to enable students to engage effectively with all parts of the Bible. Each session of 'Into the Word' will be hosted by a local facilitator with notes and with time for discussion. There will also be training days led by members of the ChristCentral core team which will focus on the key vision and values of ChristCentral.

The training will be provided in three training blocks based at Barnabas Community Church in Shrewsbury and will take place in September, January and April. These times will also allow the students to get to know one another and enjoy some social time.

Students will also be able to take part in the Church Planting day and any Saturday Training days that take place during the period of the programme, at no additional cost.

The two mission weeks will also include theological and practical training.

Although IMPACT does not provide a qualification, students will receive a certificate of completion. Students could then decide to enrol on the School of Leadership programme which is accredited by Moorlands Bible College.

## Missions

There will be two weeks of mission in the UK. The students will come together as a team to take part in mission weeks supporting two church plants. These will be led by members of the ChristCentral team alongside the church plant leaders.

They will include practical training and involvement in communicating the gospel in different settings, running events, and working in a church plant setting.

The IMPACT programme also hopes to offer an international trip each year. It will help students discover what God is doing around the world and encourage churches that are often serving God in challenging environments. Students will be required to pay separately for this.

Dates and locations to be announced.

## Church-Based Project

Most of the student's time will be spent working for their host church on a church-based project. All projects will focus on building the local church through serving others, building relationships and involvement in ministry and outreach.

Every church hosting an IMPACT student will work with the student to create a schedule detailing what that project will consist of, including hands-on training and support.

The church leaders will identify a Project Leader who will supervise the student in the work they will be doing on their project and organise an initial orientation week where the student meets staff and volunteers from the church and is introduced to the vision, values, programs and systems of the church.

## Discipleship

The church-based project should help the student to grow in skills and gifting, but more importantly in character and relationship with God.

The church and student together will identify a discipler for the student – someone the student can be completely honest with about their successes and failures, joys and struggles, strengths and weaknesses.

## Personal Study

Personal study is an important part of the year and students will be encouraged to set aside at least one half-day per week for personal reading and study. Study will be supervised by each church project leader.

Because of the varied nature of the work that you will be involved in on these missions, there is a possibility that you may be asked to help with children's work or work with vulnerable adults at some stage. You should therefore talk to your project leader about obtaining a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

For any international mission trip a passport will obviously be required!

## Week of Orientation

All IMPACT trainees should be involved in an orientation week with their Project Leader and church following the initial training block.

For example, you may need to be aware of some office protocols if you will be based in your church office. You might need to familiarise yourself with a computer that you will have access to or to set-up a church email address, learn how to set the church burglar alarm or what to do if the fire alarm goes off. Obviously, these sorts of issues will be unique to your work environment.

Here is a checklist of things that you should discuss with your project leader during the week of orientation.

- Calendar – planning the year (See Key Dates list)
- Holiday allocation & booking time off – will this be the same as for church staff?
- Facilities – computer, kitchen, church library etc.
- Building issues - key-holder/burglar alarm training; signing in and out of the building; booking rooms etc.
- Office etiquette – can you walk in and talk to anyone or do you need to arrange meetings?
- Finance - Mileage claims and expenses; overseas trip costs?
- Parking options – if needed!

**Ideally all trainees will have initial meetings during that week with their Project Leader and Discipler.**

**It is very helpful to be clear at this stage about your hopes and expectations of your project to make sure you and your Project Leader both avoid any possible misunderstanding.**

## What we would like from you this year…

Students get so much more from their IMPACT year if they give themselves to it wholeheartedly.

We would like you to be committed to -

- Openness to God changing you through the year
- Serving well on your church project
- Coming under your local church leadership
- Study and completion of any assignments
- Respecting your accommodation hosts during training weeks
- Meeting regularly with your discipler

## What you can expect from us…

We want to do everything we can to help you engage with God and grow in him.

We are aiming to provide -

- Sound theological and practical teaching
- Opportunity for spiritual growth and development in many areas (including helping you move out of your comfort zone!)
- Opportunity to be involved in mission and church planting
- Support when needed to ensure that your church-based project is working for you
- Accommodation and food during training weeks

## Training Weeks – How you can help

The people either providing or facilitating your training are all taking time out of their normal work to do so.

We therefore want to encourage you to make the most of the teaching and to help out in whatever way you can.

For that reason, it would be helpful if you could stick to the following -

- Arrive on time for each day, and each session
- Be ready to be stretched in what you hear and what you might be expected to do
- Stay switched on and focussed. Taking notes will usually be very helpful
- Switch off mobile phones during teaching sessions
- Keep to the scheduled breaks – there are plenty of them
- Help the teachers where needed
- Respect the facilities and make sure that everything is left clean and tidy at the end of each day

Thanks

## Staying with Hosts at your Training Base

If you need accommodation whilst on training in Shrewsbury we will provide this for you.

We will try to keep you in the same place throughout the year but we cannot guarantee you will always stay with the same host as availability may change throughout the year.

All the people providing you with food and accommodation are Christians from local ChristCentral churches in Shrewsbury.

If you have indicated that you have the use of a car, we may well have found a host for you who is outside of the main city area. We may also ask you to consider giving lifts to people staying near you.

Please can we request that you are polite and respectful at all times while with your hosts and their families. Please treat their homes with respect and keep things clean and tidy including the room where you will be staying. Try and look to serve in any way you can.
e.g. offer to wash up, clear the table, make packed lunches etc.

Your hosts will provide breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals for you although there will be several days in each training block where meals will be taken together. If you have specific dietary needs, please respect your host whilst communicating your needs. We will have informed your host beforehand of any dietary needs, but it would be helpful if you confirmed that with your host prior to arriving at your accommodation. If there are food items which you know you will need to have and are hard to obtain, please take these with you and inform your host. And please be patient with your host who may not have had to provide for such needs before.

**Please make sure that you thank your hosts** – they will be working hard to look after you so please show your gratitude to them.

For each training block you will need to arrive on the Monday afternoon before the training starts so we can introduce you to your hosts and you can have an evening to get to know them a little.

The address of the training centre is:

**Barnabas Centre**

**Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury SY3 7DN**

# Key Dates for your IMPACT Year 2017-18

*Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change.*

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|---|---|
| Monday 04 – Friday 08 September | First Training Block in Shrewsbury |
| Monday 11 – Friday 15 September | Week of Orientation in Project Church |
| TBC | U.K. mission week |
| Monday 08 – Friday 12 January | Second Training Block in Shrewsbury |
| TBC | U.K. mission week |
| Monday 16 – Friday 20 April | Third Training Block in Shrewsbury |
| TBA | Overseas Mission |

Training week schedule (draft):

| | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Weds** | **Thurs** | **Fri** |
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| **MORNING** | Travel in | 9 am start | 9am Start | 9am start | 8.30am start |
| **AFTERNOON** | 2pm – 5pm Worship & explanation<br>Dinner together | 5pm finish | 5pm finish | 5pm finish | Shorter breaks<br>3pm finish<br>Travel home |
| **EVENING** | 7pm Collection by hosts | Evening social? | Evening off | “Forum” with MC | |

## Fee Payment Guidelines

- All questions about fee payments are handled by the IMPACT programme leader
- The tuition fees for the year are **£500**
- The full fee is required prior to the first training block in September. This can be paid via bank transfer or cheque. Details will be provided on successful application

# Checklist – to do before September

**Church-based project** - If you need some help in getting started with your project and identifying your project leader please get in touch with the IMPACT programme director.

**Discipleship** – This should be worked out with the host church. If there is an issue during the IMPACT year then please talk to your project leader.

**Diary** – Please put the dates from the Key Dates list on p.11 in your diary. You will need to plan ahead with your project leader to prevent clashes between your project work and the training sessions.

**Week of Orientation** – Please arrange to have initial meetings with your project leader and your discipler during the week following the first training block.