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AN INTRODUCTION FOR GREENHOUSE PARTICIPANTS



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Growing disciples of Jesus through New Worshipping Communities



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Greenhouse helps lay and ordained teams to grow new disciples of Jesus Christ by starting and sustaining New Worshipping Communities within the Church of England.

You might be just beginning to explore what could be done missionally in your community. You may already have an idea which you're shaping with others, or you may have started a New Worshipping Community and want space as a team to reflect on what's emerging and what might come next. Wherever you find yourself on that journey, Greenhouse can help.

Greenhouse has two interconnected elements:

1. Learning and support for your local team

It brings together teams within your Diocese from a parish or benefice – both lay and ordained – to reflect, plan, and act together. This will typically be over two years, with four 2.5 hour sessions in that time.

Each session includes guided input to help your team think, plan, and discern together. Your team will use Michael Moynagh's Missional Journey framework to listen, dream, create, and assess as you explore what your New Worshipping Community could be.

2. The Greenhouse Network

The Network exists to inspire and equip those working with or within New Worshipping Communities across the Church of England.

It supports people at every stage of the missional journey through a mix of in-person gatherings, online events, and high quality digital content designed to encourage, strengthen, and resource teams. Everyone who joins Greenhouse will be invited to be part of the Greenhouse Network.

Coaching conversations and more

Between sessions, coaching is offered to help your team develop ideas, test possibilities, and navigate real-life experiences.

Each team will also have the offer of micro grants and supported theological and missional thinking.

The aim of all the learning and support is to help teams engage meaningfully with mission, so they can create or sustain New Worshipping Communities and commit to helping more people become disciples of Jesus Christ.



What's required of me?

There are four core sessions to attend, along with three additional Zoom calls with your team and a Coach. These calls are designed to help focus your conversations and are spread over two years.

After two sessions, there's also the opportunity to apply for Seed Funding for your New Worshipping Community.

There is no cost to take part. You'll be supported by both your Diocesan and the National team to make being part of Greenhouse as straightforward as possible.

What do I do next?

- Start by speaking with your church leadership. If your church or benefice would like to join Greenhouse, a member of the leadership team can sign up as a Team Leader.
- Teamwork is central to Greenhouse, so begin thinking and praying about who else could be involved. Teams work best when they are diverse, bringing together a mix of lay and ordained people.
- Once you have a team in place, Team Leaders and Team Members can sign up using the appropriate link:
  - **Sign up link** for Team Leaders
  - **Sign up link** for other Team Members
- After you've signed up, Greenhouse and your diocese will be in touch with further details, including dates and locations.

Who is my diocesan contact?

Diocesan details:





What does the Greenhouse Network offer nationally?

The Greenhouse Network is coordinated by the national Church of England Lay Ministries Team and provides ongoing support for anyone who has taken part in Greenhouse, or who helps to organise Greenhouse locally, or who works or helps with New Worshipping Communities. This includes:

- Monthly email updates
- Online talks, conversations, and gatherings
- High quality digital content
- Regional and national events featuring leading thinkers – subsidised through Greenhouse

These elements ensure that Greenhouse values and conversations continue to grow, whether or not individuals or Dioceses are currently active in a Learning Community.



If you have questions, or would like to learn more, please visit **churchofengland.org/greenhouse-support-participants** or email Jon Curtis – **jon.curtis@churchofengland.org**

If you are part of a diocesan team, please visit **churchofengland.org/greenhouse-support**

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