

Living Peace

A programme of support in times of change and conflict

Our churches face change, encounter difference and can struggle to manage conflict. This impacts the health and wellbeing of many in our churches and their ministries.

Living Peace is a joint initiative between the Church of Scotland and Place for Hope to support a culture of peace and reconciliation that builds on our work together since 2009.

Through the Living Peace Programme, individuals, congregations and Presbyteries will be able to access support through mediation, facilitated conversations, coaching and a set training programme each year.

In addition to open courses and mediation support, the programme offers specific support to Probationers and Years 1-5 Ministers as change plans are implemented. We aim to support individuals to reach their potential as peacemakers so that every kirk can be a place for hope in their community.



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What support is specifically available to Probationers and Years 1-5 Ministers in 2023?



Growing through Change and Conflict Course (Probationers)

Location: online

Date: Friday 10 March (0930 – 1630)

Places available: 16

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/gZjPj21Yr5pvBLQa9>

This foundation course helps participants learn how to recognise and understand conflict, earlier and with confidence.

We will share how conflict 'looks' in our churches, explore different approaches and responses, and develop your skills in transforming conflict.



Responding to High Conflict Behaviours Course (Years 1-5 Ministers)

Location: online

22 Feb & 1 March (0930 – 1300)

Places available: 16

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/dVSfRyBNJbvN1Td18>

This course considers the dynamics that lead to bullying, supporting participants to gain a deeper understanding of the dynamics of power and equips participants with basic skills to become more confident when dealing with high conflict behaviour.



Growing through Change and Conflict Further Skills (Years 1-5 Ministers)

Location: online

Date: Tuesdays 30 May & 6 June (1330 – 1700)

Places available: 16

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/BCfkigafQ2PcFHNv6>

Further Skills builds on the foundation course by using practical case studies with participants getting involved in case scenarios and using skills they have learned. Learn how to recognise and understand conflict, earlier and with confidence and develop your conflict transformation skills.



Facilitated Action Learning Set (Years 1-5 Ministers)

Location: online

Date: Wednesday 23 August (1000 – 1200)

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/Ms9WzMbeXn9t3jogZ>

Join a small group of people in a confidential space to help each other on issues of concern in relation to conflict and change, test new ideas, gain deeper understanding and clarity and improve practice.

How do I access support?

- For more information about the Living Peace Programme, and for links to registration, please visit www.placeforhope.org.uk/support/cofs-living-peace
- To talk about the training courses, contact Carolyn Merry at: carolyn.merry@placeforhope.org.uk
- If you are seeking Coaching or Facilitated Conversation support from our team of Practitioners, please contact Natalie Barrett at: natalie.barrett@placeforhope.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you to discuss how we can support you.

"...thank you for facilitating the course, which was expertly done with giving us enough freedom to speak freely but always keeping us on track. I will take away many things that have been helpful not just in my role but the conflict situations that crop up in life."

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