



MCYM has been based at St John's since 1998 and is part of the Institute of Children Youth and Mission (www.cym.ac.uk). We offer high quality, creative courses for anyone who wants to be involved in mission and ministry in a range of settings.

BA (HONS.) DEGREE YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORK AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (JNC RECOGNISED)

Validated by the University of Gloucestershire

This honours degree in youth and community work and practical theology (with professional (JNC) endorsement through the NYA) offers a professional qualification for those wishing to work in a range of youth and community and faith-based contexts. Combining interactive and creative teaching days with practical application in youth work and ministry settings, the course is designed to support the development of your knowledge, skills and abilities to engage with young people and communities professionally and imaginatively.

The programme has a holistic vision to support you to work in a way which promotes the personal, social and spiritual development of young people. The degree aims to equip you inspired by your faith, to build relationships with young people from all backgrounds and to demonstrate to them the values of the Kingdom of God. The course also equips you to work with young people and community groups in the statutory and wider youth and community work sector.

Alongside the interactive lectures and seminars, you will be part of a facilitated peer formation group and are supported internally by a personal tutor and externally by an experienced practitioner in the field. You will become part of a supportive



learning community of practice at St John's and have access to our excellent library and resources.

BA IN CONTEXTUAL MINISTRY AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Our new BA Degree in Contextual Ministry and Practical Theology provides a flexible qualification for those wishing to train in mission and ministry in a range of contexts. Combining interactive and creative teaching days with practical work in a ministry context, the course is designed to support your growth and development in all areas of your life and ministry.

You can choose to specialise in a range of areas of mission and ministry, including adults, children and families, children and young people, church, chaplaincy, pioneer ministry and formal education settings. Teaching days are facilitated by tutors with both academic expertise and significant mission and ministry experience. These will support you in gaining a strong theological grounding as well as the development of your understanding and skills in practice. As well as interactive lectures and seminars you will be part of a specialist small group and receive one-to-one mentoring from an experienced practitioner in your field. You will have access to outstanding learning resources and library facilities.

We offer an encouraging and creative learning environment and seek to cultivate a strong and supportive community, with prayer and worship at the heart of all we do.

(This course is subject to validation by the University of Gloucestershire which is planned for April)

COURSE PATTERN

You will be based in a practice agency for three years and travel to St John's fortnightly for a two day block (in term time only). We have a range of agencies looking for students or you might already know where you would like to study. Students travel from places such as Newcastle, Birmingham, Stourbridge, Sheffield, Stoke, York, Bromsgrove, Kendal and Chester to do our courses.

PROGRAMME CONTENT FOR BOTH PATHWAYS

You will study alongside people of a wide range of backgrounds, age and ministry contexts which enriches learning. Both of our degrees can be studied part time as well as full time. You will study the following topics:

Year 1 (Level 4): Biblical studies, contextual ministry, reflective practice, informal learning, pastoral care, human development, spirituality and discipleship.

Year 2 (Level 5): Doctrine, practical theology, mission, biblical perspectives, reflective practice, diversity, community work, ethics and values.

Year 3 (Level 6): Research methods, leadership, theology, reflective practice, two optional modules including biblical studies and a dissertation or equivalent.

Fees: £6000 per year and eligible for student loans.

MCYM offer a range of other courses at different levels as well as one day professional and ministerial development events. MCYM staff are involved in research, writing and consultancy.

FIND OUT MORE

Please contact Gill Benson on 0115 968 3222 or email on mcym@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk. Apply on-line at www.cym.ac.uk

MCYM STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Studying with MCYM has been a fantastic experience, that has not only benefitted my academic learning, but also the way in which I then apply that learning to my professional practice. This is purely down to the wealth and breadth of knowledge of tutors and guest lecturers. Learning theory is easy but applying that to practice is not, those who taught me were able to share their experiences and narrative in a way that made it both engaging and relevant to my context.

In my current post I am journeying with some of the most deprived under 25s in the country, I support young offenders who would be homeless if Out4good the project I worked with did not provide housing and education opportunities for them. MCYM has given me the tools and language to not only support these young people but, also the emotional literacy to sustain myself through this challenging ministry.

Adam Akers, 2015 Graduate.

MCYM STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

I really appreciated my time at MCYM; I felt encouraged, supported and challenged to grow in faith and as a youth worker. I found it particularly helpful that there were students from various different backgrounds, ages and theological understanding, so that the discussions and teaching were not one dimensional. The course gave me the opportunity and encouragement to try new things and put theory into practice. It forced me to think more deeply about what I am doing and why, to really reflect on my practice and stretch myself. I think I'm generally a more confident and skilled youth worker as a result of my studies. I graduated 6 years ago, but have felt continually supported, I've always felt I could ask advice and even got my last job in Abu Dhabi after hearing about a position from Sally Nash, the Course Director.

Jill Duncan, 2009 Graduate.

I work with children, families and communities in a range of settings. I am a foster carer to 3 young people. So many of the skills I learnt through my youth work training at MCYM are transferrable skills to this environment. It has helped my be empathetic, supportive and empowering to my foster children. I also run a community sports project called Rise Community Sports. I use all of my youth work experience and knowledge on a daily basis as we use sport as a tool to see young people reach their potential and to see a genuine sporting legacy for young people in our community. I also am a trustee of an underprivileged children's centre charity in Ghana, having lived there for 2 years after graduating from MCYM. I can apply lots of my experience around cross-cultural working and development work in this setting to enable extremely deprived families have a hope and a future.

Steve Hirst 2008 Graduate.

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