

Bethesda Free Church Bible School **Foundation Year**

What is it?

We at Bethesda are passionate about investing into and training this and the next generation of believers for the work of the Great Commission. Our Bible School has been functioning for over 6 years now with both part-time (4 years) and full-time (3 years) options. Now we are offering a Foundation Year Programme for university age students to come and spend a year training and serving in our church.

What Should I Expect?

The Foundation Year Programme is a full-time, September to August training programme with classes, workshops, assignments and practical service. You will:

- Study the fundamental doctrines of Christianity
- Learn how to start and maintain local church ministries
- Have opportunities to explore many avenues of service
- Work, serve, pray and learn with a team of other students
- Travel to other churches, cities and countries

How Much is it?

The Foundation Year Programme is free. However, you will need to cover travel costs and living expenses. If you are not from Sunderland we at Bethesda will do our utmost to facilitate you by accommodating you amongst our church members.

Is it for Me?

Good question. The Foundation Year Programme will be an intense year of training and serving. If you plan on taking a relaxing gap year before heading to university or work – then the programme is not for you. However, if you want to learn more about the scriptures and to grow in a deeper walk with Christ through serving Him with a team of like-minded young people – then get in touch!

What's in it for Me?

The Foundation Year Programme is an excellent opportunity for students and young people to gain experience in a number of important areas:

- Team Building - you will spend your week working with a team of people on various projects, ministries and events.
- Communication - public speaking, working in schools, talking to parents, visiting the elderly and the sick, discussing ministry plans – all of these need communication skills.
- Leadership - as well as working within a team, you will also be given opportunities to lead a team in certain ministries.
- Entrepreneurship - beginning new ministries takes planning; finances need to be budgeted, a workforce must be found, schedules and timescales must be drawn up, contacts must be made.
- Academic - you will also be expected to read books, study topics, research sources and write assignments.

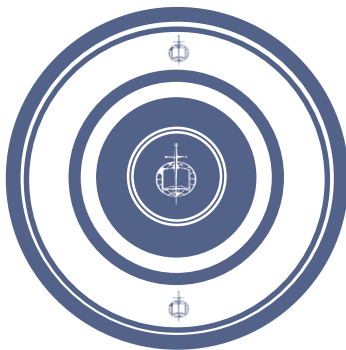
When does it Start?

The Foundation Year Programme begins 7th September 2015. The course itself, with the classes, assignments and reading material will finish May 29th 2016, however, there will be summer ministries and short term field trip opportunities. You will also be asked to help in the Reach Ministry in August 2016.

For more information contact us at:

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