



Would you like to take part in a full-time, discipleship programme for a year?

Would you like to give some time to serve God at Beeston Free?

In 2012-13 Beeston Free Church will be running two schemes (one full-time, one part time) for those wanting to explore the possibility of full time ministry or wanting to give of their time to serve in the church.

We are looking for people of different ages and experiences.

For more information on the two schemes please download an information pack from the church website or contact the church office.

[www.beeston-free.org](http://www.beeston-free.org)



Situated in south-west Nottingham just a few hundred metres from the University of Nottingham campus, Beeston Free Church is a large community-based church which is focused on serving all ages.

At Beeston Free, we aim to work together to “Make disciples of all Nations” by reaching out to our community, building up those who believe and sending out every Christian here to use their God-given gifts in His service. We’re convinced that God speaks to us through his Word the Bible and this equips us to serve Him. We therefore place a particular emphasis on studying the Bible together, right across church life.

Nottingham welcomes large numbers of people from around the world to study and work at world class institutions and a wide range of people find their way to our church: to services, Bible studies, evangelistic events, cafes, and other activities.

Beeston Free welcomes around 450 people to its morning and evening services each Sunday, with a membership of around 200. Although around 60 % of our congregation are aged 18-35, we have a wide spread across all age ranges, including active children’s, youth and families work and work among the retired.

Part of the nature of being a church in a large city, close to two universities and a major teaching hospital is the constant turnover of the congregation; around 50% of our congregation are with us for less than five years. We see this as a great opportunity, as people come to and go on from Beeston to many parts of the world. However, it also presents challenges in terms of building teams of people equipped to serve the church body and in terms of caring well for people pastorally.

As we look to the future, the leadership team have been thinking and praying about planting further congregations in the local area.

For further information about the whole range of Beeston Free activities, and the staff team, please visit our website: [www.beeston-free.org](http://www.beeston-free.org)

## Introduction to the schemes

*Beeston Free has been running a ministry trainee scheme, based on the 9:38 model, for the last 9 years. The purpose of the scheme has been to help to develop the next generation of servant-leaders and gospel workers for our world. As we look ahead to 2012-13 we plan to offer two different schemes; these schemes will run in parallel and will offer opportunities to a wide range of people to both serve in the church and explore the possibility of full time ministry in the future.*

### **What is the Ministry Training Scheme?**

The Ministry Training Scheme is a one or two year full-time training scheme in which trainees serve in and experience church ministry as part of the staff team. It is designed to provide training and practical experience in full time paid Christian ministry. The aim is to provide rigorous discipleship programme in a church context and to help people consider the possibility of some form of Christian ministry in the long term.

### **What is the Intern Scheme?**

The Intern scheme is a one year part time scheme in which interns offer their time to serve in the church. It is designed to offer individuals, of ages and experiences the opportunity to give their time to serve in the church and further develop their Bible handling skills, thus equipping them for serving in the church in the future. Those joining the intern scheme would be expected to commit to offering 10-15 hours per week for a year, to fit with the ministry areas they are involved in and to participate in training opportunities.

## Training

We are keen to offer both our ministry trainees and interns the opportunity to receive theological training. Some of these will be 'one-off' training opportunities which will be specific to whichever ministries you are involved in; other, more general training, will be available on a regular and on-going basis.

**Midlands Ministry Training Course:** All of our ministry trainees will attend MMTTC, one day per week; funding is also available for any intern who wishes to join MMTTC (in addition to their 10-15 hours per week). MMTTC is designed to help people to understand and teach the Bible, so that they will be better equipped to serve in a wide variety of ministries. Further details are available here : [www.mmtc.org.uk](http://www.mmtc.org.uk)

**Ministry Specific Training:** We encourage all trainees and interns to work together with their supervisors to identify training courses which will be of benefit to the specific area of ministry being undertaken. These could be one-off courses of a day or a week long, or could be something more regular. These courses will be funded by Beeston Free.

**In-house Training:** We run regular in-house training sessions for our staff team which all trainees and interns will attend.

## Supervision and support

Regular mentoring and discipleship sessions will be an integral part of each trainee or intern's programme. These sessions will encourage reflection on what is being learnt.

Supervision and support will also be provided by ministry area leaders.

## Funding

### Ministry training scheme

The cost of the scheme is around £10-12K/year including providing a small salary, paying training costs and administration costs. Trainees are expected to raise half of this themselves during the year. Support will be given in raising funds.

### Intern Scheme

Those on the intern scheme are expected to be self-funded, either through a part time job or other private income. Funding will be available for all training agreed with the church manager and the intern's supervisor.

## How to apply

- 1 Please ensure you have read all the information on the two schemes.
- 2 We would recommend you arrange an informal discussion with one of our staff before deciding which scheme you would like to apply for.
- 3 Print out a copy of the application form.
- 4 Complete the application form (**please remember to indicate on the form which of the schemes you are applying for**).
- 5 Post the completed application form to:

Beeston Free Church  
Salthouse Lane  
Beeston  
Nottingham  
NG9 2FY

You may email your application if you prefer - but please remember to complete all the sections on the form. Email [office@beestonfree.net](mailto:office@beestonfree.net)

All forms must be returned as soon as possible and no later than **30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

- 6 You will receive an email or letter to inform you if you have been selected for interview or not.
- 7 Interviews will be held in Beeston in early February.