

Role: Church Planting Catalyst/Coach

Role summary:

On behalf of the Anabaptist Mennonite Network, to help develop a strategy to plant Christian communities or churches with Anabaptist values and practices in areas of the United Kingdom designated for such initiatives. This includes recruiting suitable pioneers and providing ongoing support and coaching. It is envisaged that the catalyst role will be predominant in the early stages and the coaching role subsequently.

Person specification

Experience

1. At least 5 years' experience of Christian leadership in a congregation or mission agency
2. Experience of recruiting, deploying and supporting volunteers.
3. Experience of setting up meetings, creating agendas and following through decisions.
4. Experience of researching local communities and presenting reports on research.
5. Experience of liaising with local churches, mission agencies and ecumenical partners.

Knowledge

1. Good basic biblical and theological knowledge.
2. Knowledge of trends and developments in missiology.
3. Knowledge of the Anabaptist tradition and its contemporary expressions.

Skills

1. Capacity to organise and prioritise a demanding and varied workload.
2. Ability to communicate clearly in writing and orally and to develop and monitor internal communication processes.
3. Writing across a variety of media, fostering online communities and ability to be self-sufficient in terms of administration.
4. Ability to think strategically, develop appropriate policies and processes, implement these and evaluate their effectiveness.

5. Creativity and contextual sensitivity in designing publicity and promotional materials.
6. Ability to operate effectively through remote working (such as Zoom or Skype).

Attributes

1. Wholeheartedly committed to the values and policies of the Anabaptist Mennonite Network and to the charity's objectives.
2. Self-motivated, disciplined with regard to time management and able to operate with limited supervision.
3. Pastorally alert, sensitive to the demands on pioneers and willing to follow through on pastoral needs.
4. Committed to ongoing theological reflection, research and interaction with others involved in pioneering.
5. Prepared to learn new skills and develop existing skills.

Safeguarding

It is a requirement of this role that the person appointed has undertaken or is willing to undertake basic safeguarding training.