



**THE
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME**

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INTRODUCTION

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GOWAN

One of the core values at London Riverside Church is that we are empowering, and The Development Programme is fashioned to be exactly that!

By investing a year in learning, serving and growing in our thriving multicultural church environment, the benefits will stay with you long into your future vocation and career path.

It is a proven, effective key that can unlock your potential and develop your skills. I encourage you to prayerfully take this next step on the adventure God has for you!

Dr Gowan Wheeler (Lead Pastor)



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOSEPH

Through the programme, we are committed to supporting you as you pursue the life you are called to live.

Your growth - academically, personally, and spiritually - is our priority as you embark on this journey. Through structured teaching, one-to-one mentoring, and a range of serving opportunities, we are confident that this year will be a transformative experience for you.

Over the years, many individuals have completed this programme and have continued to flourish and develop long after the programme has ended. We can't wait to begin this journey with you!

Joseph Pullan (Youth Pastor)



WHO, WHEN AND WHAT?

Who is it for?

The Development Programme is for those aged 18-30, who feel a call to leadership and a desire to serve the community.

When is it?

September–August

What is it?

It is an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God, further your understanding of leadership and outwork practical ministry.

The year is split into 3 main components:

1. Teaching & Training

Every week consists of high-quality biblical and leadership training sessions. In addition to this, there will be the opportunity to attend a short-course at the Assemblies of God *Missio Dei Leadership and Theological College* (additional fee applies).

2. Mid-Week Placement

As part of the programme, you will play a vital role in the Kids and/or Youth ministries at LRC. The work will include Schools Work, the planning of programmes, administration and more.

3. Sunday Volunteering

On Sundays you will have the opportunity to serve in various areas of church life. These teams are critical in enabling multiple services to happen and run smoothly. You will also have the opportunity to be part of our Potentials leadership course that we run for young people in the afternoons.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

LEARN

Alongside weekly teaching, which will help challenge and equip you, The Development Programme provides regular one-to-one mentoring and discipleship sessions to help you flourish, as well as discover more about who you are and who you are called to be.

SERVE

You will have the opportunity to serve in various areas of church life. This will include a mid-week placement with our Kids and/or Youth ministries, the opportunity to serve on our Sunday teams, and other teams within the church. This can be discussed with your programme manager.

GROW

Above all, we value seeing you flourish: growing in character, confidence and purpose as you follow God's calling. We believe that in completing this year, you will not only have gained valuable knowledge and insight, but you will also experience a high level of personal growth and character.

What you get out of this year is down to what you put into it, so as you give God your all over the 12 months, we can't wait to see what He does both in and through you!

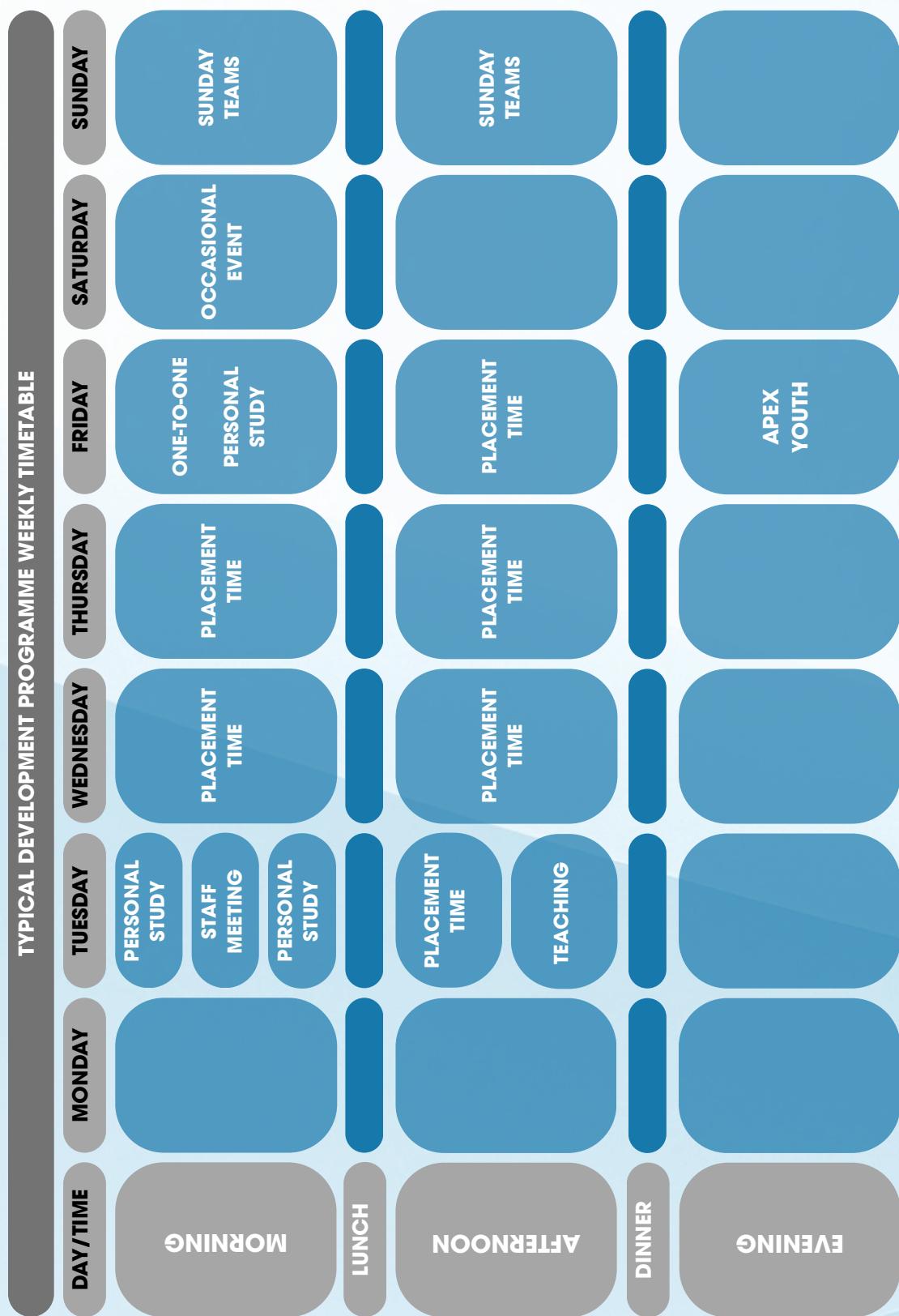
THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TESTIMONIAL

'The Development Programme at London Riverside Church was extremely impactful to me. It provided opportunities to go into schools and see the positive impact a Christian teacher could have in the classroom. This led me to pursue teaching after completing my three year degree. I also valued having the opportunity to serve in different departments of the church while also being given sessions related to some key theological ideas. I appreciate having had a year to serve the church. Despite me doing it to be a blessing, I was continually blessed by it.'

Toluwa Dada



A WEEK IN THE LIFE





COURSE FEES

TOTAL COST - £750

The Development Programme is an opportunity to invest your time into growing in your leadership and as a disciple of Jesus. The required course fees cover the overall costs for teaching, Young Lions Leadership Weekend, Thrive Youth Camp and inclusion in staff training days and trips.

There is also an opportunity to attend a Youth Ministry short-course at Assemblies of God's '*Missio Dei Leadership and Theological College*', which is an additional cost of £500 per module, as well as an LRC mission trip, also at an additional cost.

Beyond the fees, the programme will require your time and commitment. We truly believe that what you get out of this year is based on what you put in and we are committed to help you learn, serve and grow on this journey.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fill out the application form.
2. After completing the application form, applicants will be invited to either an online or in person interview at our Dagenham location.
3. If successful, we will then discuss the finer details of how the year can be tailored to best suit you.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I HAVE TO BE A PART OF LONDON RIVERSIDE CHURCH TO DO THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME?

We welcome anyone to be part of the programme, whether they are currently part of London Riverside Church or not. However, we ask and encourage you to commit to LRC as your home church for the duration of the programme year, as we believe this will help you get the most out of the time.

DO I HAVE TO BE A CHRISTIAN TO APPLY?

Yes, in accordance with the Equality Act of 2010, we require that anyone participating in the programme must be a practising Christian.

CAN I WORK ALONGSIDE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMME?

Yes, we support people finding work alongside the programme.

DO I HAVE TO COMMIT TO FIVE DAYS A WEEK?

Although the weekly plan represents a 5-day commitment, a 4-day option is also available.

IS ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED?

For those who are joining us for the year from further afield, we will provide assistance in helping to find affordable accommodation.



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