



Welcome Home ?

A Returned Missionaries Programme

27th January 2014 to 1st February 2014



The big questions.....

- *What did I achieve overseas?*
- *Was my mission necessary?*
- *How do I develop the positive aspects of my time overseas so that there is a legacy?*
- *How do I explain my work overseas to people at home?*
- *Where next?*
- *How do I live healthily consumerist western societies?*

Who is this programme for?

For any missionary or Christian development worker who has served overseas and returned to the UK . Whether you were overseas for 18 months or 18 years , there are many of the same feelings , challenges and opportunities arise on return. It can take several months or even years to settle into the new environment. This course will help you deal with some of the 'big questions' - it is intended as a supplement necessary project de-brief suffered by superiors/line-managers soon after return.

How is the programme structured?

It is not a lecture course! Rather it has elements of a personal development programme and retreat—there will be plenty of time for guided discussion of the context that the experienced overseas missionary finds themselves in now home in the UK—alongside practical, realistic advice and techniques for facing the future.

Are there any related programmes?

Yes, enkindle consulting also runs the Orientation Course for overseas ministers coming to work in the UK. Ask for details. It is also hoped to run a 'What next' seminar to help you with discernment of future missions/directions.



Training & consultancy



Programme facilitators

Richard Owens is the programme facilitator and links all the elements together providing input, refreshers, opportunities to revisit themes and other reflections throughout the week. After 17 years in various roles in the public & private sectors, in 2012 Richard launched 'Enkindle training & consulting—coming out of a period of four years as a manager in a lay missionary organisation. He is the secretary of the Catholic Missionary Union of England & Wales. He is also he lead facilitator for the Orientation Course for overseas ministers.



John Malley is the guest speaker and has over 15 years' experience in Ministry and it was in that setting he first became involved in individual counselling and group facilitation. He subsequently took a Masters Degree in counselling in London, England and Loyola University Chicago in 1986.

John worked in a variety of setting as service manager and counsellor in Kingston and St Georges College of Nursing in SW London; setting up and leading the first National telephone counselling service for CareAssist Birmingham; Managing a Drug and Alcohol residential service in Norfolk.

For 12 years he worked for CAFOD, as Area Manager for the South of England and Wales and had a special interest and involvement in HIV and AIDs projects in Zambia.

Also guest contributions from:

- Sr Siobhan O Boyle DW, sister of the Daughters of Wisdom
- Sue Gravells , learning& development specialist

Pastoral Team: During the week we will be supported pastorally by a number of priests . There will be regular celebration of the Eucharist and an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation should people wish. The beautiful new forest national park is on the doorstep— so bring appropriate clothing and you will be sure to find the beautiful natural surroundings a tonic and inspiration also.



Programme Outline

This is a flexible guided programme and will to some extent meet the particular need of the group. However the core elements are below:

Monday

Arrivals, orientations, journeys reflection, journalling introduction, prayer

Tuesday

Story telling—making sense of the overseas experience

Wednesday

A changed context at home. Social , religious and political change.

Thursday

Effective communication in a fast moving , complex society/workplace

Managing stress

Friday

Celebrating change— owning the experience

Action planning

Aftercare and on-going support. Signposts to other services, such as regular networking meetings if CMU, AEJFN and further series of 'enkindle ' events/training.

Saturday: Optional stay on extra night at no further charge if transport arrangements are for Saturday.

About the venue: St Joseph's, Ashurst near Southampton

St Joseph's Centre for prayer & missionary outreach is a perfect friendly venue set in beautiful grounds. It is minutes from the motorway and rail connections but also set in the New Forest National Park. It is run by the Montfort Missionaries. See

www.stjosephscentre.org.uk

If there is interest—we will look at holding a second programme in the North of England in Spring 2014. Please add your name to the list.