

We live at a time where there is little common vision and few commanding ideas for the future of our societies. At such a moment, a fresh, pro-active approach to communicating the Christian gospel in the public arena is needed more than ever.

Our aim at the Centre for Cultural Witness is to re-tell the transformative Christian story in public, displaying the creative, imaginative, culture-shaping power of the Christian Gospel. We seek to harness the wisdom of theologians and other Christian leaders and academics to enable them to communicate a rich, intelligent vision of the world seen through Christian eyes.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME:

Over the years, the UK has produced many significant public figures who have given a public voice to an intelligent, attractive Christian faith, such as CS Lewis, Dorothy Sayers, Rowan Williams, etc. We are aiming to help develop and nurture the next generation of Christian communicators.

The *Emerging Leaders Programme* will not only create a community of peers who are in the initial stages of their careers, it will also specifically seek to develop their communication skills by helping participants improve their ability to articulate complex theological concepts and effectively convey how Christian faith intersects within their specific areas of expertise. This includes developing skills in speaking, writing, and presenting ideas to a secular audience. Alongside this, we aim to empower participants with the requisite knowledge and character to enable them to navigate media, platforms, and publishing, as well as how to foster valuable connections and expand their professional networks.

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR:

The programme is designed for Christians under the age of 35 who sense a calling to communicate the faith in public. This could include:

- Theology Masters and PhD students, who are currently studying or have recently finished their studies
- Those with writing experience who hold higher education degrees in another subject but possess a passion for effectively communicating how Christian faith integrates with their respective areas of expertise.

WHEN THE PROGRAMME STARTS:

This is a 1-year programme starting in September 2023 and is designed to run alongside and support your current studies or profession. The programme will consist of four in-person workshops per year based at Lambeth Palace Library, alongside monthly Emerging Leaders check-in online sessions with the group.

WHAT THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

Community: Working with a supportive group of like-minded Christians to develop skills in this area, praying and worshipping together as well as learning together.

Workshops: Throughout the year's programme, there will be several training workshops with specialists on topics including:

- writing with clarity and impact
- social media and networking
- dealing with the media, public speaking and interviews
- character and values needed for public engagement

Coaching: Experienced writers and communicators from a similar field who will give feedback, helping to develop the candidate's writing throughout the programme.

Offering a platform: Contributions on seenandunseen.com will allow those on the programme to gain an audience on the coattails of some better-known and more experienced communicators of the faith. Participants will have the opportunity to join our community of official writers for Seen & Unseen upon completion of the course.

TO APPLY OR NOMINATE:

For more information, or if you or someone you know would be a great candidate for this programme, please email details to: leadership@culturalwitness.org or they can apply at www.culturalwitness.org/leadership

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