

## University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2018:

### Ref: #13 GMCA Manchester Diocese Training Programme Evaluation

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**Organisation name:** Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (Church of England)

**Team/Department:** Mission and Ministry Department

**Address:** Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2GH

**Project title:** Evaluating lay ministry training programmes in Manchester Diocese: participants, parish context and ministry pathways

#### Abstract:

Manchester Diocese runs two innovative and popular lay training programmes, Foundations for Ministry and Authorised Lay Ministry, which since 2010 have attracted more than 550 participants. The tenth anniversary year will be used for evaluation, for which this project will provide essential baseline data. This will include analysis of (i) the profiles of course participants, (ii) the parish contexts from which they are drawn, and (iii) any subsequent ministry pathways. The intern will contribute to a high profile and expanding area of activity through a written report and visualisations that communicate key findings and messages.

*Data sources:* administrative records (course participants and ministerial training selection); parish contextual data (e.g. church attendance, population data and deprivation scores)

**Key words:** ministry; vocation; profiling; evaluation; data visualisation

#### Essential and desirable skills:

**Essential:** Attention to detail (the project will involve data preparation and linking records from different administrative sources); willingness to take initiative and to develop ideas based on your analysis; strong written communication skills; familiarity with Excel.

**Desirable:** Willingness to experiment with new ways of presenting project findings; interest in GIS/mapping applications.

**Where the work will be carried out:** The intern will be based at the diocesan offices at Church House (address above).

**Preferred selection method:** Interview

**Support and training offered by the organisation:**

Supervision, support and feedback will be provided by the Transforming Communities Team Leader. The successful intern will also work with the Local Ministry Officer and other lead officers with particular interest in the project findings. The Communications and Events Manager will provide specialist input. There will be an opportunity to learn about the national context, specifically current data-driven research into ministry and vocations.

It is hoped that the intern will have the opportunity to share project findings at a workshop organized in Manchester on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 by the national Church of England Research and Statistics Unit (to be confirmed).

**Supporting information:**

The internship is open to people of any faith or none. It is not necessary for you to be a practising Christian, only that you respect the ethos and values of the Church of England. There is also a requirement to respect the confidentiality of the data used within the analysis.

**Financial assistance offered by the organisation:** Expenses incurred within the project and use of facilities.