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**Course for the Training of Evangelists**

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## Key Dates

**Preview evening**

Monday 21st November 2011, 7:30-9:30pm  
Union Theological College

**Closing date for final application**

including letter of recommendation from Kirk Session  
Friday 16th December 2011

**Course term**

Monday 9th January - Monday 12th March 2012  
Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm  
Venue: Union Theological College

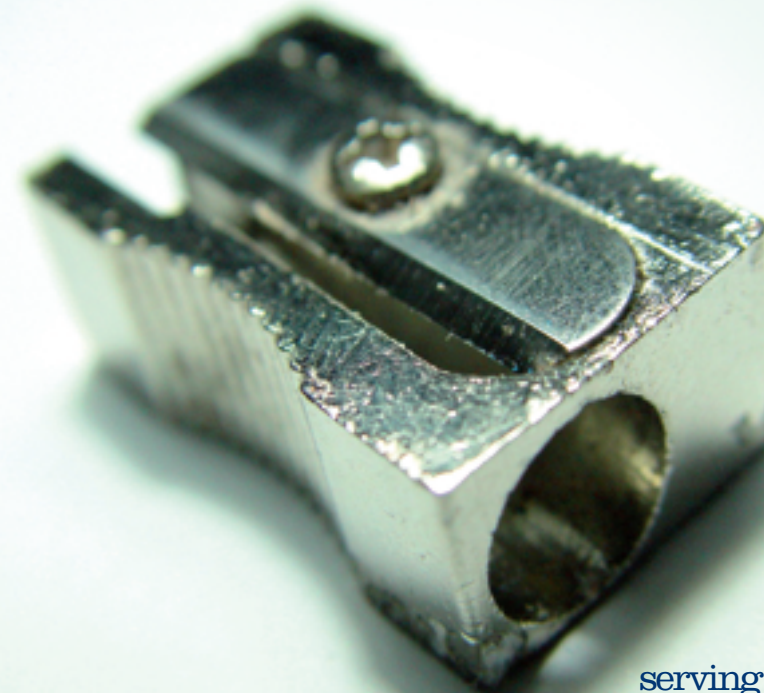
- Cost: £100 payable along with letter from Kirk Session
- Class size restriction: Class size is limited to 20 people. It is advisable to book early.
- Places will be allocated on a first come basis.

**For further enquiries about the course contact:**

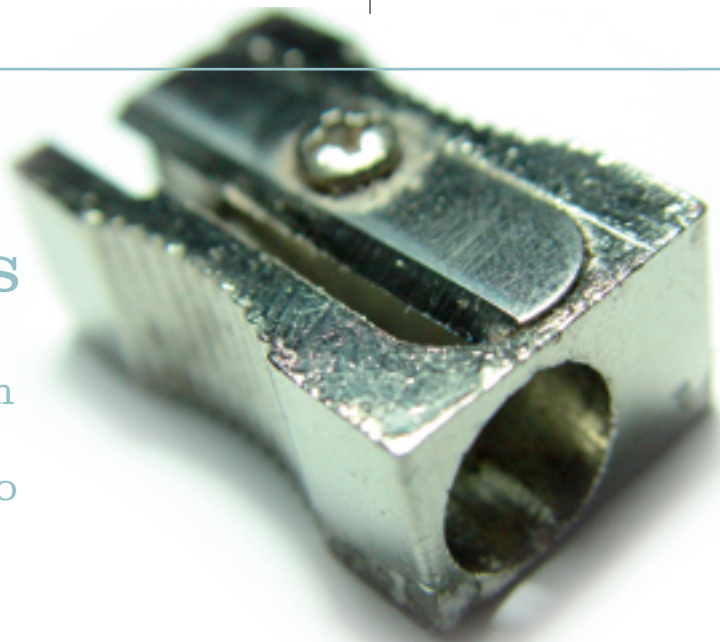
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# Course for the Training of Evangelists



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## As followers of Jesus

we are all called to play our part in his mission to the world to make him known in every way, in every place. There are many ways to contribute to the mission of God, but perhaps you sense that where you particularly fit in is sharing Christian faith with others in evangelism.

Perhaps you have experience in evangelism through the work of your congregation, with some other Christian agency or just as you have found yourself gossiping the gospel in your everyday life. Maybe you sense God's calling upon your life to further explore and develop an evangelistic gift that is beginning to emerge. Alternatively, perhaps you are already an experienced evangelist who is finding that you need to sharpen your thinking about what it means to really engage with unbelievers today in our rapidly changing society.

The Board of Mission in Ireland are pleased to offer you an opportunity to do all of these things through their new Course for the Training of Evangelists. The course will be held at Union Theological College over a period of ten weeks. Meeting on Monday evenings throughout January and March, each session will last for two hours (7:30pm – 9:30pm) and will bring together a team of experienced teachers and practitioners to help us consider together what effective evangelism might look like in a range of settings across Ireland today.

There are no academic entry requirements for the course and you will receive no formal accreditation at the end, however participants will be required to:

- **attend a preview evening in November** at which you can decide whether or not the course is for you and hear details of how to complete the process of application to sign up
- **provide a letter of recommendation** from their Kirk Session with final application
- **keep a journal** recording their reflections on what they are reading and learning as they go along
- **find a setting in which to outwork** some aspect of their training in a practical setting
- **take part in a conversation** following completion of the course to reflect on what has been learned and to discern potential avenues for involvement in evangelism

## Course Outline

1. Theological foundation – what is the gospel?
2. Evangelism and the mission of the local church
3. Irish context(s) and making connections
4. Conversational evangelism – listening, questioning, creating opportunities
5. Evangelistic resources – what? where? why? how?
6. Focused streams – choose two from: pastoral, creative arts, youth, children, street work, new media, men, migrants
7. Use of story in evangelism
8. Helping others engage with the Bible
9. Initiating evangelistic response – contextually appropriate means, leading a person to Christ
10. Mobilising God's people for evangelism

# Application Form for Preview Evening

Title (Rev, Dr, Mrs, Mr etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (daytime/mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of any experience or current involvement in evangelism (not essential):  
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