

Engage

Application form



Name

Address

email

Telephone

Mobile

I wish to apply for the Engage training course beginning September 2018.

(signed, date)

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My regular place of worship is:

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When the applications have been reviewed you may be invited for interview in June. Please tick as many time slots as possible when you could be available. There is space below for additional information, e.g. 'Fri 15th not before 4.30 pm'.

June 2018

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Monday 11th

Tuesday 12th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Saturday 16th

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June 2018

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Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Saturday 23rd

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Please give the name of your spiritual director, who will be asked to supply a reference commenting on your suitability for the ministry of spiritual direction.

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At the back of this booklet is a letter addressed to your spiritual director. Please fill in your name in the space at the top, tear off the letter and **pass it on** to this person, asking them to return it as indicated. Please also give them a copy of the leaflet describing the course.

On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us a little about yourself and your faith journey so far (around 500 typed words). On another sheet (and in around 250 words) please tell us why you feel called to work as a spiritual director.

Please send your completed application form, with the two written pieces, to:
Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth PO2 8HB.

Please also tick the data consent form on the next page so that we can hold your contact details.

Closing date for applications: Monday 21st May 2018

Data Protection Act 1998

This information will be retained on computer and paper solely for the purpose of this course. By completing this application form you are agreeing to your personal data being held by the Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance (PDBF). Your personal data regarding this course will be held for one year after the course has been completed and then it will be deleted.

Please tick the box below to indicate you have read the above statement and agree.

I agree to my personal information being held for the above purposes.

We will not share your data with any third party.

The PDBF would also like to like to inform you about other courses it runs by email. If you do not want to be informed about other courses please tick the box below. This data is refreshed every 3 years when we will contact you to ask if you wish to continue to receive the information. You can opt out from receiving this information at any time by contacting Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling at Ruth.Tuschling@portsmouth.anglican.org, or by phone on 023 9289 9650.

I do not want to be sent information on additional courses run by the PDBF.

Letter to referee



Dear referee,

_____ (applicant's name here)

has applied to join Engage, the two-year training course in spiritual direction that will run from September 2018 to July 2020, and has given your name as that of their spiritual director, who will support their application. The leaflet which they will also give you will give basic information about the course, and the sort of person for whom it is designed.

Two requirements for the course are that the applicant **must have been in regular spiritual direction for a minimum of two years**, and **must have undertaken a residential individually guided retreat (Ignatian) of at least two nights**, within the last five years.

I would be grateful for your opinion in confidence as to their suitability for the ministry of spiritual direction.

The aim of the course is not to enrich the prayer life of the participants, though it will undoubtedly do so, but to train those who will minister to others and take on the responsibility of holding and nurturing another's walk with God. You'll appreciate that this will not be an appropriate course for everybody: it will require self-awareness and resilience in those who take part. **Would you see the applicant as being spiritually both robust and sensitive enough for this, and able to lay aside their own concerns in order to focus on the journey of the other?** And do you consider that they have the necessary time?

Your thoughtful comments are vital to us as we prepare a shortlist of applicants; thank you for your trouble. Please reply either by email or hard copy to the address below.

Yours sincerely,

Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling
Diocesan spirituality adviser

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