

# Spiritual Conversation Course 2020-21 Information Sheet

Spiritual accompaniment in the Ignatian tradition is based on the assumption that God is present and active in our lives and that through reflection and prayer we can become more sensitive to this presence. It is often in our deeper conversations with others that this awareness comes to the surface. This year in addition to the usual in-house course the course is being offered online for overseas participants, and those living more remotely in the UK - see [website](#)

## Purpose of the course

The Spiritual Conversation Course is a complete course in itself. It is intended to enhance listening skills and **awareness of God's presence in the many contacts and conversations we have in our day to day lives. It is based** in the Ignatian tradition, drawing its inspiration from the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. As a broad-based course it is expected that participants will find different uses for what they learn. A significant part of the course will involve ongoing discernment for each person about whether, and in what ways, they are called to accompany others in faith.

## Topics covered in the course

Module 1: Listening Skills.

Module 2: Personal Prayer – Ways of Praying

Module 3: Ignatian Discernment.

Module 4: The practice of Spiritual Conversation in daily life.

## Spiritual Direction/Accompaniment

Participants are expected to be receiving ongoing spiritual direction/accompaniment during the course and preferably to have had experience of making an individually guided retreat.

## Methods of Learning

- Personal prayer and reflection
- Input from the team
- Small and plenary group sharing
- Listening and observation in small groups
- Guided reading
- One written assignment for each module.
- Ongoing self-assessment
- Regular meetings with a tutor

Regular informal spiritual conversation with one or two people through the year will be a helpful and significant part of the course. This will be explained at interview and/or at the beginning of the course.

ISC Based Course - Times and Attendance: Saturdays 10:00 - 16:00 and Sundays 14:00 -18:00. Given the nature of the course, which includes group work and experiential training, a high degree of attendance is expected from participants. If for any good reason participants are prevented from attending a session, materials will be sent by e-mail. Where possible participants are helped by meeting with another member of the group to discuss that material.

## **Online Course**

Times and dates for online group meetings and tutorials will be arranged on an individual basis when the availability of applicants is known.

## Dates 2020

Sept 26 & 27

Oct 24 & 25

Nov 14 & 15

Dec 5 & 6

## 2021

Jan 23 & 24

Feb 20 & 21

March 20 & 21

April 17 & 18

May 15 & 16 & 30

## Financial Information

The suggested donation for this course is £680. (£70 deposit on acceptance) It can be paid in stages. Bursary funding or a grant may be available - *early application is essential if you need financial assistance.* For further information please contact the ISC on 0141 354 0077 or [admin@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:admin@iscglasgow.co.uk)



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