

Wales Synod

Funding for Extending Discipleship and Exploring Vocation (EDEV)

Background

Extending Discipleship and Exploring Vocation is a new connexional initiative to develop a range of programmes to help people explore their calling and discipleship. In Wales EDEV will have two elements, *Explore* which is a general introductory Course designed to be run in existing groups (house or lent groups for example) and *Stepping Out* which is the more intensive course for those seriously considering offering for a new ministerial role, either lay or ordained. Further details may be found in the appendix.

Explore replaces foundation training for those exploring a call to ordained ministry. It was the practice for the South Wales District to pay the £1000 Foundation Training fee for students from within the District. In North Wales help with paying the fee was provided by the student's home church or Circuit.

Funding Proposal

1. Costs for *Explore* will be met through the Wales Training Network budget.
2. Costs for participants undertaking *Stepping Out* will to be met by the Synod up to a limit of £1000 per participant.

This is nominally based upon Course fees (£400), Travel expenses (£500) and a book allowance (£100). It will not in fact cover the true cost of running *Stepping Out* in the Synod but other costs will be met by the Wales Training Network (e.g. the annual residential weekend and staff time for tutorials).

The Synod will budget for 5 participants per year.

In the unlikely event of there being more than 5 participants in any one year the Synod Leadership Team will decide how participants will be funded.

There is no connexional funding available for EDEV participants.

3. Participants will claim from the Synod Treasurer.