



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Christians on the Left Political Mentoring programme. We are delighted that you are interested in developing further in your political journey and recognise the importance of faith in that process.

Application Process

- Please complete the attached application form and write a one-page (A4) cover letter.
- You may post your application, but email is preferred. Addresses are below.
- We will not consider any other materials or documents submitted.
- We ask you to provide one referee. Please choose someone who can speak to your suitability for a course of this kind. You should have known your referee well for a minimum of 12 months. Please specify the nature of your relationship (e.g. church or work). They must not be a family member.
- The deadline for applications is **5pm on 10th July 2018**. We will let you know by the **end of July** if you have been successful this year. The course will formally start in October.

All applications should be sent to cotl.pmp@gmail.com with the subject line 'Application – [your full name]', or sent by post to Political Mentoring, Christians on the Left, PO Box 65108, London, SW1P 9PQ. Email applications will receive an automated response confirming receipt. Postal applications will not be acknowledged until after the closing date.

Before you Apply

There are some key things we would like you to consider before applying to work out if this is the right time for you to apply to the course.

This is a mentoring course and requires **your full commitment** as a participant – this means being able to attend all the training days (see dates below), excluding exceptional or unforeseen circumstances (weddings, bereavements, illness). It also means considering what support you will put in place outside the gathered sessions to help you reflect on and process what you are learning. There will be additional reading and organised prayer triplets outside the key meetings.

A course like this works best when all participants are fully invested - the more you put in, the more you will gain. It is as much about the relationships and network you will gain by participating as the content delivered to you. Please carefully consider if you have the time and head space to be a generous participant, invested in the group, before you apply.

We are striving to make the course as accessible as possible, so meetings will be held in different geographical locations. Please let us know by email when you submit your application if you have accessibility requirements relating to disability, caring responsibilities or course costs (e.g. travel) which you would like us to be aware of. If you have any other needs that we should be aware of, please also mention these in your email.

Financing the course

The facilitators (Mike, Sara and Carole) gladly give their time to run this course for free – it is their passion to see others grow and develop. Most of the external speakers will also give their time for free. There are other costs involved in running the course – room hire, lunch, a residential weekend, materials and so forth. We would like to be able to offer help to those who need it with travel costs.

Cost should not be a barrier to anyone and we hope that you will therefore not let this be a barrier to you, however we ask each participant to contribute to the course costs, based on your ability to pay.

If you are accepted on to the course, in true Acts 4 style, we will ask you to contribute a minimum of £10 per session or £75 in total, but to prayerfully consider if you can contribute £20, £30, £40 or £50 per session. We expect that all participants will approach the course with an open heart and a desire to bless others, financially and/or in your approach to the course. We anticipate participants who are in full time work contributing more than the minimum per session. All giving will be in strictest confidence.

Once accepted on to the course you are welcome to speak privately to any of the course facilitators or to Daniel who administrates the course, about any issue relating to costs or accessibility and we will endeavour to deal with these in a sensitive manner.

Key Dates

The main sessions will be as follows:

15th October 2018 - Session 1 [Monday 12pm - 8pm] London
24th November 2018 - Session 2 [All day Saturday] Location TBC
25-26th January 2019 - Session 3 [5pm Fri until 5.30pm Sat] Residential, Location TBC
23rd March 2019 - Session 4 [All Saturday] York
18th May 2019 - Session 5 [All Saturday] Location TBC
6th July 2019 - Session 6 [All Saturday] Location TBC
19th October 2019 - Alumni Session 1 [Monday 6-8pm] London

Thank you so much for your consideration of the programme. We are praying that your political and faith journeys go from strength to strength.

We look forward to reading your application.

Mike Buckley, Sara Hyde, Carole Johnson (Course Facilitators)

Daniel May-Miller, Louise Davies (Christians on the Left)

'The Christians on the Left mentoring scheme is one of the most exciting aspects of our work. Identifying, nurturing and equipping Christians who are passionate about politics to become future politicians and leaders is core to our vision and what we do. I would urge any member who is thinking seriously about a future in the political sphere to apply.'

Jonathan Reynolds MP, Chair, Christians on the Left

'The Political Mentoring Programme proved to be the turning point on my political journey. It gave me the opportunity to take a step out from my busy life to focus on God and His plans for my life. The sessions were thought provoking, informative, anointed and challenging. The friendships with other participants are still a source of encouragement and strength. I thoroughly recommend this course to members who are thinking about elected office.'

Louise Davies, Director, Christians on the Left



Political Mentoring Programme 2018 - 2019 Application Form

Please answer all the questions below. We will treat your answers as confidential. Please do not attach further information or go over 2 pages as additional material will not be read.

Name:	Date of birth:
Email:	Phone:
Labour Party member: Yes / No	CLP (if Labour Party member):
Membership of other political / religious organisations (if any):	
Address:	Church attended:

1. What is your Labour Party and political involvement to date?
2. What is your church / Christian involvement to date?
3. What links do you currently see between your faith and your politics?
4. What church, professional or political training, mentoring or other support have you received before now?
5. What are your political ambitions (e.g. become a Councillor or MP, play a leading role in your CLP, support other candidates, develop policy, lead campaigns, work in a background role)?
6. How do you think the scheme can help you to achieve your goals?

7. What do you hope to learn on the scheme?
8. What do you think you can contribute towards the learning of others?
9. Do you have ongoing spiritual direction or support? If yes, what? If not, what can you put in place to run in parallel with this course?
10. What policy areas are most important to you? Why?
11. Describe the achievement of which you are most proud in your work, in politics, or in another area of your life.
12. In 12 months what do you want to have changed as a result of the course? How will you ensure that this happens?

Referee name:	Email:
Role:	Phone:
How many years have you known this person?	

Thank you for your application. We will let you know whether you have been accepted onto the course by the end of July.