



CONNECT GROUP LEADER FAQ

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GROUP APPLICATION

What do I do if I have an idea for a Connect Group?

If you have an idea, that is fantastic! You can fill in a Proposal Form at citychurch.org.uk/connect or at the Welcome Desk on a Sunday and we will be in contact with you.

How creative can my idea be?

As creative as you like. Below is a list of suggestions:

Cycling; Leadership Course; Daytime Book Club; Social Action; Fine Art; Beer and Bible; Rock Climbing; Prayer; Gardening; Dog Walking; Badminton; Street Art; Business Breakfast; Soup Run; Baking.

We would like all Connect Groups to have a God focussed element to them. Some groups will follow a traditional method of meeting in homes to pray, worship and study the bible.

Can I continue my current group?

Yes you can, by completing the Proposal Form. Your group will follow the termly pattern like all the other Connect Groups.

Can I lead a group on my own?

Ideally we would like every Connect Group to be led by at least two leaders. If this is an issue, please contact the Church Office.

Can I lead a group if I am new?

If you have recently joined City Church then we would recommend you join a Connect Group first.

Does completing a Proposal Form mean that I am now leading a Connect Group?

Not yet. There is an application process which involves a review of every idea by the church leaders. Before any Connect Group is started, one of the leaders will discuss your idea with you. If it's approved you will get a thumbs up to lead a Connect Group.

GROUP LOGISTICS

How regularly do we have to meet?

We suggest that your Connect Group meets at least once a fortnight.

Do we have to meet on a weekday evening?

No, you can meet whenever you like.

How long do I have to lead a group for?

Connect Groups are run on a termly pattern [approx 12 weeks]. Some Connect Groups will run for just one term whilst others will continue beyond this. We want to encourage leaders to consider running their Connect Group for at least a year [3 terms] but we also want to create flexibility for people to stop their group.

How many people can attend the group?

You are able to set a maximum number for your group on the Proposal Form. We would suggest somewhere between 5 and 20 people.

How do people sign up for my group?

If your Connect Group has been approved, people can sign up through our website during 'Sign-Up Month' or at the Welcome Desk on a Sunday. If people express an interest in your group, please direct them to sign up in one of these ways.

What happens when someone signs up to my Connect Group?

You will receive a notification [email or text] with their details. Please aim to get in contact with them within 24 hours.

Can my Connect Group run during 'Sign-Up Month'?

We will be having a number of events during 'Sign-Up month', including Connect Leaders Training and Prayer Meetings. These are very important for people to attend so we would prefer Connect Groups not to continue meeting during that month.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

What support will I receive as a Connect Group Leader?

You will be asked to attend an evening training session once a term during 'Sign-Up Month' covering a variety of topics. You will also be assigned a Sponsor while you lead your group.

What is a Sponsor?

A Sponsor will be assigned to you after you complete a Proposal Form. They will discuss your application with you and then check in with you whilst your group is running. Your Sponsor is the person who you can go to for questions or concerns about your Connect Group.

What does the training involve?

If you are a Connect Group Leader, there will be training during each 'Sign-Up Month'. This will cover a range of subjects to help you lead your group. If you are unable to make the training then please speak to your Sponsor.

Will there still be sermon notes available?

Yes.

What if no one signs up to my group?

We want to celebrate everyone who steps out in faith. We would encourage you to apply again next term and find a group to be part of for the coming term.



If you have an idea for a group, it would be great to hear from you. Please fill in a Connect Group Proposal Form at citychurch.org.uk/connect or visit the Welcome Desk on a Sunday.

