

LDY 26

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
YEAR



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what is LDY

The Leadership Development Year (LDY) is a development, formation and ministry placement programme from St Peter's Church and Family of Churches. It is a programme of theological training, leadership development and ministry experience. As a candidate you will be linked to a ministry stream with tailored teaching to help you grow.

The LDY programme has two streams:

1. One year route: On this stream you will be enrolled on LDY for a year. Where you will have a fixed ministry placement stream and will be in for 18hrs.
2. Term route: You will enroll for a single term and have a more flexible ministry placement. Where you will have a flexible ministry placement and will be in for 7hrs

vision

The vision of LDY is to develop you as a leader, helping you to grow in your relationship with God; discover your calling and gifts; and to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Bible. With the gifts and talents God has given you, how can you grow in them to worship him and serve your community.

LDY testimonies



Lizzie Milne
Youth Pastor

"LDY was an opportunity to invest in my leadership potential; space to be disciplined and created avenues to explore ministry as a vocation. LDY allowed me to witness the many ways the local church serves our incredible city of Brighton! Of course, all that mixed in with a new found group of friends and lots of laughs and silliness!"



Pete Dobson
Ordinand

"LDY provided me with an opportunity to give time and space to learn within ministry straight after uni. It proved incredibly valuable in discerning what to do next. I had the opportunity to learn and be disciplined, grow in my intimacy with Jesus, and seeing my potential as a leader."



Isabella Brown
Teacher

"LDY made me feel a part of something bigger than myself. I was part of the transformation happening in Brighton. It also introduced me to friends that I now call my family. My journey with Jesus has grown exponentially. LDY helped me find my purpose as a teacher and I still love serving on the worship team."



Aaron Williams
Youth Pastor

"During the year I was surrounded by such incredible pastors and teachers. I received great leadership training and my wellbeing was equally looked after. Not only are you getting to serve God in beautiful Brighton, there are also amazing opportunities to find community. Some of my closest friendships were formed during LDY."

note from leaders

Introduction from Dan & Kate

"...to equip people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up..." - Ephesians 4:12

We're so excited that you're considering joining us for the Leadership Development Year. The heart of LDY is to offer a dedicated season of learning and formation in community. Equipping you for a lifetime of discipleship, mission, and ministry. Through a blend of rich, engaging biblical and leadership teaching, deep-rooted relationships, and a rhythm of worship and prayer, LDY creates space for God to shape you, with everything we do grounded in the life and mission of the Church. It's been a joy to witness how God has transformed lives through LDY and even more encouraging to see former participants go on to lead and serve in all spheres of life.

As you read this summary, we're praying it helps you discern if God is calling you to spend a season with us.

God bless,
Dan & Kate

meet LDY Leads

It has been such a great pleasure and joy planning the LDY project with the wider team. This programme offers so many growing opportunities and moments to reflect on the treasures of the Christian faith. We believe when we grow in our knowledge and adoration for God, we also grow in our understanding on who he has made us to be.

Our goal is to see everyone being a disciple and a leader. We are all called and uniquely equipped to lead in our communities as disciples of Jesus. LDY is an opportunity to see the overlaps between discipleship and leadership.

There are many goals for LDY but the main ones are:

- To know and be confident in God's unique calling over your life.
- Equip you for lifelong leadership and discipleship.



Bob Barstow



Melissa Taleni

structure

Weekly you will have various classes and activities linked to these components:

Theology

These class will provide biblical knowledge and understanding. Theology classes will provide a robust understanding of scripture and deepen your faith and understanding of God.

Leadership

To help develop your characteristics as a leader. This will equip you to lead like Christ in different spheres.

Formation (full-time)

Formation sessions are aimed to mentor and disciple. The purpose of these weekly sessions is to ensure that you are not only growing in theology and leadership, but your individual relationship with God is growing deeper.

Ministry placement

An opportunity to serve in an area of ministry. You will shadow a line manager, and the line manager will be tasked with training and imparting experience to train you in their respective ministries.

dates

To make the most of LDY we expect candidates to be present during the term dates.

AUTUMN TERM: Foundational Biblical Studies & Church History

14th September 2026 - 20nd December 2026

SPRING TERM: Doctrine & Ecclesiology

11th January 2027 - 28th March 2027

SUMMER TERM: Ethics and Theological Reflections

12th April 2027 - 29 July 2027

weekly schedule

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| MONDAY | Formation Theology and Leadership classes (1pm-5pm) |
| TUESDAY | Staff meetings Ministry Placements |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| THURSDAY OR FRIDAY | Ministry Placements (depending on ministry) |
| WEEKENDS | Services |

The total LDY hours are **18hrs(full time)** and **7hrs(part time)** per week to provide candidates with the option to work alongside the programme. The option of doing more placement hours is available.

streams

FULL-TIME (18hrs a week)

The full-time stream is our traditional pathway for LDY. Where students enrol for a year. This is a great opportunity for those who have a bit more time to explore in much more depth. The ministry placement hours are 6hrs and flexible throughout the week depending on the ministry. The full-time stream includes formation classes, development trips (LDY Retreat, Summit, Leadership Conference and Focus). During the year the group fundraises for an international learning trip.

PART-TIME (8hrs a week)

This stream allows more flexibility in the week alongside the fixed teaching block on Mondays. Your time will be split among the Monday teaching block for 4hrs; and 3hrs for ministry placement, making a total of 7hrs a week.

Whether full-time or part-time, for a season you will be part of an integral part of the life of the church. This could include Sunday worship, Connect Groups, Church Weekends away (e.g. Focus), Leadership evenings etc...

ministries

social
transformation



sunday & events
coordinating



worship and
production



kids



youth



collective

(students & young adults)



building and
maintenance



finance and
operations



Alpha



training and development



There will be a weekend away (included in price) at the beginning of the year.



In the second term there are two conferences that you will be invited to attend; Summit and Leadership Conference.



Learning trip in the summer term which you will fundraise and plan throughout the year.



You will be part of Focus, our church annual longweekend away with other churches from the HTB network.

finance/housing

For full-time students, the cost for LDY is £800 for the year. This covers all course material, food, training and development trips and other costs, but not the learning trip. For part-time students, the cost for LDY is £50, this covers course material, teas and coffees.

Half of the payment is due on 1 September 2026 and other half by 1 March 2027. For Part-time students payments are due a week before classes begin. If this is not possible we can arrange a payment plan. Please contact Melissa Taleni directly to discuss this, melissa.taleni@stpetersbrighton.org

You will be responsible for making your own housing arrangements, however we will be putting together a list of families who would be happy to host a lodger for reduced rent. Be in touch with us if you need any help in this area.

There will be an opportunity for you to find part-time work alongside LDY, but we strongly encourage candidates to find people who may be able to financially support their year.

to apply

Follow the [link here](#) and complete the form by **29 June 2026**. Once we've received your application, we will be in touch within two weeks inviting you for an interview.

Following this interview, we may invite you for a secondary interview with your Ministry Leader. We will reach a decision regarding your application as soon as possible thereafter.

FAQs

1) How do I apply for the Leadership Development Year (LDY)?

To apply, download an application form from the website and return it to melissa.taleni@stpetersbrighton.org by 20 June 2026.

2) How much does LDY cost?

LDY costs for full-time students is £800 to be paid by 1 March 2027. For part-time students £50 per term, paid a week before classes begin.

3) Will I be paid by St Peter's during my LDY?

St Peter's will not pay you any money during the LDY - instead we encourage you to raise funds through friends and family to support you over the year or look for a job that will cover all the rest of your monthly outgoings.

4) Which area of ministry will my ministry placement be in?

We will endeavour to place people in an area of ministry which fits their gifts and passions, and will discuss this with candidates during the interview process.

5) What about after the LDY? Will I be offered a job at my placement church?

Unfortunately, no roles are guaranteed following LDY. In the past we have had candidates go on and do different roles, both ministry and non-ministry related. We have had candidates pursue ordination, lead ministries, become school teachers and other 'non-ministry' related jobs. LDY positions you for whatever the next chapter in your life.

6) Will I get an academic qualification at the end of the year?

You will receive a certificate of completion from LDY. While this is not a formal qualification the year will provide you with an excellent basis if you were to go on to study Theology or serve in ministry this year.

7) How much academic work will there be?

There will be weekly lectures and classes, background reading and one essay per term.

8) Will I be given housing as part of the course?

You will be responsible for finding housing for yourself for the year, however we are putting together a list of families who would be happy to host a lodger. Be in touch with us if you need any help in this area.

9) Will I still do my placement day in a department during the term breaks?

You will have break over Christmas and Easter from both the training and your ministry placement.

10) Who will line manage me?

At the beginning of the year you will have a line manager who will be assigned to you based on the ministry placement you have been allocated to.

11) Will I receive continued career and professional development?

We hope during the LDY year you will be able to make most of the support and mentorship. However, there will be a member of staff who could meet up with you informally after the year.