

Workshop

... because faith is a journey

Workshop is a course in Applied Christian Studies. It has been running in major UK cities since 1983. Until now, it has always been held on weekends.

In September 2009 *Workshop* is being offered by Stockton Riverside College as a Thursday evening course over **one year** (6.00 – 9.30 p.m.) or **two years** (either 6.00 – 7.30 or 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.).

Most people who enrol on *Workshop* are already on a faith journey of their own (which may not be the same as going to church), and are ready to think seriously about what they believe. The course is unusual in being both radically Christian *and* inclusive, drawing on a variety of traditions from conservative to liberal, from activist to contemplative, from Ignatian to charismatic.

- Some *Workshop* students have higher degrees, others left school with few qualifications.
- Some are church leaders, others are “de-churched” (‘off church’ but not ‘off God’).
- Some are theologically conservative, others are free-thinkers.
- Some come purely for their own spiritual development, others go on to further theological study.
- **But they all want to engage seriously with faith issues for themselves.**

The course is for adults, and is pitched at level 3 (about A-level). It leads to the Certificate in Applied Christian Studies offered by ABC Awards. This is the first faith-based qualification to be recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

There is plenty of content in *Workshop*, and lots of opportunity for discussion, but the assessment is quite light – just 3 essays and 2 smaller tasks.



To find out more, come to an information session at the new SRC Sports Centre, Marsh House Avenue, Billingham at 7.00 pm on Thursday 27th August or Thursday 10th September.

Or contact the course tutor Paul Wilson on (01642) 808285 or paul.wilson@stockton.ac.uk.



Workshop 2009-10

Inclusive Christian learning in today's diverse world.

Workshop runs from Thursday 24th September to Thursday 8th July in the new SRC Sports Centre, Marsh House Avenue, Billingham.

Part 1 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.
Code: 310VOJ39 XA01

Salvation Landscape
The Hebrew Story

Scrolls and Parchments
Exploring the Hebrew Scriptures

Re-Imagining Hope
Living at the edge of time

Stories and Letters
Exploring the New Testament

Mission and Compassion
Expressing love and truth

Spirituality
Living under an open heaven

Part 2 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.
Code: 310VOJ39 XA02

Quest and Questioning
Real challenges, faith choices

Credible or Incredible?
Christian belief put to the test

One World, Many Faiths
Engaging with global spirituality

Peace and Power
Being vocal, political and spiritual

Body and Soul
Living, believing and behaving

Living Community
Church as local, global and radical

The intention for 2010-11 is to run Part 2 at 6.00 p.m. and Part 1 at 8.00 p.m.

Cost:

Tuition: Part 1 (6.00-7.30): £160 Part 2 (8.00-9.30): £160 Parts 1 & 2: £320.

Course Notes (digital download): £50 **Exam Board Fees:** £108

There will also be an optional retreat in May or June as part of the Spirituality module.

For an enrolment form, or to find out more, contact the course tutor on 01642 808285. Or come to an information session at 7.00 p.m. on 27th August or 10th September.

Course Tutor:



A native of Teesside, Paul Wilson has worked in education all his life, mostly at Bede Sixth Form (now part of Stockton Riverside College). He has taught on *Workshop* in all the national centres, and on *Advanced Workshop* in Birmingham. He has master's degrees in Mathematics and Theology, and has been involved in church leadership and ministry for over 30 years.