



# SEEDBED



# Training for church planting

from St Hild College

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## Why Seedbed?

Seedbed is a new format for training from St Hild College, designed for people interested in church planting. Our vision is to equip and empower a thousand leaders over the next decade, and we'd love you to be part of this.

Seedbed is perfect for lay leaders looking to start new churches, whether you're joining a planting team, leading one, or just exploring this path. You'll join an online group and learn from experienced leaders and trainers through a well-thought-out program. Our goal is to develop a network of people skilled and passionate about revitalising the church through mission and church planting. If this isn't for you, but you can think of others who might want to be part of Seedbed, please pass it along to them.

The year-long program is offered online and divided into themed blocks. You'll attend 28 evening sessions, totalling over 40 hours of learning. Each week, you'll have a task to do before the online session. These activities, like a prayer walk or watching a video, help you get ready and involved with the topic. This way, even with a busy schedule, you're prepared to dive in and make the most of each lesson.

The Seedbed training is straightforward and practical, open to everyone, no matter your background. You don't need to be academic, a church leader or know where and when you want to plant a church. There are no essays or written homework – it's all about doing and learning. If you want to explore a topic more, we'll suggest some reading.

To keep things smooth, you'll get access to an app (or a website) with all the course details like session times, links and notes for each session.

# What happens at Seedbed?



## SEEDBED PROGRAMME

Along with exploring various church planting models and historical insights, the programme for the year covers these topics:

### Foundations

The significance of calling, character and resilience. The foundations of personal prayer and intercession in church planting.

### Mission and evangelism

The theology of evangelism and the marks of mission. Developing evangelistic skills and understanding different communities and their cultures.

### Healthy theology

Understanding the Good News in its New Testament context. Key essential doctrines and historical wisdom for church planting.

### Church-life

Developing healthy Christian community through worship practices, effective communication, discipleship and engaging with diverse groups and generations.

### Teamwork

Developing effective teams, implementing safeguarding, transforming conflict and providing pastoral care during significant life events.

### Leading

Strategic leadership and entrepreneurship, formulating vision, strategy and tactics, managing financial resources, multiplication and sustainability.

## A usual Seedbed evening online session might look like this:

- 7:30 pm Begin with worship and prayer
- 7:40 pm Host introduction and initial activity
- 7:50 pm Presentation by a key practitioner
- 8:30 pm Breakout into small groups
- 8:50 pm Wrap-up, practical takeaways, Q&A and future tasks
- 9 pm End (tutor available for further questions)

The next cohort of Seedbed starts in September 2024, with the opening session on Thursday, September 26th.

The cost for Seedbed for one year is £85.

Registration is open at [sthildplanting.org/seedbed](https://sthildplanting.org/seedbed).

For more details about Seedbed or to inquire about potential scholarships, please contact [planting@sthild.org](mailto:planting@sthild.org).

Seedbed is delivered by St Hild College Centre for Church Planting working with key trainers and speakers from the region.

### Some of the speakers you'll hear from include:



**Christian Selvaratnam**



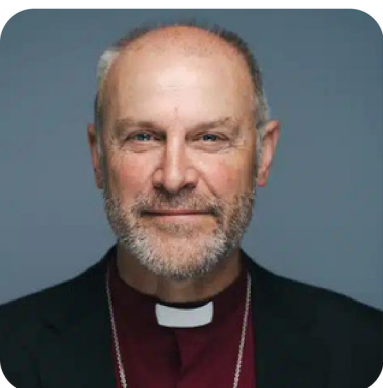
**Mark Powley**



**Alex Harris**



**Lizzy Woolf**



**Ric Thorpe**



**Helen Shannon**



**John Valentine**

