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Next ONLINE Mini-Conference

The role of the Workplace Chaplain begins with seeking to care and support people at work. In order to do this effectively it is important to understand the issues people face – as employers and employees – and sometimes to challenge and question the way we all do business. This has been highlighted this year in the changes in our economy post COVID and BREXIT, and as a result of the war in Ukraine. As consumers, as well as workers, how do we make sense of issues of taxation, debt, integrity in business and politics, and how do we as Workplace Chaplains connect these issues with the conversations we have with people we meet in the workplaces we visit? This is the subject for our next WCM UK online mini-conference, which will be led by speakers from ECCR, the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility.

The forerunner of WCM UK – the Industrial Mission Association – was a founding partner in ECCR in 1989. In its early years ECCR promoted shareholder action to seek to hold to account companies for the impact of their activities around the globe. It has continued with this campaigning and educational focus and today runs two programmes – Money Makes Change (MMC) and Church Action for Tax Justice (CATJ). MMC seeks to help Christians and Churches make informed, ethical decisions about how their money is used in the global economy – connecting their faith and finances to shape a fairer, greener world. CATJ campaigns alongside other organisations, for a fairer tax system, and the reform of tax regulation.

Led by ECCR's Executive Director, Sarah Edwards, this session will provide an introduction to the work of ECCR, and help chaplains be more confident in engaging with those they visit on some of these bigger questions of our economy that impact, sometimes very profoundly, with the work people do.

Booking is via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). The cost is £5 per person for members and for those who are part of a workplace chaplaincy team which has Team Membership, or £10 for non-members.



Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy Course

**Next course starts Tuesdays 7:00pm—8:30pm,
25th October, ONLINE**

following sessions 1st Nov, 8th Nov, 15th Nov & 22nd Nov

Following the success of the Spring IWC course, which was completed by 17 people, we are running another this Autumn for those who want to find out more about workplace chaplaincy. This online course has proved popular for teams who are looking to recruit new workplace chaplains. The course is suitable for those who are tentatively finding out a bit more about what the role entails, those who are new to workplace chaplaincy, and also for existing workplace chaplains who want a refresher course.

The cost is £50 per person which includes the cost of tuition and support over the five 1½ hour sessions and the Course Booklet. [Click here](#) to book a place by completing the form on our website.

Don't forget to breathe

We all need time to refresh and recharge, even workplace chaplains, and summer is the time we traditionally do that. We too can feel a little overburdened and stressed at times, let us remember why we do this role and reflect on a quote from a business owner who is regularly visited by a workplace chaplain.

"I am not a religious person but it is nice to have someone to share the burdens of the business with - another pair of ears. This is a worrying time at the moment, but I love my work and welcome the chaplaincy."



And if you like to read during your holidays, there is a new book just released in June called "The Heart of a Chaplain: Exploring Essentials for Ministry" by Dr Jim Browning & Dr Jim Spivey, which you may be interested in reading.