

COURSE COST

£700-840, depending on numbers, payable in full at the beginning of the course, or in three termly instalments. A non-returnable deposit of £75 will be required on acceptance on the course, and will form part of the full fees. Some bursaries may be available from the SpiDir Network, and there are other sources of funding to explore, for example:

- Anglican clergy and LLMs may be eligible for CME grants, or their equivalent, to cover some of the costs
- The Society of Retreat Conductors – Apply at least 3 months prior to beginning the course. For further details and application form email: redingtonkathy@hotmail.com
- The Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust – Applications are considered quarterly in February, May, July and October. For women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church who are ordained or accredited lay workers, including Church Army and religious sisters
Email: tim.ling@churchofengland.org | Tel: 020 7898 1408
- The Retreat Association. www.retreats.org.uk – Contact them to enquire about bursaries for spiritual direction training

COURSE APPLICATION

To request an application form, or for further information, email:

info@spidirnetwork.org.uk. **Please note:** All applications will be considered by the tutors as they are received and responded to as soon as conveniently possible; applicants will then be invited for interview.

COURSE ENRICHMENT

Ripon College also offer additional benefits to SpiDir students, to:

- Become 'External Readers' of the Cuddesdon Library for £27.50pa
- Attend their lecture series (see website for details and cost)
- Attend the Cuddesdon School of Theology and Ministry Study Days (see website for details and cost)



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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

A One Year, Ecumenical, Introductory Training Course



Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford

OCTOBER 2020 to JUNE 2021

COURSE PURPOSE

This course is for anyone who finds themselves accompanying others on their spiritual journey; this may be in a formal capacity as a minister, pastoral assistant or mentor, or perhaps you have noticed that others turn to you as a listening ear. This course is ideal for all those who wish to explore the ministry of spiritual direction whether ordained or lay.

The course aims to:

- Explore the relationship of spiritual direction in the light of our own life experience and of the experience of being alongside others
- Develop skills, understanding and resources for accompanying and encouraging personal growth and fulfilment
- Nurture a growing competence and awareness of our own sense of vocation, in relation to the Christian tradition of spiritual direction

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of three terms and takes place in the Harriet Monsell Lecture Room, Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Students will also have use of the Edward King Chapel after 9.30am. Each day will run from 10.30am-4.00pm. Hot drinks are provided, please bring a packed lunch.

The course content will include:

- Experiences of different forms of prayer
- Experiential sessions in which an aspect of the practice of spiritual direction will be explored. This will include reflecting on our own experience, the use of role-play, and directing and being directed in small working groups
- Theoretical sessions in which the background to spiritual direction will be explored, which will involve:
 - Biblical and theological perspectives
 - Themes within Christian spirituality and spiritual direction
 - Issues concerned with human personality and growth
- Appraisals, which will take place twice within the year

COURSE DATES (Thursdays)

2020 – Term 1: October 8, 15, 22; November 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10

2021 – Term 2: January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11, 18

Term 3: April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 10, 17, 24

COURSE COMMITMENT

Participants are required to:

- Be receiving regular ongoing spiritual direction. *If you do not have a spiritual director at this time you can contact the SpiDir Network for a list of spiritual directors www.spidirnetwork.org.uk*
- Complete assignments and recommended reading to assist reflection and learning
- Be open and willing to working with their own experience within the group context
- Participate in self, peer and course evaluation to assist constructive development of self and others

A certificate of completion may be presented at the end of the year to all students who have attended at least 80% of the course, completed all assignments and paid all fees.

COURSE STAFF

The course is led by experienced spiritual directors and teachers both lay and ordained, and occasional tutors with specific expertise:

Joanna Gallant is vicar of St Francis of Assisi Church, Terriers, and was Executive Director of Pelagos Spirituality & Retreat Centre from 2009-2019. She also ministers in a broader context of Christian spirituality as a teacher, supervisor, retreat leader and guide for the Ignatian Exercises. Joanna has an MA in Christian Spirituality from Heythrop College and loves walking with her husband and their black Labrador by the coast.

Nick Gallant is an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader, and was Communications Director of Pelagos Spirituality & Retreat Centre from 2009-2019. He studied at the London Centre for Spirituality where he learned to give the Ignatian Exercises. Nick has a passion for helping others deepen their relationship with God and realise their true potential in life. Formerly a professional musician, Nick still loves to minister through music.

Beryl Maw is an Oblate with an Anglican Contemplative Community. She has a background in teaching, art and spiritual formation including offering retreat days and spiritual direction. She also enjoys walking, painting and nature.