

Spiritual Direction Forum

UK



Vision:

We desire

- to support and resource spiritual directors
- to promote and protect good practice
- to advocate and encourage the creative development of this ministry within the church and in a changing world.

Values / Way

In the same spirit in which Spiritual Direction is conducted, we will endeavour to:

- be a 'common table' through dialogue and hospitality
- be led by the Spirit, in prayer and discernment
- be theologically reflective
- act with wisdom and humility
- be exploratory and collaborative
- be responsive and gracious
- be inclusive and ecumenical
- be appropriately professional and not professionalised
- promote equality and respect for all
- maintain openness and transparency
- build things organically, being both adventurous and realistic
- use simple communicative processes

Prayer for the Forum

Creator God, giver of all good things;
provide for us as we support and
resource each other.

Jesus, incarnate, embodied;
enable us as we model and promote
good practice.

Holy Spirit, breathing life into the
world;

inspire us as we advocate and
encourage creative ministry.

In all things, God, animate our vision
with your desire.

Amen.

Mission

Create a Core Committee

- with wide representation and a time-limited period of office.
- responsible for developing sustainable structures and processes for developing and maintaining the work of the forum.
- Focussing on the following key aspects:
 - Vision
 - Communications including website, social media, mailings, newsletters etc
 - Co-ordination of the work of the sub-groups
 - Finance & Administration including membership and fundraising

Create three working groups to represent the three faces of the forum

- 1. To support and resource spiritual directors *by***
 - by developing ways to come together to encourage, listen and discern; by zoom gatherings, national conferences, regional meetings
 - gathering and sharing wisdom and inspiration by newsletters, websites, social media
- 2. To promote and protect good practice *by***
 - an ongoing articulation of a shared understanding of good practice
 - involving networks, training courses, relevant organisations
 - producing clear guidelines and resources
 - establishing an ongoing process for developing these over time
 - inviting ongoing discussion and development
 - commending good practice to practitioners
- 3. To advocate and encourage the creative development of this ministry within the church and in a changing world *by***
 - Embracing the wisdom of the Christian tradition and learning from all people's lived experience both in the church and in society.
 - Understanding and supporting the prophetic and contemplative dimensions of our ministry.
 - Fostering contexts for creative conversations about spiritual direction in the 21st century.
 - Exploring and encouraging a diverse range of ways and places to bring the wisdom of spiritual direction to the wider world.
 - Promoting awareness of the value of spiritual direction amongst those involved in church leadership and resourcing them to signpost their communities towards engagement in this practice.