

# Inspire – a year serving the church and growing in faith



## 2018/2019 cohort

We are delighted that you are considering applying for the Leeds Vineyard Intern Year. This is a new and exciting step in the life of our community and one that we feel will be of great benefit to both the church and those who serve over the year.

### Next Steps

Please sign the form and send it **FAO Matt & Anne Button** at [office@leedsvineyard.org](mailto:office@leedsvineyard.org) or hand in a paper copy to the church office.

We will send you a reply to confirm receipt of your application as soon as we are able. Once we have had time to read through and check your suitability, we will get in touch to arrange a time to meet up to chat through your application.

After meeting up, we will let you know whether you have been successful in your application no later than the end of July. We hope that this will give you as much time as possible to make the necessary arrangements to find work and accommodation for the year.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Many thanks,

Matt & Anne Button

Before continuing, Please tick to confirm you have received the information pack and that you understand what is required of you and what you can expect on the year

We can accept applications from those who meet the following criteria:

- Follower of Jesus
- Able to provide a positive reference from a church leader recognised by Leeds Vineyard or from your small group leader if within our church
- Have attended Discovering Vineyard
- Have completed Servant Leadership School (or equivalent in another vineyard church). This is ideal but not essential if you haven't done so.
- Available on the days advertised
- Able to financially support yourself through the year
- Have completed the application form fully and honestly

Please tick to confirm you meet all the above criteria

I would love to join the Intern Year for 2018/2019.

### Personal Details:

<b>Name(s)</b>				
<b>Telephone</b>				
<b>Address</b>				
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Preferred mode of Contact</b>				
<b>Strengths finder Strengths</b> (If you haven't done this before we can provide you with access to the test)				
<b>Referees</b> (Please provide at least two referees - one of which is your current church leader)				
<b>Area of ministry preferences</b> (Please mark preferences 1, 2 & 3)	Pastoral Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Students	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	T4:12 (young people)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vineyard Kids	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship & Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Signature:**

**Date:**

### **About the intern year:**

A year is a long time and quite a financial commitment in only being able to work part time. We want you to know that this is the right thing for you to do at this time. In order to help you think this through, we have provided some questions for you to answer before completing the rest of the form. There are no right or wrong answers, we just would appreciate your honest reflections.

- What reasons do you have in applying for the Intern Year?
- What do you hope to achieve and get out of the year?
- In what ways do you think the intern year will help you to achieve this?
- Do you think the intern year is the best way for you to achieve this?

### **About the church:**

As an intern at Leeds Vineyard, we would expect you to agree with the core values and vision of the church as well as have a leaning towards how we do things. If you have significant reservations about what we believe or how we do things, the intern year may not be the best thing for you or the church and you may find other more effective ways of fulfilling your aspirations for the year.

In order to help you consider whether this is the right church for you to do an intern programme with, please answer the following questions:

- What do you understand to be the core vision and values at Leeds Vineyard?
- Do you agree with the vision and the values?
- How do you find the way we do things round here? For example, Sunday morning worship? Teaching? Children's work? Reach Out? Communion etc...?

- How did you encounter Leeds Vineyard?
- What brings you to the Vineyard? How long have you been here? Why do you stick around?
- What part of the vision and values especially appeals to you? What part do you find harder to understand or struggle to agree with?
- In what areas have you served in ministry (in any church)?

### **About Yourself:**

So that we can help you make the most from the year – both in serving and blessing the church as well as in allowing you opportunity to explore your calling and faith, we would love to find out a bit more about you – where you've come from and where you think you're heading in life and faith.

In order to help you answer as fully as possible, there are some questions below to guide your answers.

- Tell us a bit about your life to date – highs and lows, struggles and strengths.
  - Potted history of you!
  - How & why did you decide to follow Jesus?
  - What is your trade or training?
  - What are your strengths and weaknesses – in terms of skills and character?
  - Areas of gifting?
  - Interests/Hobbies etc...

### **About Ministry:**

So that we can help you make the most from the year, we would love to know what areas of ministry within the church (or without) that you feel called to/would like to get some experience in.

In order to help you answer as completely as you can, please consider these questions:

- How much do you know about God's call on your life? Can you expand on what this looks like currently even if vague at the moment – that's fine.
  - Does that include working for a church?
  - What area of church life do you see yourself focussing on?
  - What experience in church ministry do you have to date? Including any formal training (helpful to know – not a requirement!).