



College

Vineyard Leadership College



**Prospectus
2023-2024**





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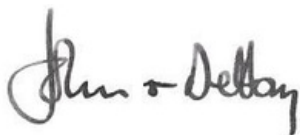
Thank you for picking up this prospectus for the Vineyard Leadership College, which is a brand new endeavour for our movement. Last year we saw over 80 students apply and step into College in 2022-2023, and we are expectant for all that God is going to do in 2023-2024.

The scriptures say that those who desire to be leaders "desire a noble task." Perhaps that's you? Or maybe the idea of leading others is, frankly, terrifying to you... but you know in your soul that the Lord has called you to serve him in this way? The Leadership College is designed for people exactly like you.

There is a desperate need in our world today for leaders, both in the Church and the marketplace, who will lead with integrity and with hope, with vision and by the enabling of the Spirit of God. That's why we are launching this new college at this time.

We would love you to pray and to consider whether this may be your next step in your adventure with Jesus.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John + Debby". The script is cursive and fluid, with a plus sign between the names.

John and Debby Wright

National Directors, Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland





PATHWAY

The Vineyard Ministry Pathway



The Leadership College is a key step in our movement's pathway for leadership. That means that it could form part of your journey towards vocational ministry in the Vineyard. Often, as in life, the steps overlap or come in a different order.

Essentials

Vineyard Leadership Essentials

This is an off-the-shelf leadership training course that is available to be run in most Vineyard churches in the UK and Ireland. Covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, Leadership Essentials is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from your church family.

See vcuki.co/essentials for more info.

College

Vineyard Leadership College

A year-long intensive part-time programme for those experiencing a compelling call to leadership and seeking to invest in that call in an intentional and deliberate way. We anticipate that many of those stepping into vocational ministry or church planting in the coming years will be graduates of the Leadership College. If you haven't participated in Leadership Essentials before, then this can be combined with the Leadership College.

Launch

Vineyard Launch Training

A week-long intensive course with follow-on sessions for those just about to step into church planting or vocational leadership in a Vineyard Church.

Theology

Vineyard Theological Training

It is our hope that all of the emerging pastoral leaders in our movement are able to navigate the intense challenge of ministry in a confusing and chaotic world with theological rigour and acumen. We, therefore, offer our own modular theological training course which lays a solid foundation for Christian life and leadership. See vcuki.co/theology for more info.

We also are thrilled to partner with WTC, an accredited theological training college with 12 campuses around the UK and Ireland. We wholeheartedly commend their courses, all of which are part-time and accessible for those from all kinds of educational backgrounds. For more info see wtctheology.org.uk

Support

Vineyard Support

As people step into positions of responsibility and leadership within our movement, we have a wide range of support structures and programmes. These are designed to ensure that each person sets out on the right path, continues in their growth, maintains healthy rhythms and practises, and continues for the long run.





What is the Vineyard Leadership College?



A new, church-based, multi-campus, multi-disciplinary training programme for VCUK!



| A NEW TRAINING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE WHOLE MOVEMENT

The Leadership College is an evolution of a course that has been run in the Scottish Vineyard churches for the past 6 years, which we launched across the entire movement in September 2022. It is aimed at students 21+ and you could be among some of the first students graduating and stepping into the next phase of their calling.

| CHURCH-BASED

You do not need to move house or church to study with the Leadership College. In fact the opposite is true, the home base for your learning and development is your local Vineyard church.

"I worked as a consultant gynaecologist throughout my time at the Leadership College. I'm still working as a consultant gynaecologist, but now my husband and I are planting a church too!"

- Lawrize, Dundee

| MULTI-CAMPUS

The other focal point for your course will be your nearest College campus, of which there are 5 spread across our nations. For those who live more than 45 minutes travel distance away from the campus, there is the option to participate in an interactive online hybrid classroom* connected to your campus, meaning that you only need to attend in-person approximately once per month.

*Not just a laptop in the corner of the room, but utilising advanced interactive technology.

| MULTI-DISCIPLINARY

The aim of the course is to equip you for leadership in a way that matches your immediate sense of call. For this reason, one aspect of the course involves a ministry elective which focuses your learning into one of a range of ministry-specific options.

| TRAINING PROGRAMME

This is a year-long part-time intensive course designed to accelerate the development of your understanding and the depth of your discipleship. It involves a significant time commitment, including attendance at the campus (either in-person or online) for a whole day on a Thursday, during the three 11-week terms.

| FOR VINEYARD CHURCHES UK & IRELAND

The Leadership College is an initiative for the whole of our movement in all of our nations.





Our 4 Ministry Values

| EDUCATION

The course follows a curriculum which has been designed by experienced and seasoned leaders from around the movement. It has been shaped by educators in a way that takes account of the most recent research into how people learn and process information in a way that sticks.

| TRANSFORMATION

Our intention is to create an environment in which your growth in knowledge and understanding is matched by a similar level of growth in faith, and expectation. Our desire is that each student would experience a significant measure of healing and spiritual development throughout the course of the year.

| COMMUNITY

It says in the book of Proverbs that “as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” As soon as the College year starts, a rich and deep sense of mutuality and friendship will begin to form amongst the students, as a beautifully diverse student body is moulded by the Holy Spirit into a learning and growing community. These relationships will be formational during the journey and last for many years to come.

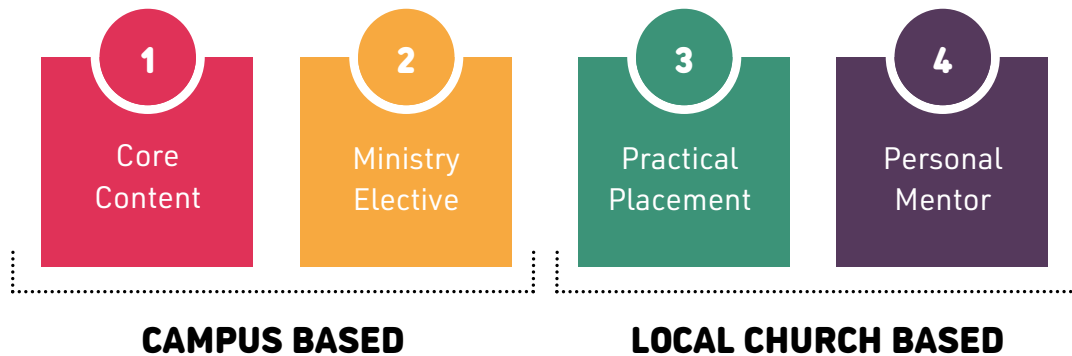
| CAUGHT AND TAUGHT

As well as high quality taught content from leaders and experts from the Vineyard around the world, a central aspect of the course is access; access to the leadership culture of your own church, and to many of the leaders at the heart of our movement. Deliberate space is created for informal conversation and observation, and there will be plenty of interaction and opportunity to ask questions.





Course Content // 4 Key Elements



At its heart, the Leadership College is a beautiful partnership between the local church and the College Campus, with each one working together to invest in the students in a way that brings about lasting growth and effective learning.



CORE CONTENT

Several years ago, research was carried out amongst leaders across our movement, and the result was a set of observable qualities that were common in nearly all resilient and multiplying leaders. We call these the 5 Essential Characteristics of a Pioneering Leader. All the students of the Leadership College will follow a core curriculum, which is focussed around these characteristics, which are:

- Vision and Calling
- Spiritual and Emotional Capacity
- Gathering & Evangelism
- Leadership and Multiplication
- Communication

As well as these core practical topics, all College students follow a foundational theological curriculum, centred around several modules of Vineyard Theological Training.



North England & Midlands Campus

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Ministry Elective

MINISTRY ELECTIVE

The course also aims to equip students in a targeted way for their particular call to ministry, by enabling them to choose a particular Elective for around 20% of the taught sessions. The curriculum for these Electives has been carefully crafted by leaders in our movement who are seasoned and well-respected in their respective fields of expertise. During application, potential students must rank their choice of Elective in order of preference. Electives available currently are:

- Pastoral and Pioneering Leadership
- Kids Ministry
- Youth Ministry (Youth Ministry students only may be 18+ at point of application)
- Compassion Ministry
- Worship Ministry

For more information about each elective visit vcuki.co/CollegeElectives

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Practical Placement

PRACTICAL PLACEMENT

It's essential that everything that is being learned in the classroom finds its way into practical activity and ongoing development beyond the classroom. To this end, each student is provided with a significant opportunity to apply their learning in their local church setting.

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Personal Mentor

PERSONAL MENTOR

During what is an intense season of growth and challenge, each student is supported and cared for by a personal mentor from their local church. This is a safe environment to surface long-held struggles and to work through patterns of thought and behaviour, as well as to laugh and to pray. Students will meet with their mentors every 2 - 3 weeks for the duration of the course.





"I applied for the Leadership College with under a month to spare. Within a month of graduating from the college, my family and I had moved to the other side of Scotland to plant a church."

- Don, Greenock



Wales / Cymru Campus

Campus Day Format

The schedule for each Thursday in each campus, follows a similar rhythm, an example of which is below:

9:00 - 10:00	Worship & Ministry
10:00 - 11:00	Campus Session 1
11:15 - 12:15	Campus Session 2
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch & Campus Gathering
13:15 - 14:15	Ministry Elective Session
14:30 - 15:30	National/International Session 1
15:45 - 16:45	National/International Session 2





Campus Day Format

I HYBRID CLASSROOMS

Whilst most students will want to travel to their nearest campus each week during term-time to be in-person for the day, clearly many students will live some miles away. For any student who lives more than 45 minutes travelling time from their nearest campus, they will have the opportunity to join with their campus online using a hybrid interactive classroom model for many of the Thursdays, with in-person attendance only required around once per month by agreement with the Head of Campus. This is a model that has been tested in Scotland for some time with excellent success. **The hybrid nature of the sessions means that all students should have access to headphones and a wifi device (e.g. laptop, mobile, tablet).**

I INDUCTION DAYS

Every new Leadership College year begins with two induction days before the term begins. All students for each campus have the chance to come together, share their stories and lay some foundations (practical and spiritual) for the year ahead.

I RESIDENTIALS

During the year, there are two residentials, during which all of the Leadership College students from all over the UK and Ireland gather together. These times are about retreating to advance, with extended opportunity for worship and ministry. The teaching content is carefully selected for these moments, and there are various outdoor activities available too. Our November retreat runs from Tuesday evening until Friday morning and our May retreat runs from Wednesday morning until Friday morning.



"I felt God asking me if I'd say yes to him and trust him even if I didn't know the end result. For me, this year is saying yes to God's adventure."

- Rebecca, Aberdeen





Commitment & Cost

A wholehearted participation in the Leadership College will require a significant investment of time, energy and heart. The time requirements would include:

- Attendance at a Campus every Thursday during each of the three 11-week terms (in-person or hybrid).
- A strong commitment to your local church (inc. serving on Sundays and in mid-week small groups).
- 1-2 evenings (or equivalent) per week for Practical Placement (usually linked to Ministry Elective).
- 3-4 hours per week for personal study.

APPLICATION FEE - £20	Non-refundable
DEPOSIT - £349	Payable on acceptance of place offered
COURSE FEES - £1,188	<p>These are payable either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x £1,188• 3 x £396 payable by the start of each term• 12 x £99 payable by the 1st of each month beginning 1st September 2023

We are desperate to ensure that costs are never the reason why a potential student cannot participate in the College programme. For this reason, there are a number of schemes that all students are welcome to apply for.

TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Available to any student who lives more than 45 minutes travel time from their nearest Campus and who requires some financial assistance to enable their participation.

Have a look at our FAQs for a breakdown of what this looks like.

FEES SCHOLARSHIP

Each year there are five scholarship places available for those students who would be unable to participate in the College under standard fee conditions. The scholarship course and residential fees are one third of the usual cost.

SUPPORT BURSARY

In a very limited number of cases it may be possible to receive financial support in order to release a student from their regular employment for the one day per week requirement of the College.

See vcuki.org/college for further details on each of these schemes

Please note that the deadline for all scholarship and bursary applications is Friday 12th May 2023.

TERM DATES

- 21st September - 30th November 2023
- 11th January - 21st March 2024
- 11th April - 13th June 2024

INDUCTION & RESIDENTIAL DATES**

Induction Days	19th - 20th September 2023
Residential 1	7th - 10th November 2023
Residential 2	15th - 17th May 2024

**Please note that induction and residential dates take place on weekdays.



How to Apply

Step
1

Attend

Come to an Open Morning and see for yourself what the Vineyard Leadership College is like or join us online for one of our Zoom Open Evenings. Both of these are an excellent opportunity to ask questions and meet current and former students.

Step
2

Consult

Invite the thoughts, prayers and considerations of those who know you well, including your pastor.*

Step
3

Pray

Soak the whole thing in prayer and ask the Lord for his direction.

Step
4

Apply

Visit the website (vcuki.org/college) to make your application. **All applications for College 23-24 must be submitted by 10th July 2023.**

We can't wait to meet you, and to serve you as you take your next step in God!

*Please note before any application is taken to interview a pastoral reference must be submitted. Please ensure to discuss your College application with your pastor / one of your pastors before submitting.

God wants you! Are you hearing me? What God wants is ALL of you. He wants to consume you. In that process you will serve. Service is good, but your service won't count for much if it isn't done with a giving of self, with a yielding of your inner person and all that you are about. That's what God calls us to; a life of giving of ourselves.

- John Wimber (Vineyard Founder)



"The Leadership College has been a huge part of my journey. I have connected with Jesus and his plan for my life in such a sweet way, and I'll never regret the time and energy I gave to it."

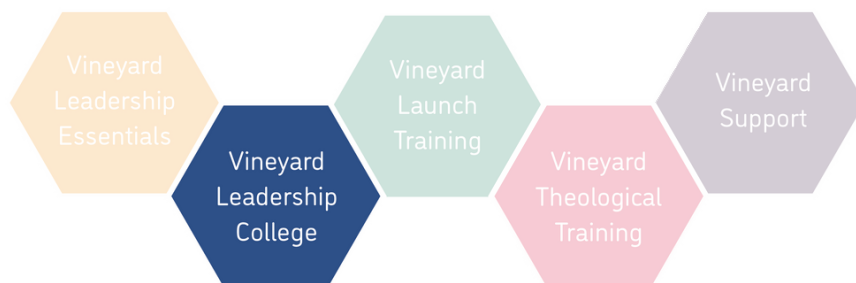
- Jill, Aberdeen





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