



DIY

Our life experience matters; our stories; our joys and sorrows. The Bible has plenty to say - more than we'll ever know - about our lives if we know how to read it and apply it. For many people, especially those in urban situations, hearing about Unlock's approach brings a eureka moment as a way forward with a fringe group that won't come through traditional Bible studies or formal church meetings.

For the last year Unlock has been working in Liverpool, particularly in Anfield where urban development worker, Sonya Doragh, has been running groups with local people that don't usually come to church, using Unlock's creative approach that starts from the experiences of participants.

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Over the next year Sonya is hoping to share her experience and Unlock's methodology with others (laity & clergy) that might be interested in applying this approach to groups in their own area. We are looking for people who would like to have a go at writing their own materials to then trial with a group in their own locality. This would be undertaken with support and guidance. Participants could work towards a term of weekly sessions with a group, a one off event or anything in between. The timetable for the project is as follows:

May - initial meeting

June - identify, assess group & look for co-leader

July - establish course theme, objectives & overview. Put together details of first session.

August - plan details of remaining sessions

September - start delivery of planned sessions

December - review and celebrate

With regular meetings with the Liverpool development worker throughout the process.

If there is enough demand we plan to run the DIY project a second time starting in September with participants running their sessions from January 2010.