

Isle of Wight Street Pastors



Person Specification for Street Pastor Volunteers

Street Pastors Volunteers must be the right people for the role – we don't just take anyone who offers, but carefully select based on talent, skill, experience and motivation.

Street Pastors' minimum requirements are that volunteers must:

- a. be over 18
- b. attend a local church
- c. have a positive reference from the leader of a church of which they have been a member for at least one year

In deciding whether a volunteer will be accepted as a Street Pastor with Isle of Wight Street Pastors, the following points will be taken into account. This is not an exhaustive list and is included as a basis for discussion. The aim of the process is to find God's will and this cannot be accomplished by a simple checklist.

However, we would expect volunteers to demonstrate:

- d. commitment to the training process, making efforts to be present and participate fully
- e. commitment to the ethos of Street Pastors, including a commitment to service of others in the name of Jesus, with the gospel at the heart of what we do and why we do it, but not at the forefront of what we say
- f. an effort to raising the funds for training, uniform etc. There is no need for that effort to be 100% successful, but it should be demonstrable
- g. ability to work as part of a team, following the directions of the Senior Street Pastor
- h. sufficient 'street understanding' to be aware of danger and not to be easily offended
- i. a non-judgemental attitude
- j. a sense of understanding of the need to be dependent on God's Holy Spirit and an awareness of spiritual issues
- k. sufficient physical fitness to be able to withstand the demands of the ministry without compromising the safety or wellbeing of the team or of themselves
- l. a commitment to a Christian lifestyle, including
 - i) No use of illegal drugs
 - ii) No excessive use of alcohol
 - iii) No problems with gambling

Process

A Street Pastor Volunteer will have filled out an application form, an Enhanced CRB disclosure form and an ISA Vetting and Barring form.

A person's acceptance as a Street Pastor volunteer is conditional on information that may be disclosed during the vetting process.

The Management Team of Isle of Wight Street Pastors reserves the right to withdraw a person's acceptance as a volunteer within the team. At this point, all uniform items should be returned.

The Management Team will make all decisions concerning the acceptance of volunteers. Each volunteer will have an interview, following which the group's decision will be communicated.

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Volunteer Street Pastor Application Form



Applicants will be applying to serve as Street Pastors anywhere on the Isle of Wight.

Street Pastors will need to complete a 12 session training course in 2 groups of 4 Saturdays. Uniform and training costs amount to £200 and we ask each Street Pastor to try and raise the costs of their own uniform and training if possible, but lack of finance should not be a barrier to applying, Isle of Wight Street Pastors underwrite the cost of all training expenses.

If you have any questions about the role, training or the application process please contact David Ouston, Street Pastors Co-ordinator.

Postal Address : Isle of Wight Street Pastors, 123 Marlborough Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. PO33 1AW

Telephone : 07545 242782

Email Address : isleofwight@streetpastors.org.uk

Please clearly print all details in BLOCK CAPITALS

Personal Details

Surname: _____

First name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Numbers (please only list a work number if we can contact you at work)

Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Do you expect to be able to fund the cost of uniform and training Y / N

Your Skills

What are your hobbies/Interests? _____

Are you skilled in any performing Arts? (singing, dancing, acting music, other):

Do you have an up-to-date First Aid Certificate? Y / N

Do you possess any skills not mentioned above which you feel would be useful as a Street Pastor?

Christian History

How long have you been a Christian? _____

Give a brief account of your Christian journey: _____

How have you maintained fellowship, and how have you developed your faith?

Describe your relationship with your Pastor / Leader and your Church

Are you involved in any form of ministry in your church or in some other Christian organisation e.g. children/youth work, teaching, leading worship, administration, community work, hospitality, etc. If Yes, please state clearly what this involves: Y / N

Please state your reasons for wanting to be a Street Pastor

What are your expectations from the Street Pastor's Course?

Declaration

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the contents of this form are accurate, I am over the age of 18, have been a member of a local church for at least 12 months and I wish to apply to be a volunteer Street Pastor.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

References

Two references are required, one from your Pastor and the other from a person who can comment on your suitability for the role of Street Pastor.

Reference 1

Church name: _____

Church address: _____

Pastor's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone no: _____

Mobile no: _____

Email: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Telephone no: _____

Mobile no: _____

Email: _____

Please return your completed form to:

Isle of Wight Street Pastors, 123 Marlborough Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. PO33 1AW