

**info pack
2023**





welcome

What is Encounter?

Encounter is an opportunity for anyone aged 18+ to spend a year serving Jesus in North London.

Encounter provides you with the opportunity to take a year out to serve God and seek His call for your life. This is a year to experience different areas of Christian ministry and mission – giving you a chance to try them out and discern where God may be leading.

Each Encounter student will be placed in a church in North London to serve for the year. Mondays sees the Encounter team come together for prayer, worship and training before setting out to serve in their placement churches.

Our heart for Encounter is to see people step out of their comfort zone for Jesus; to encounter Him in a deeper way and experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This info pack contains the details of the programme, and testimonies from our previous Encounter students. We hope you will consider applying for the 2023-2024 Encounter team!



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location



Encounter is run by Chase Family Church in Enfield, North London. This is the base where the team gather together each week and where the Monday training sessions are hosted.



Since it's creation in 2018, Encounter has grown and developed so that we can offer other local churches the opportunity to have an Encounter student placed with them for the year.

Each placement church welcomes their Encounter student(s) into their church family, and offers a range of opportunities in both the church and their local community.

enfield vineyard

newlifechurch PALMERS GREEN

placement churches

*we are always looking for other churches to partner with!



training

Monday afternoons are set aside for practical and theological training led by local and national church and ministry leaders.

Encounter students will help to run and lead various areas of ministry in their placement church. They will also have the opportunity to serve in the local community, and at national Christian events.

serving

In 2024 we plan to take the Encounter team on an overseas mission trip.

There will also be opportunities during the year to get involved in mission projects in the local area.

mission

Encounter students will be part of the 'Engage Schools' team helping to deliver lessons, assemblies and groups in local schools.



schools

Encounter students will have the opportunity to develop their media skills during the year receiving training in video editing, camera work, sound mixing and design.

media

training



Monday afternoons are set aside for practical and theological training led by local and national church and ministry leaders. See below for some of the subjects we cover and some of the people who deliver the training!

APOLOGETICS
BIBLE OVERVIEW
LEADERSHIP
SPIRITUAL GIFTS
EVANGELISM
YOUTH WORK
PRAYER
WORSHIP
CHILDREN'S WORK
PROPHECY
MENTAL HEALTH
MISSION
THE CHURCH
HEALING
PERSECUTED CHURCH
TEACHING & PREACHING



Nick Chanda
Revival Christian Church

Dave Bilbrough
Singer/Songwriter



Carl Johnston
Letchworth Garden City Church

Kingdom Living Ministries



John Coles
New Wine

London City Mission



Kintsugi Hope

Phil Kingham
New Life Church



Rob Payne
COM Church



ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES



rose

*Encounter student
(2018-2019)*

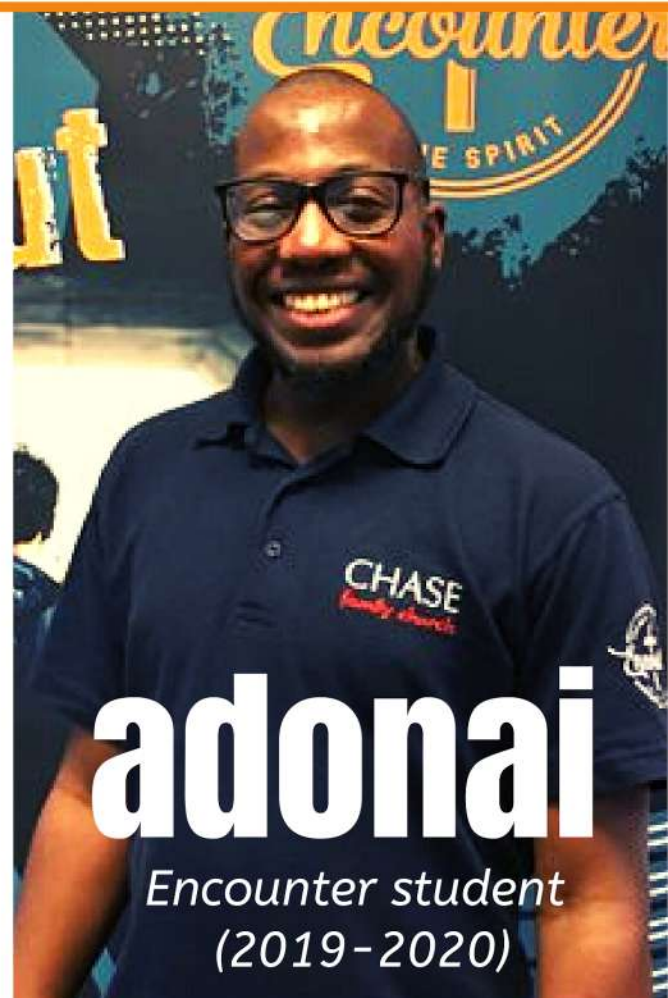
"God has used me prophetically to minister to others."

It's been a privilege doing Encounter. I've really developed through the training, opportunities and experiences. The amount of trust and active faith I have in God has been increasing; he has been using me so much, which is an honour beyond words.

"This year has revealed hidden talents that I was not aware of before!"

Taking a year out to do Encounter has been brilliant! Looking back, I can see how I've grown spiritually, and how much closer with God I've become as a result of it.

If you're thinking about taking a year out to help the church, definitely consider doing Encounter!



adonai

*Encounter student
(2019-2020)*

ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES

serving

Encounter students will help to run and lead various areas of ministry in their placement church.



Media

Leading

Hospitality

Children's Ministry



Community

Evangelism

Preaching

Worship



Courses

Youth Ministry



Prayer

Discipleship

... and more



serving

As well as serving in their placement church, Encounter students will have the opportunity to serve in the local community.

Encounter students will also have the opportunity to serve at national events such as the Elim Leaders Summit.



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marti

*Encounter student
(2019-2020)*

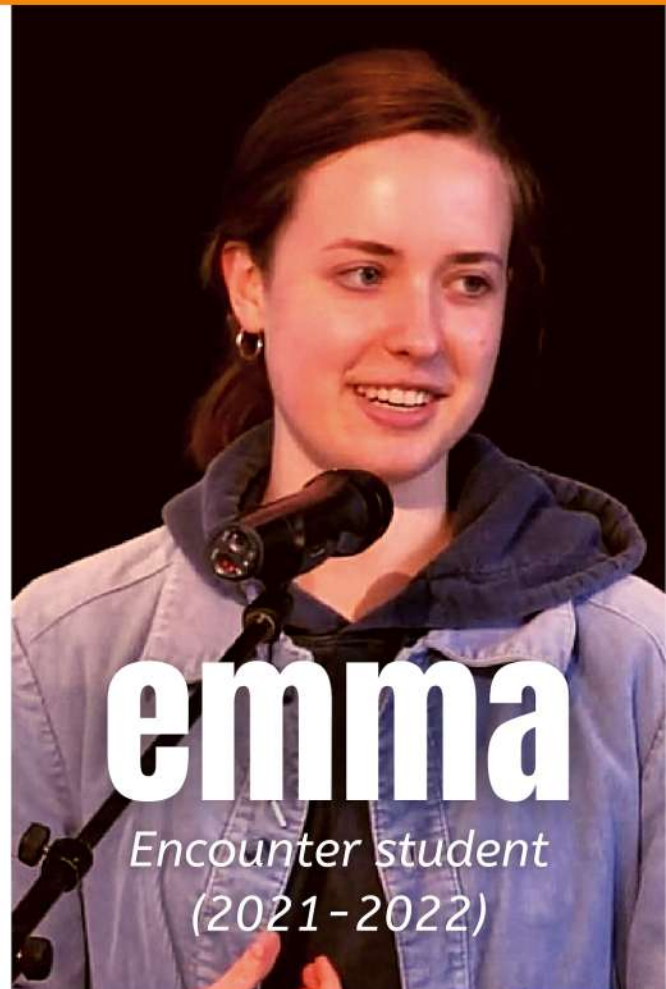
"I have an even deeper understanding of what it means to be a child of God."

*Encounter has been great!
It's helped me learn and develop my Christian faith.*

Encounter has challenged me in different areas of life, but I've learned so much throughout the year and have done so in an encouraging and supportive environment.

"Encounter has helped me to discern a direction for my future and know my identity in Jesus."

Encounter has equipped me for my walk with God in so many ways - in learning more about the servant heart and experiencing the supernatural side of Christian life. And then there's the great privilege of receiving words from God - what's better than having God speak into your life? Encounter has shaped me for the rest of my life!



emma

*Encounter student
(2021-2022)*

ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES

mission

Mission is a key part of the Encounter year. In 2024 we plan to take the Encounter team on an overseas mission trip.



**'DECLARE HIS GLORY
AMONG THE NATIONS,
HIS MARVELLOUS
DEEDS AMONG ALL
PEOPLES.'
PSALM 96:3**



There will also be opportunities during the year to get involved in mission projects in the local area.



schools



The Encounter students will be part of the **Engage Schools** team going into local schools to help deliver lessons, assemblies, groups and events.



assemblies



lessons



cu's and other groups



ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES



leonie

Encounter student
(2022-2023)

"I've got to know myself in a new way"

Through working in so many different areas in the church, you will have the chance to try new things and find your talents.

Encounter encourages you to grow in these areas and to discover how to use them for God's kingdom.

"Encounter has pushed me out of my comfort zone, and has encouraged me to get to know Jesus on another level."

This year has helped me to gain a deeper understanding of what God is calling me to be and to do. It is a privilege to be part of different areas of church, going into schools and spending time with different generations.

The school's work, in particular, has shown me the importance of sharing the gospel with young people and the difference it can make in their lives.



hannah

Encounter student
(2022-2023)

ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES

media

Encounter students will receive training in video editing, camera work, and sound mixing - so that they can help their placement church to broadcast live services and events.



We will also give Encounter students training in the use of social media platforms and design to help equip and enhance the online profile of their placement churches.



ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES



hannah

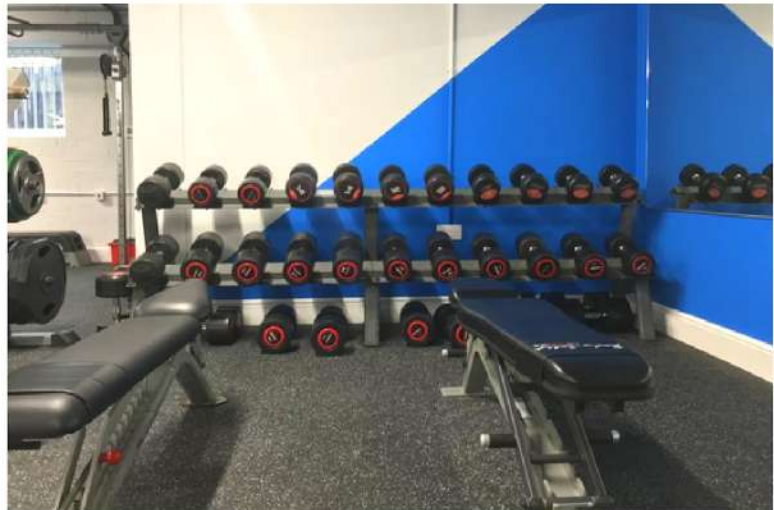
*Encounter student
(2022-2023)*

"The team have been so encouraging in every situation as I explore different ways of serving and leading in the church"

Encounter has enabled me to connect deeper to God – discovering my true identity in Him and His calling on my life. I am grateful for the opportunity to focus on Jesus and feel able to move on to the next stage of life spiritually equipped with a firm foundation of faith.

enfield **vineyard**

This year I have been placed in Enfield Vineyard Church (EV). One of the biggest outreaches at EV is the gym. Run by the church, it welcomes members of the community into our building and opens the door for meaningful conversations about God and life.



Many people have shared that they feel a sense of safety and peace there and it enables the team to begin to build relationships with people in our local community. I have particularly enjoyed being in the small café area, either serving coffees or simply sitting and talking with people before and after their workout.



ENCOUNTER TESTIMONIES

residential

We kick off the Encounter year with a three day residential, where we worship, pray, hear some great teaching and have lots of fun (and food) together!



graduation

We finish the Encounter year with a Graduation where we celebrate all that the Encounter students have achieved during the year!



faq

What are the dates for Encounter?

Encounter will start mid-September 2023 and will finish at the end of July 2024. *(Exact dates will be confirmed nearer the time)*

Where will I live?

If you do not live locally, your placement church will arrange for you to live with a church family for the year.

What support will I receive?

You will be assigned a spiritual mentor for the year – someone in your placement church who will meet with you regularly to listen, encourage and pray. You will also have regular supervision time with the Encounter Coordinator.

How much will it cost?

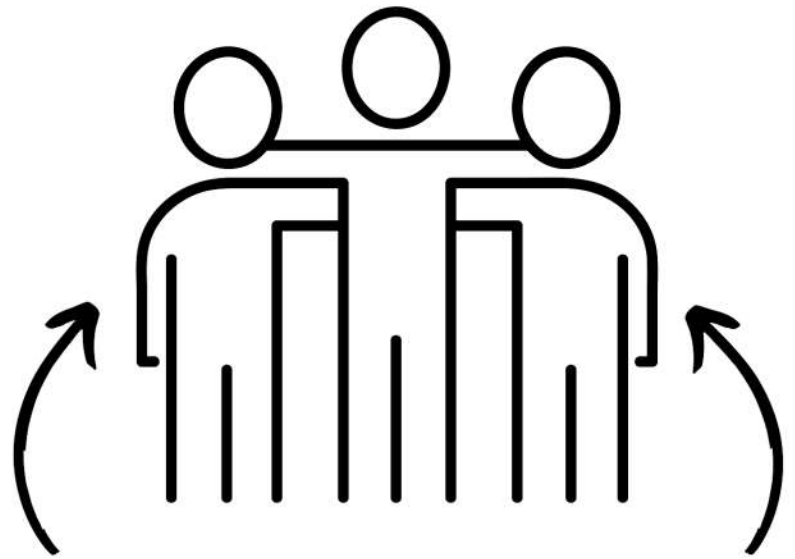
Each person taking part in Encounter will need to raise £2000 for the year – this covers the costs for training, the residential, travel and some living expenses. Your placement church will also contribute towards travel and living expenses. You will be required to raise money for the overseas mission trip later in the year, but we will help you plan and carry out fundraising for this.

Will I have time off?

Yes, you will be given regular time off during each week. You will also have holiday time throughout the year, including two weeks around Christmas.



apply now!



YOU COULD BE ON THE TEAM!

You can find the application form on our website: chasefamilychurch.com or you can request an application form via email - suz@chasefamilychurch.com.

Once we receive your form, we will review it and take up references. If your application is successful, we will invite you to an interview.

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