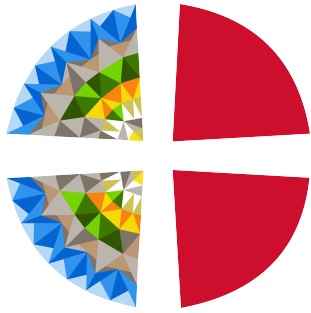


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New Places for New People in Yorkshire West

Process for Setting up an NPNP and Applying for Round 2 Funding

Journey So Far ...

Begins with the District Strategy and the purpose of the District:

- The Yorkshire West Methodist District is part of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and exists to inspire, equip and resource the circuits and churches of the District to support them in living out the calling of the Methodist Church to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ.
- Through this working in partnership we seek, with God's help, to be a growing, evangelistic, justice seeking, inclusive and safe, church living out its discipleship and mission.

Journey So Far ...

And in particular these three priorities from the Equipping Mission and Ministry Priorities:

- Leading on particular pieces of missional ministry where there is either no local capacity or limited local resources.
- Participating in the connexional funding programme for New Places for New People and Church at the Margins.
- Encouraging Pioneering mission which includes evangelism in different ways, primarily but not exclusively through the Methodist Pioneer Pathway.

What do we mean by a NPNP? (Guide p.7-9)

New Places for New People (NPNP) are focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. NPNPs are an extremely effective means of connecting new people, new people groups, and new residents to Christian exploration and community.

In addition, NPNPs bring learning from experimental 'research and development', identify and strengthen emerging leaders, and help the whole Church reflect on and examine its calling. NPNPs can be started anywhere, in diverse contexts.

What do we mean by a NPNP? (Guide p.7-9)

The Methodist Church has suggested the following contexts and people groups as priorities for NPNTs in the next five years:

- new towns or new housing developments
- student/young adult/university
- families with children
- replanting in an existing place, or second site of a growing church
- Church at the Margins (CaM)
- or another context where an NPNT vision has arisen.

Theological Foundations

- **Beginning and ending with God:** We are joining in with God's invitation to reconnect people to the God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.
- **Incarnation is key:** NPNPs involve being with and alongside others – discovering God together by sharing the reality of human life with its pain, struggles, and joys.
- **Developing new Christian communities:** We believe God is at work in God's world and is not dependent on the actions of the Church or individual Christians.
- **Nurturing new Christians:** An NPNP is for new people in new places, is rooted in our response to God's love, and aims for all people to know and experience the love of God.
- **Open to transformation:** At the heart of NPNP is an invitation into a transforming relationship with God and a willingness to be shaped, challenged, and transformed.

NPNP Core Values

- **Be pioneering:** NPNPs affirm and enable people from diverse backgrounds and ages who are called by God to see new opportunities and respond to God's Spirit.
- **Develop a 'mixed ecology':** We value a diverse range of missional approaches which will produce a variety of new Christian communities among unaffiliated people.
- **Be committed to risk-taking mission:** NPNP is the work of the whole Church, we are committed to experimenting and taking risks in mission.
- **Ensure contextual relevance:** New communities will arise out of careful listening and will always remain connected to the wider community and aware of its needs.
- **Nurture discipleship in gathered community:** Though an individual chooses to become a disciple, faith is nurtured in community with others.

Examples

- Inclusive Gathering - Birmingham
- six8nine - Darlington
- Caleb Communities - Manchester and Stockport
- FEAST - Northampton
- Fresh Start - Shetland
- Additional Needs NPNP - Wolverhampton & Sherwsbury

Journey So Far ...

Identified core parameters for our NPNPs

1. The ground has been cleared.
2. Methodism is called to be present.
3. There is a committed to discipleship and mission.

Begun two District pilots

Keighley and Pontefract

Committed to an NPNP Family which is not just funded projects

Halifax
Leeds Sanctuary
St Arnold's
Newmillerdam

Developed our support for Steering Groups

- Model Terms of Reference
- DME Chairing Pilot SGs
- Learning Network supporting learning opportunities.
- Away Day for SGs

Designing our Round 2 Process

- December 2023 EMM Group.
- February 2024 Superintendents Meeting
- February DPC
- May Mission Committee

Ongoing reflection & learning shapes our next steps

Round Two ... Funding Headlines

A million pounds (in principle) for NPNPs over three years!

- £280,000 Connexional funding
- Matched by £280,000 local funding (Circuit)
- £450,000 funding from the DAF
 - The DPC has agreed in principle to allocate £150,000 per year in 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27 to NPNPs as long as the DAF allocation each year is similar to this year to allow this. If the DAF allocation reduces significantly the amount allocated to NPNP may be reduced. The DPC will review each year when the DAF allocation is confirmed.
- This gives a minimum of £730,000 if the DAF matches all the £280,000 and a maximum of £1,010,000 if circuits can match.
- Guided by the NPNP Circuit Guide & Funding Criteria on p. 58 & 59
- We'll allocate at least £560,000 by May 2026 which is the connexional deadline to allocate the £280,000 with matched funding but the district programme of allocation will run till August 2027.

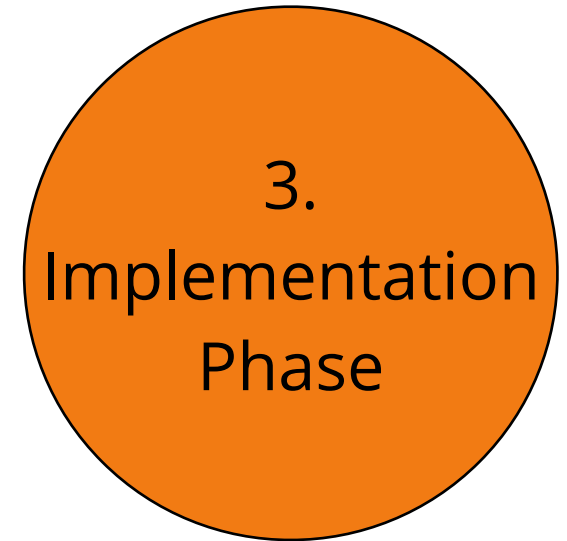
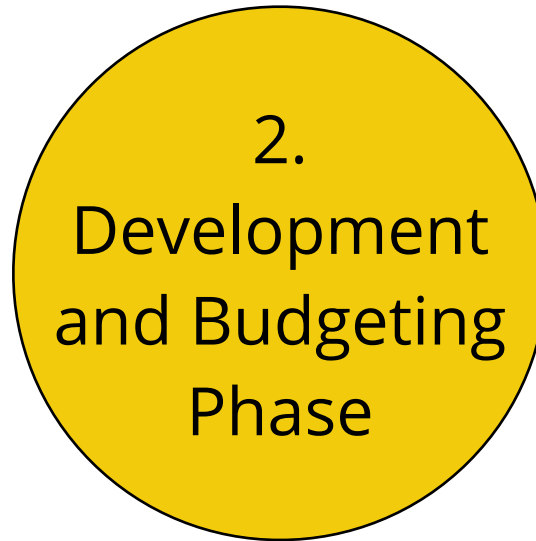
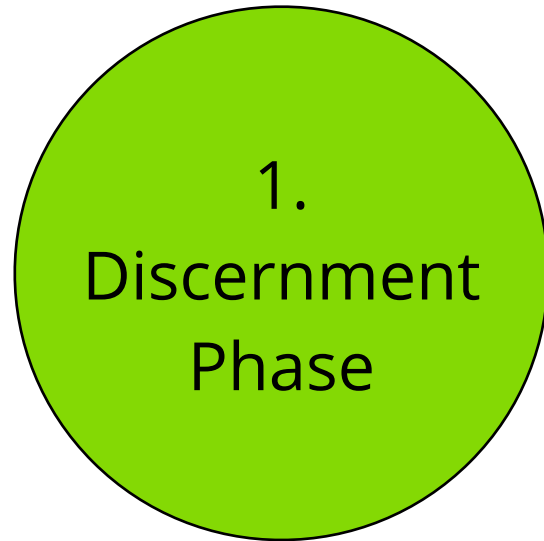
Round Two ... Other Headlines

- Remember building a NPNP family, not all about connexionally funded NPNP communities.
- Remember not all communities need a full-time staff post.
- Will include a Rural NPNP as already committed to this.
- Will include Church at the Margins NPNPs as encouraged in the God for All Strategy.
- Build on the learning from pilots in Keighley and Pontefract.

Round Two ... Supported By

- District NPNP Lead:
 - Rev. David Goodall, District Mission Enabler.
- District NPNP Team:
 - Rev. Kerry Tankard, District Chair.
 - Rev. Carla Quenet, Aligned Officer from Learning Network.
 - 2 or 3 others from District Equipping Mission and Ministry Group.
- Evangelism and Growth Team in the Connexional Team.

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1. Discernment Phase

- Circuits identify a possible opportunity for a New Place for New People where the core parameters for NPNP in Yorkshire West have been met or could be met in the next year.
- Circuits complete a Yorkshire West NPNP Discernment Form to become part of the NPNP Family and show how this fits with their Circuit and/or Church Mission Plan.
- Circuits form a NPNP Discernment Group to:
 - Meet with NPNP Lead and another member of the NPNP Team to support the discernment phase.
 - Begin listening to the community and God to identify possibilities including 1-1's as appropriate.
 - Experiment in the community if appropriate.
- We would expect this phase to take at least three months but will support it for as long as is helpful.

Relevant Chapters
in Circuit NPNP
Guide:

1-6 (Pages 7-14),
15&16 (Pages 44-46)

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2.

Development and Budgeting Phase

Relevant Chapters
in Circuit NPNP
Guide:
3 (Page 10),
7 (Pages 15-18)

- NPNP Discernment Group works with the NPNP Lead & another member of District NPNP Team to:
 - Agree initial vision and priorities for the NPNP.
 - Recommend a Steering Group to the relevant trustee body (normally the Circuit Meeting).
 - Develop the budget and funding proposal for the NPNP including match funding and resource support from the circuit (e.g. property, other staff time).
 - Develop any Pioneer Appointments for the NPNP.
 - Complete a Yorkshire West NPNP Application Form.
- Relevant Trustee Body:
 - Appoints the Steering Group for the Project.
 - Supports the Yorkshire West NPNP Application Form being submitted.

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2.

Development
and Budgeting
Phase

Relevant Chapters
in Circuit NPNP
Guide:
19 (Pages 53-59)

- District NPNP Team:
 - Meet with Circuit NPNP Discernment Group and assess application based on Funding Criteria (pages 58 & 59 of Circuit NPNP Guide).
 - Award funding based on application and criteria met or recommend further work is done on application.
- Equipping Mission and Ministry Group and District Policy Committee
 - Receive regular updates on the allocation of funding from District NPNP Team.

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3. Implementation Phase

- NPNP Steering Group
 - Oversee appointment and induction of pioneers.
 - Share ... in the life of the New Place for the New People.
 - Support ... and hold to account the Pioneer or Pioneer Team including sharing in the ongoing discernment of vision and objective setting.
 - Sustain ... good governance.
 - Participate in the ongoing training for Steering Group members offered by the District.
 - Complete the Yorkshire West NPNP Monitoring Forms every 6 months and feed into connexional monitoring through the NPNP Lead.
 - Share the Good News of the NPNP with the wider Church.

Relevant Chapters
in Circuit NPNP
Guide:
8-18 (Pages 19-52)



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3. Implementation Phase

- NPNP Lead:
 - Support Steering Groups as they fulfil their responsibilities.
 - Support Pioneers through regular meetings.
 - Facilitate the MPP days with Learning Network.
 - Facilitate Steering Group days with Learning Network.
 - Represent Yorkshire West District at Connexional NPNP Activists Meeting.
- District NPNP Team
 - Meet 6 monthly to review Yorkshire West NPNP Monitoring Forms.
 - Report to Equipping Mission and Ministry Meetings on NPNPs.
 - Appoint a member of the team to sit on each Steering Group.

Relevant Chapters
in Circuit NPNP
Guide:
8-18 (Pages 19-52)

Timeline - Process

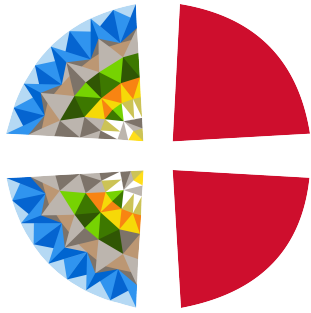
- **11th December 2023:**
 - Share with EMM for consideration and input.
- **6th February 2024:**
 - Share with Superintendents for consideration and input.
- **21st February 2024:**
 - Share with DPC for consideration, input and approval including in principle agreement to allocate money from DAF.
 - Ask DPC to delegate authority to Kerry Tankard, David Goodall and Carla Quenet to tweak as necessary to ensure connexional approval given.
- **May 2024:**
 - Approval by Connexional Mission Committee.

Timeline - Projects

Deadline for NPNP Discernment Forms	Deadlines for NPNP Application Forms	Expected Meetings of NPNP Team to Allocate Funding
30th April 2024	31st July 2024	August 2024
30th November 2024	31st March 2025	April 2025
31st March 2025	30th June 2025	July 2025
30th November 2025	31st March 2026	April 2026
31st March 2026	30th June 2026	July 2026
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Draft Round 2 Process