

SCHOOL OF WORSHIP MINISTRY

The BCV School of Worship Ministry is a blend of spiritual formation, worship theology and practical skills training and experience. Our mission is to empower and equip worship leaders, musicians and creatives for worship ministry. Our programme is designed to release atmosphere changers, who know who they are and what they carry.

TIMES/HOURS

The average weekly time commitment to Worship School is 10-15 hours.

Below is a breakdown of the hours. It is a rough guide, and does not include band practices, worship placements outside of Sunday and conferences/retreats/ministry trips.

Breakdown of hours:

Friday mornings (9:30-12:30) - 3 hrs:	Worship, Teaching, Ministry
Friday Church Service (1:00-2:00):	Optional
Friday afternoons (2:30-4:30) - 2 hrs:	Modules and workshops
Sundays Morning Service (3- 4hrs):	Sunday serving/ worship leading
Sundays Evening Service:	Optional
Mentoring (1-2 hrs per month)	One to One Mentor session
Music Lessons:	10-12 lessons over the year
BCV Worship Tribe Gatherings (3 hrs per month):	Training, Culture Nights (generally Saturday evenings)

The rest of your hours are flexible, and can work around your schedule.

Please consider your schedule carefully, as we only allow 4 absences over the course of the year. (4 Fridays and 4 Sundays.)

Independent Study:

You will be required to complete a variety of assignments throughout the year including reflection papers, journaling, reading, and songwriting. This will vary from week to week.

Conferences/Ministry trips:

The Vineyard Worship Retreat Ireland is included in the cost for the year. You will also have the option to serve at or attend other events and ministry trips as well.

COST

£500 for tuition (teaching, group lessons, Ireland Vineyard Worship Retreat)

£100 for books

£150 for music lessons (Approximately 10-12 lessons)

Students need to be able to support themselves financially through the year, including course fees and living expenses (accommodation, food, transport, etc.) Many students work part time during the year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

We welcome applications from those who have 3+ years experience of worship leading in their local church. You need to be 18 years of age, and able to reside in the UK.

Please apply via the attached application form. In addition to the application form we required a brief video of you leading worship, or alternatively schedule a time for a live audition with us.

Applications are due no later than 15 May, 2017

Please e-mail your application form to **david@belfastcityvineyard.com** .

Should your application form be successful you will be requested to attend an interview*, held in late May/June. A decision will be made regarding your application and you will receive confirmation of the outcome by the end of June.

*For those applying from overseas it may be possible to arrange an online interview.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with David at the above email address.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE YEAR

Here is an overview of the ways in which we aim to equip you for worship ministry:

- Worship and Ministry: Our times of worship and ministry together are not just a training exercise. As you encounter Him in worship, you will be formed and grow spiritually. (If ministry and sharing words of encouragement is new to you, all we ask is that you are willing to learn and take risks!)
- Teaching and training: The teaching will be delivered by a member of the BCV worship team, staff team and other guests from both within and outside of the Vineyard movement. There will be a variety of theology, spiritual formation and practical skills training.
- Community: We are not just a programme, we are doing life together this year! We will sharpen one another and learn from each other this year. The relationships with leaders and students will be a key component of this year.
- Culture: You will be immersed in the Vineyard Worship Values. Primarily within BCV, but you will also get some exposure to the wider Vineyard family.
- Mentor: You will have a mentor who will meet with you monthly to talk and pray with you about your journey as a worshipper. This person is not necessarily a worship leader, but someone who is a mature worshipper of Jesus and can bring support as well as accountability in your walk with Jesus.
- Reading and Homework: The reading will cover a variety of topics. Each year has two key theology units. A number of written papers will be assigned throughout the year.
- Journaling and Personal Reflection: We believe it is important for you to process what you are learning, but also to keep a record of what Jesus is speaking to you about.
- Worship Leading Placement: The best way to learn how to lead worship is to do it! We will work together to find environments where you can lead

worship regularly at a level suitable to help you grow and stretch in your experience.

- Music Lessons: You will be expected to take music lessons on one instrument this year. It is your responsibility to organize and pay for these lessons. (We estimate 10-12 lessons at £10-£15 per hour.)
- Songwriting and Creativity: This is an option rather than a requirement, but for those who have a passion for songwriting or other creative forms of worship, this can become a key component of your year.
- Outreach and Service: One of our values is that as we give away, we receive more. We believe that worship will change the atmosphere of this city, and is not just reserved for church services! You will have the opportunity to serve and reach out within Belfast, but you will also have the opportunity to participate in a ministry trip.
- Conferences and Retreats: The National Worship Leaders Retreat in England (March) and the Encounter More Conference are both fantastic opportunities, which will enrich your year in so many ways! They are optional, but highly recommended!