

Invitation to Mission Programme 2019

What?

The Columban 'Invitation to Mission Programme' is now into its 5th year. Nearly 40 people have now taken part in this learning experience, growing in faith and understanding through preparation in the UK, a 10-day visit overseas and follow up on return. Please read their blogs for a taste of their experiences on the regional Columban website: <http://www.columbans.co.uk/join-us/invitation-to-mission/>

We are now inviting applications for participation for the 2019 programme, visiting the Philippines during Holy Week. We invite people to see and learn from a different reality, looking at faith and a range of issues based around where Columban Missionaries live and work.

The preparation beforehand will include activities exploring mission, Columban spirituality, injustice and intercultural learning.

The time in the Philippines will be based on the island of Luzon and explore issues connected to poverty, human rights, and climate change. It will include celebrations of the Holy Week services with a variety of communities. There's also talk of a Filipino cooking lesson!

The 'follow up' day will help participants to reflect on the whole experience, drawing out learning and making plans for how it will impact their lives here.

When?

What happens before and after the visit to the Philippines is crucially important to the programme; it is more than an overseas trip. Participants are therefore required to commit to all of the following:

- Prep day: 10 am - 4.30 pm 12/1, Solihull
- Prep overnight: 7 pm 8/3 - 4.30pm 9/3, Birmingham/Solihull
- Dates overseas: 17-27/4
- Follow up day: 7 pm 17/5 - 4.30 pm 18/5, Solihull

Who?

We are keen to invite applications from friends of the Columbans in the UK and people engaged in interreligious dialogue, education, youth ministry or justice and peace. Participants need to be adults under the age of 60, physically and mentally well enough to take part in the programme, which will include eating different foods and time in a different climate.

Costs?

The Columbans are subsidising this experience (including food and accommodation). Participants (or their institutions/organisations) are asked to pay £800 in order to cover the costs of flights and to arrange their own vaccinations and insurance.

In order to book the flights (so the group can fly together), we are requesting a non-refundable deposit of £250 to secure your place. The outstanding amount can be paid in installments: £250 by 20/1, £300 by 28/3.

Interested?

Want more information? Please contact us on invitationtoomission@columbans.co.uk with queries or to request an application form (deadline for applications 1st October 2018).



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