

en route express

COURSE INFORMATION

en route express is a short, intensive course which will prepare you for short mission trips (of, for example, 2 weeks – 2 months). It will help you make the most of your visit by providing the basics in understanding cross-cultural mission. It also will lay a foundation for the future. It is intended to be the start of an on-going journey in training and service.

The material is written and facilitated by a training team that has current experience in integral mission.

The course is delivered as a short residential course or online. The residential course is five days, usually at allnations. The course is delivered through workshop style sessions, case studies, simulations and team activities. Online the course is 20 hours and delivered through lessons, discussion forum and a downloadable workbook.

Our vision is to develop the whole person. The content is designed to engage participants’ ‘Head’ (knowledge), ‘Heart’ (character, spirituality) and ‘Hands’ (skills).

Participants

en route express is aimed at those who are preparing for a short cross-cultural mission trip and have little or no training or experience.

Participants will be committed Christians with a desire to learn more about how to live, work and witness cross-culturally.

What it is:

- An opportunity to learn how to prepare for, and what to expect from a short mission trip.
- An opportunity to learn how to make the best of the experience while you’re there.
- An opportunity to be better equipped afterwards for future ministry

What it isn’t:

- A substitute for in-depth training for longer term service.
- A course that emphasises academic achievement.

Components

- Lessons/Individual study (face-2-face or online)
- Learning through community (engaging with fellow participants)
- Personal and spiritual development through ‘directed reflection’ in a workbook

Schedule

en route express will be available:

Residential	December/January, March/April and July
Please note: en route express may be delivered outside of these times according to demand and staff availability. Please contact the en route programme leader at allnations for more information.	
Online	October, February, May and August
Please note: Groups may begin outside of these times according to staff availability. The course has been designed for group participation, however, it is also possible to study individually. Please contact the en route programme leader at allnations for more information.	

The course material includes a devotional element and we encourage participants to use this as part of their regular time with God.

Training Team

Lessons are written and delivered by members of the **allnations** training team and outside trainers.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Four themes run throughout the course:

- Biblical foundation - Exploring and developing a Biblical foundation for our life and work.
- Cultural awareness - Understanding the issues that arise from working in other cultures.
- People skills – Developing our ability to work well with others.
- Practical issues – Putting the theory into practice and being equipped with a range of tools for life and work.

express topics

The course will explore 4 key questions.

• **Why am I going?**

Start by understanding more about yourself; your identity and motivations, especially for mission. Learn from the life of Peter.

• **What is mission?**

What is God's mission to the world? What does the Bible say about mission? What are the current trends in mission? Find out more about the definition of integral mission and how to make a difference in today's world.

• **How can I work well with people from other cultures?**

Why do they do things differently? Develop an understanding of culture and some of the differences you may encounter. How do you respond? Learn how to live and work with others. Get equipped to be an effective team member.

• **How can I optimize the experience?**

Preparing for each stage of the trip so that you can;

Go well (make sure you are prepared),
Stay well (whole health and realistic expectations) and
Return well (know what to expect and how to process your experience)
en route to? Consider the next steps

Cost

Residential (fees, board and lodging): Individual rate - £325. Group rate (2 or more) - £295.
Online: £150

Applications

Application form can be downloaded from the allnations website. Completed application forms can be posted to;

en route express admissions

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Or emailed to;

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Appendix

Technical requirements for online participants

- A minimum of 33.6 kb per second dialup or any broadband connection (including WiFi)
- Internet browser (preferably Mozilla FireFox) and Email
- Word-processing Software (Microsoft Word, OpenOffice or anything capable of reading and writing files written in Word format)
- Acrobat Reader.
- A sound card and speakers (although optional) will allow you to play any audio files that will enhance your learning experience.