

**IMAGE's CHRISTIAN PREGNANCY COUNSELLING SKILLS COURSE  
(OPEN AWARDS & ACC recognised)**

**Course details for Manchester 2018**

<b>Dates</b>	DAY 1 - Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March DAY 2 - Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April DAY 3 - Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May DAY 4 - Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June DAY 5 - Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Time</b>	9.30am - 5.30pm <b>MONTHLY</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Linwood Street, Manchester M40 1EZ (use this postcode for Sat Nav). <b>See map on back for directions.</b>
<b>Cost</b>	£40 non-returnable deposit (inclusive of manual); £40 to be paid on Days 1, 2, 3 & 4. Total cost = £200.
<b>Food</b>	Do bring a packed lunch each training day. Alternatively there is a McDonalds and Lidl nearby. Refreshments will be provided.
<b>Forms</b>	Application forms to be returned by Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>Contact</b>	Image Office, Unit 15, Wesley Centre, Royce Road, Hulme, Manchester M15 5BP E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@imagenet.org.uk">office@imagenet.org.uk</a> Tel: 0161 273 8090



**Directions**

Ebenezer Baptist Church is situated on Linwood Street just off Oldham Road (A62) in Newton Heath. The church has a small car park and there is some free street parking.

**By car**

Follow the M60 ring road around Manchester to Junction 22 in the north east. Take the A663 towards Chadderton/Manchester. At the end of this road turn right onto Oldham Road, Linwood Street is the first road on the left after Texaco Petrol Station and Garsides Garden Centre. For Sat Nav use **M40 1EZ**.

**Public transport**

From Manchester Piccadilly Gardens Bus Station take bus 83, 180 or 184 up Oldham Road. After the traffic lights in Newton Heath (Junction Dean Ln/Old Church Str), get off at the bus stop outside Wynsors World of Shoes. Keep walking up Oldham Road and cross over at MacDonalds. Linwood Street is the next turning on the right between Garsides Garden Centre and Gourley Veterinary Surgeon. The church is on the right.

If travelling by train to Manchester Piccadilly, walk or take the Metro bus to Piccadilly Gardens Bus Station and then take one of the buses.

## About the course

- Aims:** The course aims to explore the basic counselling skills and information areas needed to support those with problems relating to pregnancy, abortion, post abortion and teenage sex. Since its purpose is to provide a foundation for all those seeking to work in Christian pregnancy centres and related areas of ministry, topics are covered within a Christian framework. The course is accompanied by a training manual which will provide a valuable resource for individuals, churches and centres.
- Ethos:** *Image* is a non-denominational Christian charity. We believe that every person is made in God's image and is of inestimable value from conception to natural death. The course reflects these values both in content and attitude. There is biblical teaching on the sanctity of life with its wide-ranging implications and sex within marriage but an emphasis on love and acceptance for those whose views and/or lifestyles differ from ours.
- Structure:** The course is divided into five one-day modules (each covering eight hours, 40 hours in total), with required reading and extended work (20 hours). Each month consists of tutor presentations, personal and group interactions, role-plays and feedback. There are two key books to read and five assessment activities.
- Status:** The course provides 6 credits with Open Awards in Christian Pregnancy Counselling Skills at levels 2 or 3. It is also recognised by the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) as a pastoral care with counselling skills course. The assessment criteria will be appropriate to the levels though the course material is the same for all. Assessment is made of skills work and written assignments. The course operates with an authorised internal verifier and is subject to external quality reviews.
- Tutors:** The course is run by a team of tutors and each learner will be in a tutor group where they will be able to receive regular help and feedback. Any comments about the course can be fed back through the tutors.

*Please note that in order to complete the course, you will need to attend each of the five days. If, for any reason, you are unable to do this and would like to attend days in another course run, there will be a re-registration fee of £25 to pay.*

## Course content

**DAY 1 - Beliefs and values**

**DAY 2 - Counselling skills introduction**

**DAY 3 – Counselling skills in practice**

**DAY 4 – Counselling skills in context**

**DAY 5 - Centre work**

*PLEASE NOTE: an additional training course is required to use the post-abortion support programme with clients*

## Course reading

### Required reading

*Matters of Life and Death* by John Wyatt

*Pregnancy and Abortion, Your Choice* by Dr Mark Houghton

*How to be a People Helper* by Gary Collins

### Recommended reading

*Shaming the Strong* Sarah Williams

*Startling Beauty* Heather Gemmen

*The Relationships Revolution* by Nigel Pollock

*Season to Heal* by Lucy Freed and Penny Salazar

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