

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

Course details for Congleton 2019

Dates	DAY 1 - Saturday 30 th March DAY 2 - Saturday 27 th April DAY 3 - Saturday 18 th May DAY 4 - Saturday 15 th June DAY 5 - Saturday 13 th July
Time	9.30am - 5.30pm MONTHLY
Venue	New Life Church, Danesford Community Centre, West Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4EY See map on back for directions.
Cost	£40 non-returnable deposit (inclusive of manual); £40 to be paid on Days 1, 2, 3 & 4. Total cost = £200. (Applicants from New Life consult church office)
Food	Do bring a packed lunch each training day. Refreshments will be provided.
Forms	Application forms to be returned by Thursday 21st March.
Contact	Image Office, Unit 15, Wesley Centre, Royce Road, Hulme, Manchester M15 5BP E-mail: office@imagenet.org.uk Tel: 0161 273 8090



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Congleton is a small market town in the south-east corner of Cheshire situated about 6 miles east of the M6 junctions 17 & 18.

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 **or**
Pregnancy and Abortion, Your Choice by Dr Mark Houghton **or**
Why Pro-life? by Randy Alcorn **and**
How to be a People Helper by Gary Collins

NB. You are not required to read any books before the course starts

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www.imagenet.org.uk and www.pregnancyhelpline.co.uk