



Across the Methodist Connexion there are a number of people (lay and ordained) involved in pioneering mission and ministry. Mission which is innovative and contextual; working among non-churched people; forming new ecclesial communities; often gathering in communities where people are rather than on existing church premises; engaging in sensitive cross-cultural approaches to mission and evangelism.

These Pioneers are now supported by a dedicated pathway with 5 key elements.

- Vocational Discernment
- Community of Practice
- Coach or Mentor
- Formal Learning
- Personal Portfolio

Pioneer Pathways

Here in the North West and Mann we are developing the Pioneer Pathways in a number of ways. We are

- Gathering Pioneers across the region together to form a Community of Practice.
- Signposting learning and development opportunities for these Pioneers.
- Discovering and resourcing those who could act as mentors for Pioneers.
- Supporting Circuits in identifying those who have a pioneering role or elements of their work which is pioneering.

Pioneering will look different in each place and the pathways pioneers follow will be varied—this is not a ‘one size fits all’ solution. So discovering pioneers, supporting them and developing the pathways will require flexibility, conversation and working together.

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