

A New Season



Coming Together to Shape What's Next



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The Church has always grown stronger when God's people work together. From the early Church sharing wisdom, resources and encouragement, to congregations supporting one another today, we see the value of listening, learning and serving side by side.

Across our Presbyteries, people are developing new ideas, discovering effective approaches and finding creative ways to support their congregations. There is a wealth of experience already at work, and often what has proved helpful in one place could benefit others too.

That's the thinking behind **Presbytery Connect**, taking place online on **Tuesday 29 September at 7.30pm**.

This informal gathering is an opportunity for those serving across our Presbyteries to come together, share insights and explore how Church of Scotland Learning can best support local training and development needs. By listening to one another's experiences, we can identify emerging opportunities, learn from good practice and help shape future learning resources for the wider Church.

Together we'll consider:

- ✓ Current and emerging training and resource needs
- ✓ How the Church of Scotland Learning Team can best serve Presbyteries and congregations
- ✓ Opportunities for collaboration and development

We know that every Presbytery has its own context, opportunities and challenges, and a one-size-fits-all mentality is never the answer. But we also understand that those closest to the work often have the clearest understanding of what's needed, which is why your perspective is so valuable.

The conversations we can have together will help ensure that future learning resources remain relevant, practical and rooted in the realities of ministry today.

We'd be thrilled for you to join us for **Presbytery Connect**, as we share feedback, hear what others are doing and help shape the future direction of Church of Scotland Learning together.

Presbytery Connect

Tuesday 29 September
7.30-8.30pm | Online

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Modules in Development...

- New 'Conversations In' Series
- An Introduction to Eldership
- Getting Started in Youth Ministry
- Thinking Missionally
- Pastoral Care: An Introduction

We're always developing new resources and are keen to hear from people with practical experience, knowledge or a particular interest in a variety of topics. If that sounds like you, or someone in your Presbytery, we'd love to hear from you: learning@churchofscotland.org.uk



Domestic Abuse Awareness Learning Module launched

What would you do if someone in your congregation told you they were experiencing domestic abuse? What would you say to them? Do you feel equipped to support them?

It's normal to feel overwhelmed by these questions. We like to think that domestic abuse doesn't happen in our churches, but it does and knowing how to respond to a disclosure can be the difference between someone being heard and supported, or someone becoming trapped in a cycle of abuse and shame.

We believe everyone should have the chance to flourish, recognising their God given worth and dignity.



Live Events Coming Up

New Updates Walkthrough

Wednesday 9th September

1:00pm-2:00pm

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Presbytery Connect Event

Tuesday 29th September

7.30pm-8.30pm

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[ACCESS HERE](https://church-of-scotland-learning.circle.so/c/pastoral-care-overview-/domestic-abuse-awareness)

That's why **Integrity** – the Church of Scotland's task group on Gender Based Violence – have joined with **Church of Scotland Learning** and the Christian domestic abuse charity **Restored** to offer all ministers, elders and group leaders free domestic abuse awareness e-learning that will help you understand more about why domestic abuse happens, and how to respond well to a disclosure.

Click this link to access the module:

<https://church-of-scotland-learning.circle.so/c/pastoral-care-overview-/domestic-abuse-awareness>

“On average victims live with domestic abuse for 4 years before getting effective support to stop the abuse. (Safe Lives Scotland 2020)”

If your Presbytery Team would be interested in attending bespoke Domestic Abuse Awareness facilitated sessions, please email RKnight@churchofscotland.org.uk



We'd love to hear from you

Contact the team:

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Helping You Find Your Next Step

One of the things we love about Jesus in the Gospels is how approachable He was. People from every walk of life came to learn from Him, and we want Church of Scotland Learning to reflect that same spirit of accessibility, wherever people are on their journey of faith.

With that in mind, over the summer, we've been making some exciting improvements to our platform to help make it easier for people find their next step. With a redesigned **learning directory**, **module previews** and **clearer categories**, it's now simpler to discover resources that equip the people of God to live out the mission of God where they are.

We're also developing a brand-new website to make learning even more accessible as our range of resources continues to grow. We'd love your feedback before it goes live — take a look around and tell us what you think!

Scan the QR Code or visit



church-of-scotland-learning.circle.so/web-home