

UCAN LOCAL GROUPS

our vision and values



As a relational network, a fundamental part of UCAN's **Mission** is to connect church administrators for mutual, peer-to-peer support and resource sharing.

Mission

UCAN's **Local Groups** and their **Leaders** are therefore invaluable to UCAN's **Mission** by representing UCAN at the important local level, growing and supporting their member administrators.



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Vision

UCAN's **Vision** for **Local Groups** is to expand our current network of local groups to provide greater geographical coverage across the UK, so every administrator is able to join a local group and no administrator need ever feel alone.

Since Local Groups will always welcome new members, they are accessible for all types of administrators across the denominations thus building local unity and identity.

The **primary Local Group purpose** of peer-to-peer encouragement and support is achieved within each local group by mutually sharing ideas, resources and collaborative problem solving, whilst regularly networking together in person, by email and online. This in turn promotes and extends member participation in their groups and in UCAN's events, training and other activities throughout the year.

Purpose

Local Groups also provide a safe, confidential forum to pray for one another, to share challenges and conundrums, and to learn about all that UCAN can offer both individual members and groups. Local Groups are a vital, reciprocal communication conduit between the UCAN Team and all of the network's members.



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In addition to the UCAN local groups (which are open to all), UCAN+ groups are available for senior managers to join, providing a forum to discuss issues relating to church management.

UCAN's core **Values** will underpin and shape our Local Groups:



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Values

- Relational - UCAN is primarily a relational network. We're in this together!
- Generous & Practical - We aim to share helpful resources and know-how.
- Gifted - We recognise, champion and promote the Spiritual gift of administration.
- Developmental - We strive for improvement and value ongoing active learning.

To assist our current local groups leaders, as well as those considering becoming a leader, we have produced a **Role Description** which can be found via www.churchadministrators.net/localgroups

You are warmly invited to join in UCAN's Vision for expanding our Local Groups' network by joining an existing local group near to you, or if a local group doesn't yet exist, why not start one up! Just contact UCAN's Network Enabling Team at network@churchadministrators.net who can provide the information and support you need to launch your group and put you in touch with members in your area.

To all our current Local Group Leaders we hugely appreciate your contributions and support.

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